



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance Project Leads,
Nonpublic School Administrators
Route To: Principals and School Counselors
From: Linda P. Eno, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner
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Application Deadline: November 6, 2018

Youth Volunteers Invited to Apply for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

The [Prudential Spirit of Community Awards](#) represents America's largest youth-recognition program based exclusively on volunteer service. The awards are for students in grades 5-12 who have provided outstanding service to others at the local, state and national levels. To apply for the 2019 award, students must submit an [application](#) by November 6, 2018. These awards are sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Implementing the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

By November 6, 2018, students must:

- [complete the online application](#) (students can request a paper application by calling 855-670-4787)
- submit the application for certification to their principal or head of a local participating organization

By November 16, 2018, certifiers (principal or head of a local participating organization) must:

- review all applications for their school or organization
- [select a local honoree](#) to nominate for state-level judging

Prudential will announce the state youth volunteers of the year on February 5, 2019. Students selected as state honorees will receive an award of \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., from May 4–7, 2019.

During the national recognition events in Washington, D.C., America's top ten youth volunteers of the year will be named by a distinguished selection committee. Each of these national honorees will receive an additional award of \$5,000, a gold medallion, a crystal trophy for their nominating school or organization, and a \$5,000 Prudential Foundation grant for a nonprofit charitable organization of their choice.

Please encourage your students to apply for The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. We hope that New Jersey students will once again join the list of award recipients in 2018.

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