

**From:** [Missouri Department of Transportation](#)  
**To:** [Ashley N. Metelski](#)  
**Subject:** Project Prom/Graduation Grant Application  
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**School Information**

Twin Rivers High School  
9261 Hwy 51  
Broseley, Missouri. 63932  
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**Who is hosting the event?**

Parent Committee

**Date of event**

2026-05-09

**Please specify which type of event your school is having**

Project Graduation

**Please confirm that a lock-in event is occurring after your Graduation/Prom.**

Yes

**Location of event**

Elks Lodge

**Estimated number of students at event**

35

**Does your school have the required roadway safety activity/presentation planned yet?**

Yes

**Would you be interested in learning about the free roadway safety programs that MoDOT has to offer?**

Yes

**What activities will occur at the event?**

Once we get students bused to the Elk's Lodge, we are going to feed them lots of food, play games, and just have a great time until it is time for a parent or guardian to pick them up.

**Clearly state your goal and action plan that will address drivers' safety issues in your school**

By hosting Project Graduation, we are ensuring that our students are not out that night drinking and driving. We are keeping them safe in a locked location where they are required to

ride a bus to get there, and a parent or guardian picks them up. They are NOT allowed to drive at anytime.

From Amanda: The activity that we do for Project Graduation is a ping pong ball toss cup game where students pair up, and they have to toss 12 ping pong balls into cups. The first team wins a prize. They have to wear the drunk driving goggles while playing the game. The kids love it! Then they all like to put the goggles on and try other things, just to get a sense of what it feels like. We explain the purpose of Project Graduation is to keep kids off the roads, and that impaired driving is a serious problem and should be avoided.

### **Your Contact Information**

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### **I agree to send photos/videos of youth engaging in roadway safety programming following the event.\***

Yes

Also from Amanda

Discussion with students will include the following:

- Impaired driving includes alcohol, drugs, marijuana, prescription meds, and even extreme fatigue
- You do not have to feel “drunk” to be impaired—reaction time is affected long before you feel it
- Most fatal crashes involving teens happen at night, on weekends, and after celebrations
- Graduation nights are high-risk because emotions are high, and judgment is often lowered
- One bad decision can change your life, and someone else’s forever
- Legal consequences can include arrest, fines, license suspension, jail time, and a criminal record
- A DUI can affect college admission, scholarships, jobs, and travel
- Impaired driving doesn’t just harm the driver—it endangers friends, passengers, and strangers
- Many impaired-driving crashes involve someone the driver knows
- “I’m fine to drive” is one of the most common last thoughts before a serious crash
- It’s always okay to:
  - Call a parent or trusted adult
  - Use a rideshare
  - Stay the night somewhere safe
  - Take keys away from a friend
- Being a good friend sometimes means being unpopular for a moment
- Planning ahead is part of growing up—decide your ride before the party starts
- Graduating means more freedom—but also more responsibility
- The strongest choice you can make is choosing safety over pressure
- Getting home safe is always more important than:
  - Looking cool
  - Avoiding embarrassment
  - Saving money
  - Getting home quickly

