

WHAT DO HONOREES RECEIVE?

- Local Honorees receive Certificates of Achievement from their schools or organizations. Those who qualify will also receive the President's Volunteer Service Award if they have contributed the minimum number of volunteer hours.
- State Honorees receive \$1,000, engraved silver medallions, and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., in May for several days of recognition events, including award ceremonies, sightseeing tours and Congressional visits on Capitol Hill.
- Distinguished Finalists (runners-up at the state level) receive engraved bronze medallions.
- Other top applicants at the state level receive Certificates of Excellence.
- National Honorees receive additional \$5,000 awards, engraved gold medallions, and crystal trophies for their schools or organizations. They also receive \$5,000 grants from The Prudential Foundation for nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any student who:

- is in grades 5-12 as of November 8, 2016, and is a legal resident of one of the 50 states of the United States or the District of Columbia.
- has engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least in part after September 1, 2015.
- completes an application and submits it to a school principal or the head of an officially designated local organization by November 8, 2016.

WATCH FOR THESE DATES:

September 2016

Online application form is available at <http://spirit.prudential.com> and www.nassp.org/spirit. Program information is mailed to all middle level and high schools and to officially designated local organizations (see below).

November 8, 2016

Deadline for students to complete applications online, submit applications to a school principal or the head of an officially designated local organization, and send in signed signature page.

November 9-18, 2016

Participating schools and organizations review applications and select Local Honorees, then nominate them for state-level judging by certifying their applications online.

February 7, 2017

Judges name the top middle level and high school youth volunteer in every state and the District of Columbia as State Honorees.

May 6-9, 2017

102 State Honorees attend national recognition events in Washington, D.C., where America's top 10 youth volunteers of the year are announced.

Applicants must submit completed applications to one of the following:

- A middle level or high school
- A Girl Scout council
- A county 4-H organization
- An American Red Cross chapter
- A YMCA
- An affiliate of HandsOn Network

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Association of School Administrators, the Council of the Great City Schools, the Association for Middle Level Education, the American School Counselor Association, the National Association for Music Education, the National School Boards Association, the National School Public Relations Association, the National Parent Teacher Association, and other national organizations.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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