How to Apply for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award

Are you a middle level or high school student who’s making a difference through volunteering?

Apply for a 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award and you could win $1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C., next May!

- Go to http://spirit.prudential.com or www.nassp.org/spirit to access the online application.
- Complete the application and the student/parent agreement. Deadline: November 8, 2016.
- Go to the “Certification” page to email or print out instructions for your certifier. You must deliver these instructions to your certifier by November 8, 2016. Your certifier can be your school principal or the head of a county 4-H organization, Girl Scout council, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA or HandsOn Network affiliate.
- Your certifier has until November 18, 2016 to review applications online and select Local Honoree(s) from the applicants in your school or organization, and nominate them for state-level judging.

In each state and Washington, D.C., the top middle level and high school applicant 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., May 6-9, 2017. 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.

All Local Honorees who have committed a minimum number of hours to their volunteer activities will receive the President’s Volunteer Service Award.

For application and certification questions, or to request a paper application form, call 877-525-8491.

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 115,000 youth volunteers at the local, state and national level.