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Subject: Project Prom/Graduation Grant Application
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School Information

Willow Springs School
215 W 4TH ST
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Who is hosting the event?

High School

Date of event

2026-04-19

Please specify which type of event your school is having

Project Prom

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

Yes

Location of event

Incredible Pizza - Springfield, MO

Estimated number of students at event

150

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?

The Willow Springs High School Prom and Project Prom will be held on April 18th and 19th, 2026 at Southern Charm Estate in Mt Vernon, Missouri and Incredible Pizza in Springfield, Missouri. The students and chaperones will be leaving from Willow Springs High School at 6:00 PM on Saturday, April 18th after a time of checking and searching bags and the belongings of the students. They will arrive at our prom venue at 8:00 PM. Prom will consist of a dinner and dance from the time of arrival until 12 AM. At Project Prom the students and chaperones will be able to participate in fun and safe activities such as arcade games, go karts,

bowling, laser tag and a golf simulator. They will also be provided pizza and drinks throughout the project prom time. Project Prom will end at 3:30 AM and the students and chaperones will depart for Willow Springs at that time. Arrival time back in Willow Springs will be at 5 AM. Chaperones will include school personnel and spouses/significant others, all of which will have had a school board approved background check. Students who are eligible to attend are juniors and seniors along with their dates. Their dates have to be at least a freshman and cannot be older than 20. Any student with school-stipulated discipline and attendance issues will not be allowed to attend, and any date that does not attend Willow Springs High School has to be approved by the school's administration several weeks before the date of prom.

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

One of the main goals of the Willow Springs High School is for its students to be safe at all school-sponsored events. This includes travel to and from prom and project prom. To help ensure the safety of our students during prom, the school provides a fun and safe evening after prom by hosting a project prom. Once the students arrive at school for prom, they are not allowed the opportunity to drive but are transported on school buses by school bus drivers. Prom and project prom are chaperoned by school personnel and their spouses/significant others, all of whom have been background checked. In between prom and project prom, one of our school resource officers, Jeff Cunningham, will be presenting information to the prom attendees regarding drivers' safety issues at Willow Springs High School. He will be specifically addressing the importance of roadway safety after high-profile events such as prom and graduation to the students and their parents as they gather for the pre-prom bag check. Officer Cunningham has years of experience with roadway safety and with presenting information to students.

Your Contact Information

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

Yes