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The 2005

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

for Middle Level and

High School Youth Volunteers

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# 2005 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Application

(Photocopy if additional copies are needed)

**INSTRUCTIONS** -- Application must be filled out by applicant. Please read all instructions before completing this form.

**1. Make sure you're eligible. Applicants must:**

- \* be individuals enrolled in grades 5-12. **Groups and partners are not eligible.**
- \* describe a volunteer community service activity performed at least in part **after Sept. 1, 2003.**
- \* not be employees of NASSP, Scholarship America, Prudential or its affiliates; their children; or previous Prudential National Honorees. Previous State Honorees are eligible only if their submitted activities are significantly different from previously honored activities.

**2. Fill out this application form completely and accurately in your own words in the space provided. Do not attach additional sheets.**

- \* Use a computer, typewriter or black ball-point pen (if using a computer, tape or paste each answer in at least 10-point type beneath its question).
- \* Applications must be written in English or translated into English prior to submission for state-level judging.
- \* Applications filled out by a parent or other adult will be disqualified.
- \* All information provided is subject to verification. **False, inaccurate, illegible, incomplete or reformatted applications will be disqualified.**

**3. Submit one fully completed application and one copy by October 29, 2004, to a school principal or to the head of one of these officially designated local organizations: a Girl Scout council, county 4-H organization, Camp Fire USA council, YMCA, American Red Cross chapter, or member Volunteer Center of the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network.**

- \* Applications sent to the state-level judging committee without first being submitted to a school or officially designated local organization are ineligible.
- \* Applicants who receive state-level awards will be notified in February 2005 through the individuals who certified their applications. State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists also will be posted at [www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit) and [www.principals.org/awards/prudential.cfm](http://www.principals.org/awards/prudential.cfm).

## APPLICANT INFORMATION Please print clearly.

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name First name Middle Initial

Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street (no P.O. boxes) City County (not Country) State Zip

\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female Date of birth (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Circle grade for 2004/05 school year: 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Applicant's phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

School you currently attend \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City State

Names of parents/guardians \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian work phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## PROJECT SUMMARY

Briefly answer the following questions within the space provided (no additional sheets), then provide more detail in the following sections.

What was your volunteer community service project? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How did you become involved in this project? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What role did you play in the project? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how many hours did you spend on the project?  0-49  50-74  75-99  100-174  175-249  250+

When did you start working on the project (month/year)? \_\_\_\_\_ How long did it last? \_\_\_\_\_

How did your project impact others? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Which of these categories best describes your project?

- healthy communities  youth achievement  public safety / emergency response  environment / parks / open spaces





**APPLICANT AGREEMENT** *To be completed by applicant and parent/guardian.*

We certify that all information contained in this application is true and factual. We also agree that if applicant is selected as an honoree in The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, NASSP and Prudential may use applicant's name and likeness and any other information or materials provided by applicant in connection with this program, including his/her resume, photograph(s) and videotape(s), for purposes of news, publicity and advertising in all media, including print, photographs, videotapes and electronic media, including but not limited to, Internet websites and CD-ROMs. We understand that in order to receive state and national awards, selected Honorees are expected to attend the entire all-expense-paid national recognition events in Washington, D.C., April 30 - May 3, 2005.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if applicant belongs to these or other youth or service organizations:

Girl Scouts  Boy Scouts  4-H  Camp Fire USA  Red Cross  YMCA  Volunteer Center  Key Club

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED CERTIFICATION** *If this application has been selected to advance to state-level judging, it must be certified below by (please check whichever applies):*

a school principal  a Camp Fire USA council executive director  an executive director of a member Volunteer Center of the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network  
 a Girl Scout council executive director  an American Red Cross chapter executive officer  
 a county 4-H agent  a YMCA executive director

Instructions to Certifier: You may submit one middle level Local Honoree for every 1,000 students or members (or portion thereof) in grades 5-8 and/or one high school Local Honoree for every 1,000 students or members in grades 9-12. If this application is for a Local Honoree whom you have selected to advance to state-level judging, complete and sign this page, and send this entire original application (pages 1-4) **plus one copy** postmarked no later than November 5, 2004 to: **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, State-Level Judging Committee, One Scholarship Way, P.O. Box 297, St. Peter, MN 56082.** You do not need to complete this section for applicants whom you do not select as your Local Honoree(s).

*Please print clearly.*

Certifier's name  Mr.  Ms.  Dr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name First name

Name of school or organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Telephone number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

How many middle level students (5th-8th grades) are enrolled in or affiliated with your school or organization? \_\_\_\_\_

How many high school students (9th-12th grades) are enrolled in or affiliated with your school or organization? \_\_\_\_\_

**Important:** How many individuals in your school or organization completed applications for this award? \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED SIGNATURE** *To be completed by Certifier*

I certify that the individual named in this application has been selected as a Local Honoree to represent this school or organization.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ESSENTIAL INFORMATION** *The following information is essential if your Honoree is selected as a State or National Honoree.*

The local newspaper(s) serving this community are: \_\_\_\_\_

The network television stations serving this community are: \_\_\_\_\_

If your school, district or organization has a public relations and/or community service director, please provide the following:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Has a Prudential representative been in contact with you in connection with this program?  Yes  No

If yes: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Attention Certifier: Send selected application(s), plus one copy, postmarked by November 5, 2004, to:**  
**The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**  
**State-Level Judging Committee**  
**One Scholarship Way**  
**P.O. Box 297**  
**St. Peter, MN 56082**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE A COPY OF YOUR LOCAL HONOREE'S APPLICATION FOR YOUR FILES!**

To confirm receipt, you may paper clip a self-addressed, stamped postcard to this application. **WE CANNOT CONFIRM RECEIPT BY TELEPHONE.** If you have questions, visit [www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit) or [www.principals.org/awards/prudential.cfm](http://www.principals.org/awards/prudential.cfm), or call (888) 450-9961.

## What are The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards?

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards were created in 1995 to recognize students in middle and high school grades who have demonstrated exemplary community service. These prestigious awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), are presented annually on the local, state and national level.

## How does the program work?

In September, application forms and instructions are sent to all U.S. middle level and high schools, and to these officially designated local organizations: Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, Camp Fire USA councils, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs, and member Volunteer Centers of the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network. Each participating school/organization collects applications from interested students/members by October 29, 2004, then selects one middle level Local Honoree for every 1,000 students or members in grades 5-8, and/or one high school Local Honoree for every 1,000 students or members in grades 9-12. From these winners, the top high school and middle level youth volunteer in each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico are named State Honorees in early February. Finally, ten of these State Honorees are named America's top ten youth volunteers of the year by a distinguished national selection committee at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C. in May.

## What do honorees receive?

- Local Honorees receive Certificates of Achievement from their schools or organizations. Those who qualify also receive the President's Volunteer Service Award, recognizing their efforts to answer the President's Call to Service.
- State Honorees receive \$1,000, engraved silver medallions, and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent to Washington, D.C. in May for several days of recognition events, including award ceremonies, sight-seeing 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 will have \$25,000 worth of children's products donated in each of their names to needy children in their communities by Kids In Distressed Situations, Inc.

## Who is eligible?

Any student who:

- is in grades 5-12 as of October 29, 2004, in any state, the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico
- has engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least in part after September 1, 2003
- completes an application and submits it to a school principal or the head of an officially designated local organization by October 29, 2004

For more information:

[www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit)

[www.principals.org/awards/prudential.cfm](http://www.principals.org/awards/prudential.cfm)

1-888-450-9961

[spirit@principals.org](mailto:spirit@principals.org)



*More than 55,000 young people have been honored with Prudential Spirit of Community Awards over the past nine years!*

## Important Dates

### September 2004

Applications and program instructions are mailed to all middle level and high schools and to officially designated local organizations (see below), and are available at [www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit), or by calling 1-888-450-9961.

### October 29, 2004

Students must complete applications and return them to a school principal or the head of an officially designated local organization by this date.

### November 1-5, 2004

Participating schools and organizations review applications, then select and submit Local Honorees for state-level judging.

### February 2005

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

### April 30-May 3, 2005

104 State Honorees attend national recognition events in Washington, D.C., at which time America's top ten 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
- A Camp Fire USA council
- An American Red Cross chapter
- A YMCA
- A member Volunteer Center of the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network

## THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM IS WIDELY SUPPORTED!

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards are sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The program is supported by the National 4-H Council, Girl Scouts of the USA, Camp Fire USA, American Red Cross, the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network, YMCA of the USA, the American Association of School Administrators, the Council of the Great City Schools, the National Middle School Association, the National School Boards Association, the National School Public Relations Association, and numerous other national organizations.

