

2019

PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

CALL FOR ENTRIES
APPLY BY NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Since 1995, recognizing young people for outstanding volunteer service.



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LET'S CELEBRATE YOUTH VOLUNTEERISM



The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards can help you recognize outstanding young people from your school or organization, encourage volunteerism – and draw attention to your good work, too.

Established in 1995 in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the program has thus far recognized more than 125,000 youth volunteers. Honors are granted at these levels:

Local Honorees. Each school or local organization can select one or more Local Honoree(s), who each receive a Certificate of Achievement and advance to state-level judging. Local Honorees who qualify can also receive the President's Volunteer Service Award. Two runners-up can be recognized with Certificates of Merit.

You may select one middle-level Local Honoree for every 1,000 young people in grades 5-8 in your school or organization, and/or one high school Local Honoree for every 1,000 young people in grades 9-12.

State-Level Honorees. One middle-level student and one high school student in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia will be named State Honorees next February. Each receives \$1,000, a silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., in May for a gala awards ceremony and other exciting events. Runner-up honorees at the state level receive bronze medallions or Certificates of Excellence.

National Honorees. In Washington, five middle-level students and five high school students will be named America's top youth volunteers of the year by our national selection committee. Each honoree receives an additional \$5,000, a gold medallion and a trophy for their school or organization. Honorees also receive \$5,000 grants from The Prudential Foundation for nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice.

Honorees and their projects are frequently honored with commendations from mayors, governors and members of Congress.



QUALIFYING STUDENTS MUST:

- Be in grades 5-12 as of November 6, 2018, and a legal resident of one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia.
- Have participated in a volunteer activity at least in part after September 1, 2017.
- Complete and submit an online application by November 6, 2018, to a school principal or the head of one of the program's designated organizations.



Lindsey Vonn, Olympic Gold Medalist and World Cup Champion, and keynote speaker of the 2018 awards ceremony, speaks with Georgia State Honorees Max Rubenstein and Angelica Krubeck.



CHECKLIST AND KEY DATES FOR CERTIFIERS

For tips on recognizing your Local Honoree(s) and runners-up, visit the awards section at spirit.prudential.com

SEPTEMBER–NOVEMBER 6, 2018

- Promote the 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards throughout the school/organization and encourage students to apply online.
- Distribute How to Apply flyer (enclosed). Display the enclosed poster.
- Remind students of **November 6th application deadline**.

NOVEMBER 7–16, 2018

- Review the judging criteria in the awards section's Selecting Honorees page at spirit.prudential.com
- Select Local Honoree(s) and two runners-up, or Certificate of Merit recipients.
- Certify the Local Honoree application(s) online by **11:59 p.m. CST on Friday, November 16** to advance to state-level judging.

AFTER NOVEMBER 16, 2018

- Announce and recognize Local Honoree(s) and runners-up.
- Award Certificate of Achievement to Local Honoree(s), and Certificate of Merit to runners-up (enclosed).

FEBRUARY 5, 2019

- State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists announced at spirit.prudential.com and nassp.org/spirit. Certifiers also will be notified via mail.

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- American Association of School Administrators
- American School Counselor Association
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- National School Boards Association
- Council of the Great City Schools
- National Parent Teacher Association
- National School Public Relations Association
- National Association for Music Education
- America's Promise Alliance
- United National Indian Tribal Youth

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