

# 2018

## PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
NOVEMBER 7, 2017



Since 1995, recognizing young people for outstanding volunteer service

### WHAT ARE THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS?

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards were created in 1995 to recognize students in middle level and high school grades who have made meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service. These prestigious awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), are presented annually on the local, state and national level.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any student who:

- is in grades 5-12 as of November 7, 2017, and is a legal resident of one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia.
- has engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least in part after September 1, 2016.
- completes an application and submits it to a school principal or the head of an officially designated local organization by November 7, 2017.

### APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A middle level or high school
- A Girl Scout council
- A county 4-H organization
- An American Red Cross chapter
- A YMCA
- An Affiliate of Points of Light's HandsOn Network

### HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

- 1** Young volunteers in grades 5-12 complete applications online at [spirit.prudential.com](http://spirit.prudential.com) or [nassp.org/spirit](http://nassp.org/spirit) by November 7, 2017, and then submit them to their school principals or to the head of one of these officially designated local organizations: a Girl Scout council, county 4-H organization, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA, or Affiliate of Points of Light's HandsOn Network. Applicants and their parents or guardians also must complete the application form's signature page.
- 2** Each participating school or organization reviews the applications of its students and selects one middle level Local Honoree for every 1,000 students in grades 5-8, and/or one high school Local Honoree for every 1,000 students in grades 9-12.
- 3** Principals or organization heads certify applications of their selected Local Honoree(s) online by November 17, 2017.
- 4** The top middle level and high school youth volunteer in each state and the District of Columbia are named State Honorees in February, and two to 10 runners-up in each state are named Distinguished Finalists.
- 5** Ten of the State Honorees are named America's top 10 youth volunteers of the year by a distinguished national selection committee at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C.



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## HOW TO APPLY



### ARE YOU A MIDDLE LEVEL OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH VOLUNTEERING?

In each state and Washington, D.C., the top middle level and high school youth volunteer will be named State Honorees and will receive an award of \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., in late April. Runners-up will also be selected in each state and named Distinguished Finalists, receiving a bronze medallion. Other state-level winners will receive Certificates of Excellence. All state-level honorees will be announced in February.

During the trip, 10 of the State Honorees will be named America's top youth volunteers of the year. These National Honorees will receive \$5,000 awards, engraved gold medallions, crystal trophies for their schools or organizations, and \$5,000 grants from The Prudential Foundation for nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice.

Local Honorees who qualify can also receive the President's Volunteer Service Award.

For application and certification questions, or to request a paper application form, call 855.670.4787.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). Since 1995, the program has honored more than 120,000 youth volunteers at the local, state and national level.

Apply for a 2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Award and you could win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C., in late April!

Access the application at [spirit.prudential.com](http://spirit.prudential.com) or [nassp.org/spirit](http://nassp.org/spirit).

Complete the application and the student/parent agreement; then, on the "certification" page, email or print and deliver instructions to your certifier (**deadline: November 7, 2017**).

Certifiers review applications online and select Local Honoree(s) for state-level judging (**deadline: November 17, 2017**).

Your application can be certified by your school principal or head of a county 4-H organization, Girl Scout council, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA or Affiliate of Points of Light's HandsOn Network.

Learn more at [spirit.prudential.com](http://spirit.prudential.com)  
and [nassp.org/spirit](http://nassp.org/spirit).

