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## Education Matters Scholarship

# WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT!



### **Congratulations to Sarah Escobar, winner of our Education Matters Scholarship!**

Sarah was one of 240 hard working students to submit their essays. We were inspired by Sarah's passion regarding her experience in the education system and her passion to work on its shortcomings.

Additionally, we would like to thank everyone who took the time to apply for our scholarship, our selection process was difficult with so many deserving candidates. We encourage you all to check back soon as we announce our scholarship dates for 2022.

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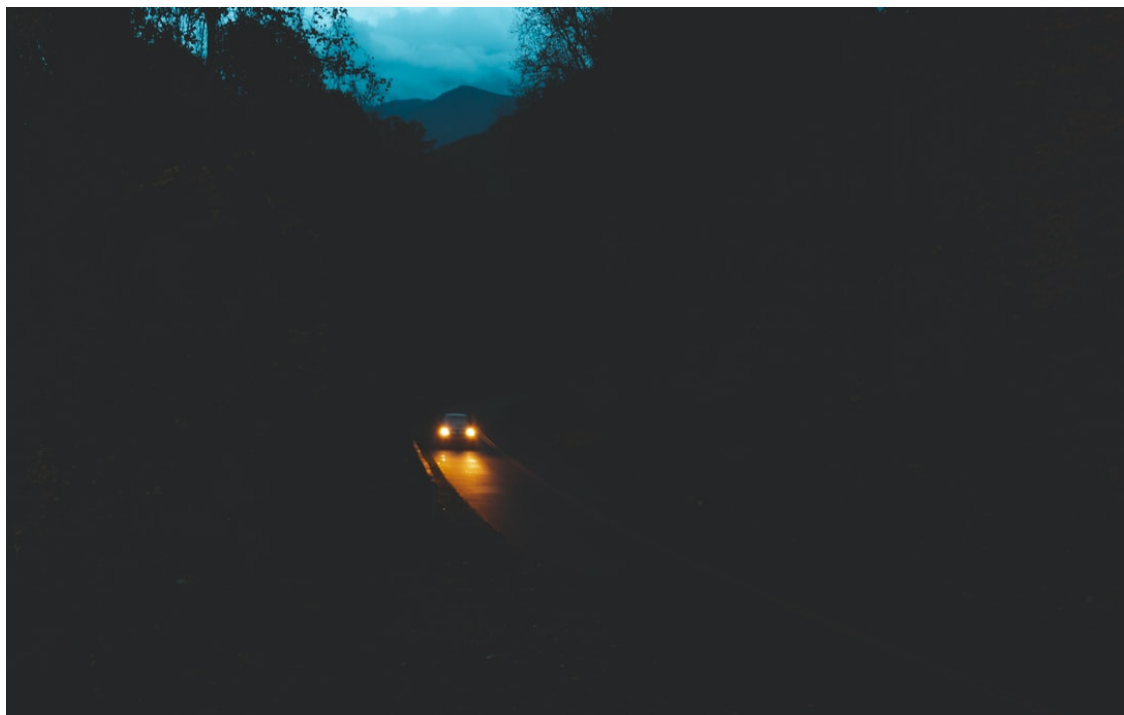




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## 10 Safety Tips for Driving at Night



Fatal accidents are three times more likely to occur at night than during the day. The main reasons for this increased risk are simple. You can't see as well in the dark, and you are more likely to be tired when driving at night.

There is little most people can do to void driving in the dark. At certain times of the year, night-time driving is unavoidable. However, there are steps you can take to reduce the risks. Here are ten tips to make your night-time driving safer.

### 1. Clean Headlights and Windshield

Dirty or cracked windshields impede your vision at night. When the light from an oncoming vehicle's headlights hit a dirty windscreen, it can be almost impossible to see the road ahead. Dirt on the headlights will reduce the effectiveness of the lights. So, before you set out to

that your windshield washer fluid is topped up.

## 2. Check That Headlights Are Angled Correctly

The angles at which your headlights shine on the road needs to be exactly right. If the lights are angled too low, you will not be able to see far enough ahead. If the headlight angle is too high, you will dazzle oncoming drivers. You can adjust the headlight alignment yourself if you know what you are doing. However, the best option is to get an annual headlight check completed by a car dealer or repair specialist.

## 3. Adjust Inside Lighting

Bright light inside your car will restrict your view outside the vehicle. Bright lights will also impede your natural night vision. Never drive at night with your interior lights switched on. And dim your dashboard lights so that the controls remain visible, but the light is not distracting.

## 4. Adjust Your Speed at Night

According to the NHTSA, excessive speed is a factor in 37 percent of night-time road fatalities. Your headlights do not shine as far ahead as you can see in daylight. So, you need to adjust your speed when driving at night to compensate. Remember to leave extra space between you and the vehicle ahead, too. The reduced visibility will make it more likely that the car in front of you will need to brake suddenly.

## 5. Take Breaks

Accidents caused by driver fatigue are most likely to occur between the hours of midnight and 6 am. So be on the alert for drowsy drivers if you out in your car during these hours. Be aware of how tired you are becoming too. If you feel yourself getting sleepy, pull over, take a break, and get a cup of coffee if you can. Another way to keep yourself alert when driving late at night is to open a window.

## 6. Avoid Staring at Oncoming Lights

When vehicles come towards you at night, avoid staring into the headlights. You will still need to keep your eyes on the road. But

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you from being dazzled. You can use the side of the road or the lane markings as a guide to help you keep your road positioning.

### 7. Use High Beams When Needed

In rural areas where there is no street lighting, high beams are essential. However, remember to be courteous to other road users when using the high beam. Headlights should be dipped when an approaching vehicle gets to within 500 feet of your car. And you should avoid using the high beam when you are directly behind another vehicle.

### 8. Test Lights Regularly

The lights on your car help you see and be seen. However, car lights can get damaged or develop faults. So, check all the lights on your vehicle periodically, including headlights, high beams, brake lights, and turn signals.

### 9. Watch Out for Wildlife

There are approximately 300,000 vehicle collisions with wildlife every year. Most of these collisions occur from October to January. A collision with a large animal, like a deer, can cause extensive damage to a vehicle and could cause you to lose control of your car. The best way to spot animals on the road at night is to look for the glow of their eyes. If you see an animal in front of you, slow down rather than swerving to avoid a collision. If you change course, the animal might follow your headlights.

### 10. Get Your Eyes Tested

If you need glasses to drive, make sure you wear them. The NSC also recommends that drivers get their eyesight tested once a year, especially older people. Eyesight problems often come on slowly. So, you may not even realize that you need glasses. But if your vision is impaired, the problem will be exacerbated when you drive at night.

### Conclusion

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you are careful and your car is in good working order, you can minimize night-time driving risks. The crucial thing to remember is that you need to adopt a more defensive driving strategy at night. You cannot merely jump in the car and drive the same way you would during the day.



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