



THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVE
ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY SERVICE BY YOUTH

How to Apply for The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

If you've made a difference through volunteering 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 90,000 middle and high school students at the local, state and national level over the past 15 years solely for their volunteer work.

It's easy to apply:

1. Visit <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.principals.org/spirit, click on the “Apply Now” link, and follow the onscreen instructions.
2. Once you have completed your online application, follow the instructions on the “Certification” tab for submitting your application to your certifier. You will have the option of either printing out your application and delivering it to your certifier, or e-mailing it to him/her. This must be done by November 1, 2010. Your certifier can be your school principal, or 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.
3. Print out the signature page of your application, sign it, have a parent or guardian sign it, and then submit it to International Scholarship and Tuition Services by November 1, 2010. You may either fax it to (615) 627-9697 or upload it to the online application site.

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

Your certifier may select one or more Local Honorees from the applicants in your school or organization, and nominate them for state-level judging. 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 an unrestricted award of \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent to Washington, D.C., next April 30-May 3. 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 at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C., on May 2, 2011. These National Honorees will be 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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Application deadline: November 1, 2010.**