

Grand Forks Student Wins State AAA School Safety Patroller of the Year Award

AAA is proud to recognize and award Eden Parkinson from Grand Forks' Discovery Elementary School with the AAA School Safety Patroller of the Year Award. Only one deserving patrol member per state wins the annual award.

The AAA School Safety Patroller of the Year Award recognizes the patroller who best exemplifies the leadership qualities, good citizenship, school involvement, and application of safety skills vital to effectively and responsibly wear the AAA School Safety Patrol badge. During the nomination process, students were carefully picked by their teacher, principal, or supervisor and then judged based on their performance with leadership qualities, safety skills, school involvement, and citizenship. This year, one person was selected as the winner from their essay entry that described, "How participating in the AAA School Safety Patrol™ program helped me become a better leader."

The Auto Club Group presented Eden with a full-color black granite plaque and a \$100 Target gift card during a school assembly June 1.

"Eden was nominated by her advisor for her dedication, leadership and willingness to help where needed, all of which are critical when dealing with student safety," said Gene LaDoucer, North Dakota spokesman for AAA-The Auto Club Group. "Her essay revealed her dedication, a desire to be a role model for other students and a clear understanding for the responsibility it takes to be a school safety patroller."

For more than 75 years, AAA clubs have proudly sponsored, promoted and aided AAA School Safety Patrol programs as a community service in the interest of safety for all schoolchildren. Established in 1920, the program includes more than 635,000 children participating at 32,500 schools across the country.