# TRUCKTALK

## **TSA Scholarship Applications Now Available**

#### TSA Scholarships Available For College & Trade school!

#### 2020/21 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Established in 2016, the TSA Educational Scholarship Program provides scholarships and grants to help fund post-secondary education college or trade school for TSA members and their dependents.



Applications for the 2020/2021 school year are <u>now</u> <u>available</u>. Completed applications are by June 26, 2020. Visit TSATruck.org to <u>learn more</u>!



## **Scholarships Make A Difference**

Hear Professional Driver Corey Newman Share How The TSA Scholarship Program Has Helped His Three Girls on this month's episode of TSA Members' podcast: *The Road Home*.

Available on: <u>Apple Podcast Spreaker</u> <u>TSA.org iHeart</u> or Google Podcasts.

## Flu Season Started Early & Hasn't Peaked Yet

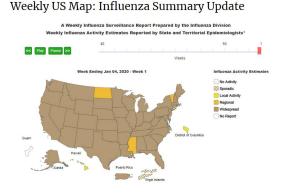
## It's Not Too Late

It's been a rough season with the flu starting in many states in October & November!

Who can afford to be sick? Especially when you own your own business. While flu vaccines can vary in how they work, vaccination is the first and best way to prevent influenza.

According to the CDC, it's not too late to get your flu shot! <u>learn more</u>

See where the flu has hit the hardest



## Let Us Help

If you live healthy, you can drive healthy! TSA would like to help give you a jump

## CVS/pharmacy<sup>\*</sup>

start against the flu!

Beginning on **Thursday, January 16th** we'll be **giving away CVS gift cards** for FREE FLU SHOTS via our TSATruck <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> feeds.

All you need to do is FOLLOW, RESPOND, & YOU COULD WIN!

Winners will be chosen randomly each week from the TSA Member followers who respond to the designated posts. Winners will be announced via TSATruck social media.

## Can You refuse to drive in poor weather?

Under the employee protection provision of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act, you have the right to refuse to operate a commercial vehicle if it would be unsafe to drive.

U.S. Department of Transportation regulations state that "if conditions become sufficiently dangerous, the operation of the commercial motor vehicle shall be discontinued and shall not be resumed" until it's safe to drive.

But what does that really mean? Learn more



#### **Predictable Resources**

<u>National Weather Service</u> <u>Road closures</u> in any state (or dial 511) <u>Road construction Emergency and disaster alerts</u>

## **Important Updates**

#### **FMCSA CLEARING HOUSE**

While the Clearinghouse is up and running, the system is experiencing intermittent issues with verifying driver CDL information. We are monitoring the situation and resolving issues as they arise. If you experience an issue verifying driver CDL information, please try again later.

If you are an employer currently experiencing technical difficulties accessing the Clearinghouse and are unable to conduct required pre-employment queries, you may hire a driver using solely the procedures set forth in 49 CFR 391.23(e). Once FMCSA has determined and announced that users are able to access the Clearinghouse, pre-employment queries must also be conducted as required by section 382.701(a).

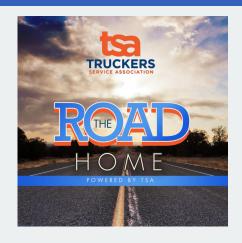
Be sure to document your efforts to comply! Learn more.

#### **California AB5**

Owner-operators working in California can breathe a sigh of relief for now, as a judge has

extended a temporary restraining order keeping officials from enforcing the onerous terms of its AB5 independent contractor law against motor carriers. <u>Learn more</u>

## **Coming Up On The Road Home**



## **TSA Original Podcast**

**The Road Home**, the podcast developed exclusively for TSA members is ready to launch it's 3rd episode!

Look for great insight and information on:

- 1. Steve Wilhelms talking Drug and Alcohol Clearing house
- 2. Tax Tips
- 3. Destination Disney and more!

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