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**VPPPA Announces Award & Scholarship Opportunities**

Falls Church, Va. – The Voluntary Protection Programs Participants’ Association (VPPPA) is excited to announce the opening of its awards and scholarships season. Every year, VPPPA is proud to bestow three annual awards to member sites and individuals who go above and beyond in their efforts to improve safety and health for the workforce. VPPPA also provides four scholarships to VPPPA employees and their children who are pursuing degrees in the safety, health and environmental fields.

The VPPPA Annual Awards for Outreach and Innovation recognize those VPPPA member sites and individuals that have made exceptional contributions to the mission of the VPPPA during the previous year. These pioneers in safety and health have shared their knowledge of safe practices with others or developed new techniques to create a safer, healthier work environment. The three awards consist of: the VPP Outreach Award, the Safety and Health Outreach Award and the VPP Innovation Awards.

Stacy Thursby, VPPPA National Board of Directors member and Chair of the Awards Committee, said, “The Annual VPPPA Awards recognize excellence in health and safety where both individuals and companies have not only excelled in the industry but have shared their knowledge and best practices with their site, the community and the nation.”

In an ongoing effort to advance the field of occupational safety and health, VPPPA has established a scholarship program for VPPPA members and their families. Each scholarship awards $3,500 to the lucky student, or future student. The four scholarships are: the June Brothers Scholarship, the Stephen Brown Scholarship, the William “Sully” Sullivan Scholarship and the Sergeant Safety Scholarship.

“The Scholarship Program provides the next generation with support to maintain the innovation and excellence that is the foundation of the VPPPA,” Thursby stated.

To learn more about the VPPPA Annual Awards and Scholarships, please visit the VPPPA website at [www.vpppa.org](http://www.vpppa.org). The deadline for submissions is **May 29, 2020**. Awards and Scholarships are given out at VPPPA’s annual Safety+ Symposium, August 25-27, 2020, in Orlando, Florida. (Winners do not need to be present to win.)

VPPPA, Inc., is the world’s leading organization dedicated to cooperative occupational safety and health management systems. Consisting of both VPP and non-VPP companies, member sites are continuously striving to achieve safety and health excellence. VPPPA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

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