



## THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

HONORING OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE BY YOUNG AMERICANS

# How to Apply for The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

If you've made a difference by volunteering in your community over the past year, you could win \$1,000 and a fabulous trip to Washington, D.C., next May – by applying for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award! Even more importantly, you could win recognition that might inspire other young people to follow your example. These prestigious awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, have honored more than 80,000 middle level and high school students over the past 13 years solely for their volunteer work.

It's easy to apply:

1. Visit [spirit.prudential.com](http://spirit.prudential.com) or [www.principals.org/prudential](http://www.principals.org/prudential), click on the application link, and follow the on-screen instructions. When asked for the access key, type the word **spirit**
2. Once you have completed your online application, print it out, sign it, and have a parent sign it.
3. Submit your printed application to your school principal or to the head of one of these officially designated local organizations: a county 4-H group, Girl Scout council, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA, or affiliate of HandsOn Network. They will then select one or more Local Honorees from the applicants in their schools or organizations, and nominate them for state-level judging.

If you need a paper application form, call 877-525-8491 toll-free.

All state-level honorees will be announced in February. The top middle level and high school applicant in each state and the District of Columbia, called State Honorees, will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent to Washington, D.C., next May 2 – 5. From two to ten runners-up in each state, called Distinguished Finalists, will get bronze medallions. Other state-level winners will receive Certificates of Excellence. Finally, ten of the State Honorees will be named America's top ten youth volunteers of the year in Washington in May. These National Honorees are awarded an additional \$5,000, gold medallions, crystal trophies and \$5,000 grants for the charities of their choice.

In addition, all Local Honorees who have devoted a minimum number of hours to their volunteer activities will receive the President's Volunteer Service Award.

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**Or call 877-525-8491 toll-free for more information.**

**Application deadline: October 31, 2008.**

