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National Awards Program Seeking America's Top Youth Volunteers of 2020

Two Students Per State Will Earn $1,000 Scholarship and Washington, D.C. Trip

Montgomery, Ala. – Today through November 5, 2019, the 2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is looking for the top youth volunteers of the year in each U.S. state and the District of Columbia.

Students in grades 5-12 are invited to apply. Students must have major community and volunteer service, within the past 12 months. The official award application is now available at http://spirit.prudential.com and www.nassp.org/spirit.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), was created in 1995 to recognize the exemplary volunteer work of middle level and high school students. Since then, Prudential Spirit of Community Awards have been given to more than 130,000 students across the country at the local, state and national level.

“We’ve honored young people from three generations since this program began, and while the world has changed many times over, one thing has stayed the same: Young volunteers are doing remarkable, meaningful work to address the challenges facing their communities,” said Charles Lowrey, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial, Inc. “As we enter our 25th year, we remain inspired by these young people and their stories of service, and hope that they’ll inspire others to get involved, too.”

How to Apply

To apply for this award, students and certifiers must complete the following steps:

- Students complete the online application by November 5, 2019.
- Then, students submit the application for certification to their principal or head of a local participating organization.
- Certifiers review all applications for their school or organization, then select a Local Honoree to nominate for state-level judging by November 15, 2019.
- Applications can be certified by a middle or high school principal or head of a Girl Scout council, county 4-H organization, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA or a Points of Light Global Network member. (Students can request a paper application by calling 888-651-2951.)
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The 2020 Awards Program

On February 4, 2020, the top middle level and high school volunteer from each state will be named. They will receive a $1,000 scholarship, engraved silver medallions and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., with a parent or guardian for four days of recognition events from May 2-5, 2020.

In Washington, a distinguished national selection committee will name 10 of the 102 State Honorees as America’s top youth volunteers of the year. These National Honorees will receive additional $5,000 scholarships, gold medallions, crystal trophies for their nominating schools or organizations, and $5,000 grants from The Prudential Foundation for nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is our nation’s largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer community service. Learn more about this program by contacting Prudential Global Communications representative, Harold Banks at harold.banks@prudential.com.

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