

2008 Youth Scholarships & Community Service Awards

DEADLINES

January

Jan. 6 **Do Something**

Brick Awards

<http://www.dosomething.org>

BRICK Award winners ...

... understand the problems and needs of their community.

... effectively communicate their vision.

... passionately dedicate themselves to generating change.

... are American and Canadian citizens age 25 years and under (as of April 12, 2007).

... are Social Entrepreneurs or Community Leaders who take steps to measurably strengthen their communities.

The BRICK Awards recognize and support social change-makers age 25 and under. Since 1996, the BRICK Awards have honored young people making our world a better place.

Nine winners will receive a minimum of \$10,000 in community grants and scholarships (if applicable). Of those nine winners, 1 will be selected by a national, online vote as a Golden BR!CK Award winner. That Golden BR!CK Award winner receives a total of \$100,000 in community grants. The BR!CK Award community grant money is paid directly to the not-for-profit of the winner's choice. Only winners who are age 18 and under are eligible for a scholarship of \$5,000 and a \$5,000 community grant (total= \$10,000 BR!CK Award). Winners age 19-25 receive their entire award in the form of a community grant.

Application Guide: http://www.dosomething.org/brick_application_guide

BR!CK applications due ONLINE by January 6, 2008 only at www.brickawards.com

Jan. 12 **The Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks of USA**

"Most Valuable Student" Scholarship

<http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>

Application: <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/downloadMVS.cfm>

Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$15,000 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a US American college or university. Male and female students compete separately.

The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated boys and girls in the 2008 competition. Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply. Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks. College students are not eligible to apply. Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are signed; resident alien status does not qualify.

Applicants will be judged on financial need, leadership and scholarship. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the enrollment of the winner in an accredited US college or university.

Applications must advance through local, district and state competition to reach the national competition. The Chicago office of the Elks National Foundation will announce the 500 national winners, and notify them in writing, around May 15, 2008. (Many local Lodges, districts and state Elks associations award their own scholarships through this program. These scholarships are not to be confused with the 500 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarships.)

Applications for the Elks National Foundation's 2008 Most Valuable Student contest will be available beginning September 1, 2007 at your local Elks Lodge, online or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Foundation. Applications for the 2008 contest have to be submitted to your local Elks Lodge by January 12, 2008.

To locate an Elks Lodge near you, try your phone book or <http://www.elks.org/lodges>

Requests for additional information should be addressed to the scholarship chairman of the local Lodge or of the Elks association of the state in which the applicant is a resident.

Jan. 14 Wal-mart Foundation

Sam Walton Community Scholarship

<http://walmartstores.com/GlobalWMStoresWeb/navigate.do?catg=765>

What are the details of the award?

The scholarship is a one time non-renewable amount of \$1000.

Who is eligible to apply?

Available to high school/home school seniors graduating between August 1, 2007 and July 31, 2008 or students who have obtained their GED and would have graduated high school between August 1, 2007 and July 31, 2008.

Applicant can not be a Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Associate or the dependent of a Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Associate as of April 25, 2008.

Applicant must have a cumulative high school grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4-point un-weighted scale, and have taken either the ACT or SAT tests.

Applicant must be enrolled full time (At least 12 college credit hours) in the fall 2008 and spring 2009 semesters.

Applicant may apply once for the COMMUNITY Scholarship choosing either a Wal-Mart Store or Sam's Club in the application choice list. Multiple applications will be disqualified. (Winners may be identified with a different facility for efficiency in processing.)

Additional information:

Scholarship Guidelines: http://walmartstores.com/Files/08SWCS_COMMUNITYGuidelines.pdf

Frequently asked questions: http://walmartstores.com/Files/FAQs_08CommunityScholarship.pdf

Sam Walton COMMUNITY Scholarship Program

c/o Scholarship Program Administrators, Inc.

P.O. Box 22117, Nashville TN 37202-2117

Phone (866) 524-7385 Fax (615) 320-3151

Email: scholarshipadministrators.net/EmailRequestForm.asp

Access Key: SWCS

Jan. 31 Discover Financial

Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship

<http://www.discoverfinancial.com/community/scholarship.shtml>

Up to \$1 million in scholarships is available annually to high school juniors nationwide.

Discover Card sponsors the Tribute Award Scholarship Program for high school juniors to applaud exemplary accomplishments and to support continued education and training beyond high school.

Who is Eligible for the Tribute Award?

Any current high school junior who meets the following qualifications is eligible:

Is enrolled in an accredited public or private high school in the United States

Has at least 2.75 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale for the 9th and 10th grades

Demonstrates accomplishments in Leadership and Community Service and has faced a significant roadblock or challenge.

How Much Are Scholarships Worth?

Up to Ten Awards—\$30,000 each

Scholarships can be used for any type of post-high school education or training—certification, licensing, two or four year trade and technical school, or two or four year college.

Apply online by January 31, 2008

For other questions, visit <https://www.scholarshipadministrators.net/EmailRequestForm.asp> using access key DISC, or call 866-756-7932.

February

Feb. 1 **The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to the United States *Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year Award***

<https://www.ladiesauxvfw.org/eweb/images/Outstanding%20Young%20Volunteer%20Brochure.pdf>

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is proud to present a \$5,000 U.S. Savings Bond, a plaque, and airfare plus two nights' lodging to attend the 2008 Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, to a student, ages 12 to 15, who has provided outstanding volunteer service to his or her community from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

Eligibility:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary
- Students must attend school in the same state as the sponsoring Ladies Auxiliary

Entry Form: <https://www.ladiesauxvfw.org/eweb/images/Outstanding%20Young%20Volunteer%20Brochure.pdf>

How to Apply:

Send entry form and three letters of recommendation from the organization for which you volunteer to the Ladies Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman. Letter should be on letterhead stationery and should include the following: How well you perform the work, how your volunteer work affects others, how many hours you spend on each project, and the number of groups for which you volunteer.

Criteria:

Judges will consider the number of volunteer activities in which the applicant has been involved. Activities could include volunteering in hospitals and nursing homes, aiding senior citizens, assisting in Buddy Poppy campaigns, providing services to veterans, involvement in scouting, church, or school programs, and other activities in the community. In addition, the quality of service will also be considered, such as an individual who has accomplished one truly outstanding achievement.

Submit entries to the Ladies Auxiliary by February 1, 2008.

Feb. 10 **American Legion Auxiliary**

Girl Scout Achievement Award

Award: \$1,000 Scholarship and a trip to the ALA National Convention in Reno, Nevada (Aug 2008)

Application: <http://www.legion-aux.org/Scholarships/GirlScoutAward/index.aspx>

Applicant Requirements:

Must have earned the Girl Scout Gold award and have at least Junior standing in High School.
Must be actively involved in a religious institution and must have received the appropriate religious emblem at the Cadette or Senior Scout level.

Must have demonstrated practical citizenship in the religious institution, school, Girl Scouting, and community.
Must submit at least one letter of recommendation with application from an individual representing one of the following: your church, school, community, or scout troop.
Submit, by February 10, 2007, a 500 word essay describing your Gold Award project. Explain why you chose the project you did and how it made an impact on you and your community.

Selection Process:

The application and your essay must be presented to your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit President ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 10, 2008.

Applications and essays will be judged by a screening committee composed of Girl Scout leaders and educators. The successful applicant will be notified on or before June 15, 2008.

Conditions of the Scholarship:

The scholarship recipient will be eligible to receive her scholarship after graduation from high school and must utilize the award within one year of graduation or of award, if she has already graduated.
The scholarship must be used to attend a school which is state accredited and above the high school level, and within the United States, except in the case where the recipient may be from a territory of the United States, in which case she may select a school in that territory.

Disbursement will be made directly to the school in two payments; one at the beginning of each semester upon receipt of certification from the school that the recipient is enrolled as a full-time student.

Feb. 15 The Guardian Insurance Company of America

Girls Going Places Entrepreneurship Award

http://www.guardianlife.com/womens_channel/girls_going_places/

Girls Going Places® Entrepreneurship Award Program is Guardian's annual initiative designed to reward the enterprising spirits of girls ages 12 to 18. Guardian awards prizes to 15 girls who demonstrate budding entrepreneurship; are taking the first steps toward financial independence; and make a difference in their schools and communities. Prizes totaling \$30,000 are granted to three top winners and 12 finalists each year, to further their entrepreneurial pursuits or save for college.

We are now accepting applications for the 2008 Award Program Year. Entries must be postmarked by or on February 15, 2008. For an entry form, official rules, and answers to some frequently asked questions, please click on any of the links below:

Entry form and official rules:

http://www.guardianlife.com/womens_channel/girls_going_places/2008_ggp_entry_form.pdf

How to Enter:

Submit a 250-word personal statement AND a 750-word recommendation letter from an adult endorsing you as an accomplished young female entrepreneur. Your personal statement should address your thoughts on entrepreneurship, business leadership, financial independence or giving back to the community. The recommendation letter should address how nominee:

- Demonstrates budding entrepreneurship or financial acumen?
- Taking the first steps towards financial independence?
- Making a difference in your community or peoples' lives?

Essays will be judged by a panel of qualified judges based on specific criteria, such as (for complete criteria list, see official rules):

- Nominee's demonstration of budding entrepreneurship
- Significant of nominee's steps toward financial independence
- Nominee's ability to make a difference in her school/community
- Nominee's initiative to start a new business or service

Entries must be postmarked by February 15, 2008.

To be eligible, Nominee must be female between the ages of 12 and 18 as of 12/31/07, and a legal U.S. resident. Nominee must be enrolled in a middle school or high school or, for home schooled students, receiving equivalent instruction elsewhere than at school in adherence to the laws and regulations of the Nominee's resident state, and not enrolled in a post-secondary institution such as a college or university or trade school. Adult Nominator must be an Adult legal US resident and cannot self-nominate. Adult Nominator could be a parent or other relative/family member, friend, mentor, counselor, teacher, advisor, etc. Employees of Guardian and their respective affiliates, subsidiaries and independent sales agents and members of the immediate families or households of each are NOT eligible to participate as either Adult Nominators or Nominees.

March

Mar. 15 **Kohl's**

Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship

<http://www.kohlscorporation.com/CommunityRelations/Community05.htm>

Kohl's Kids Who Care is our chance to recognize and reward kids who volunteer in the communities Kohl's serves. Customers are invited to nominate a grade school or high school child between the ages of 6-18 who has positively contributed to his or her community. Winning children earn prizes ranging from \$50 Kohl's gift cards to \$5,000 scholarships.

Kohl's will recognize young volunteers at three levels:

Store level winners (earn \$50 gift card and a certificate)

Regional winners (receive \$1,000 scholarship for post secondary education)

National winners (receive \$5,000 scholarship and a \$1,000 grant to the charity of their choice)

Nomination forms are available at your local Kohl's store or online from Feb. 1 through March 15.

15 **The Corrine Jeannine Schillings Foundation**

Scholarship to Study a Foreign Language

<http://www.cjsfoundation.org/Scholarship%20to%20Study%20a%20Foreign%20Language.htm>

The Foundation will award scholarships to deserving young women who have attained at least the honor of Silver Award Girl Scout, and who plan to or are currently pursuing a major/minor in foreign language at a four year college/university. The scholarship provides \$1,500 per academic year. The scholarship may be renewed three times following the initial award, for a total \$6,000 maximum award. Scholarship renewal is not automatic, however, and awardees must submit the renewal application and all required attachments each year.

Application: <http://www.cjsfoundation.org/Application%20page.htm>

Application deadline: March 15

April

Apr. 30

The Barron Prize

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

<http://www.barronprize.org>

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes honors outstanding young leaders who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Their leadership and courage make them true heroes—and inspirations to us all.

Each year, the Barron Prize selects ten winners nationwide. Half of the winners have focused on helping their communities and fellow beings; half have focused on protecting the health and sustainability of the environment.

What do the winners receive?

Barron Prize winners each receive \$2,000 to be applied to their higher education or to their service project, a recognition plaque, a certificate of recognition, a signed copy of *The Hero's Trail*, by Barron Prize founder T.A. Barron, a heroes study guide, curriculum, and bibliography, the opportunity to be paired with an adult mentor who is passionate about and working in the winner's area of interest, the opportunity to connect with other Barron Prize winners through the Young Heroes Listserv, and numerous media opportunities – print, television, and radio.

What are the criteria?

The Barron Prize honors outstanding young people, ages 8 to 18, who have shown leadership and courage in developing and implementing an extraordinary service project. The project must clearly benefit other people, our fellow creatures, or the planet we share. Winners must have demonstrated strong personal initiative as well as positive spirit, courage, intelligence, generosity, and high moral purpose. While outside help may have been obtained, the activity must be largely the winner's own creation. The service activity cannot have been done primarily to complete an assignment for work or school. The Barron Prize places significant emphasis on recognizing young people who help the environment.

Nominees must have organized and led a truly extraordinary service activity which has clearly benefited other people, our fellow creatures, or the planet we share. The nominee's service activity must have been initiated and motivated primarily by the winner himself or herself. While outside help may have been obtained, the activity must be primarily the nominee's own creation. The service activity cannot have been done solely to complete an assignment for school or work. Nominees must have accomplished something with inspirational value—something that could inspire others to make a difference. Nominees must have done more than survive a difficult personal challenge. Their heroism must have made an impact on the world beyond themselves. Nominees may or may not have received any recognition for their heroic work. But fame itself shall not have been a motivating factor.

Who is eligible for the Barron Prize?

Nominees must be no younger than eight and no older than 18 years on the nomination deadline. Nominees must be nominated as individuals. The Barron Prize cannot accept nominations for groups of young people. Nominees must have clearly demonstrated positive spirit, courage, intelligence, generosity, and high moral purpose. Nominees must have shown initiative, tenacity, and unselfishness in pursuit of their goals. Nominees must be nominated by an adult who is familiar with the young person's service activity (teacher or librarian, school counselor, youth service official, religious leader, or the like). Members of the young person's family may not submit nominations nor letters of reference. Nominees must be legal residents of and currently residing in the U.S.A. or Canada at the time of nomination. Nominees must have participated in their heroic work within the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline of April 30.

How do I submit a nomination for the Barron Prize?

Nomination Materials: <http://www.barronprize.org/nominate/NominationPacket07.pdf>

May

May. 1 **Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting**

Scholarship

<http://www.eocs.org/>

For the past twelve years the Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting has offered two scholarships, one for \$1,000 and the runner up for \$500.

The eligibility requirements are:

- o Be a registered active member of a Boy or Girl Scout unit
- o Have earned the Eagle Scout Award for boys or the Gold Award for Girls
- o Be an active member of an Eastern Orthodox Church and must have earned the Alpha Omega Religious Scout Award
- o Have demonstrated practical citizenship in their church, school, Scouting unit, and community
- o Be enrolled in an accredited US high school and in their final year
- o Submit four letters of recommendation with the application; one letter from leaders of each of the following groups: religious institution, school, community leader, and head of Scouting unit.

Starting this year, the Russian Children's Welfare Society, Inc, has funded an additional scholarship for \$1,000 for a Scout who is of Russian descent and meets the above eligibility requirements.

The Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting Scholarship Committee will award the three national scholarships to the recipients who best meet the qualifications and not on a "need" basis.

Applications can be obtained from E.O.C.S. Chairman, George N. Boulukos, 862 Guy Lombardo Avenue, Freeport, New York 11520 and they must be submitted by May 1st of each year. The national winners will be announced in June of each year.

To receive an scholarship application or to donate to the fund send mail to:
EOCS Scholarship Chairman
862 Guy Lombardo Avenue
Freeport, New York 11520
516 868 4050

May. 15 **Tylenol**

The Tylenol Scholarship

<http://www.tylenol.com/page.jhtml?id=tylenol/news/subptyschol.inc>

We understand that while medicine may treat the condition, it takes people to treat the patient. That's why the makers of Tylenol are giving away \$250,000 in scholarships to students pursuing careers in healthcare.

Highlights of this year's program are:

(150) \$1,000 and 20 \$5,000 scholarships will be available for undergraduate and post-graduate study.

Applicants will be judged on leadership qualities and academic performance.

Applications will be accepted from February 1 through May 15.

May. 15 The Corrine Jeannine Schillings Foundation

Scholarship to Study Abroad

<http://www.cjsfoundation.org/Scholarship%20to%20Study%20Abroad.htm>

The Foundation will support Silver or Gold Award Girl Scouts who plan to study abroad, irrespective of major/minor.

It is not necessary to be a Scholarship to Study a Foreign Language recipient to apply for this one time Study Abroad scholarship; nor are Scholarship to Study a Foreign Language recipients excluded from applying. The Scholarship to Study Abroad IS NOT renewable. Applications may be submitted for studying abroad during first semester, second semester, summer, or the full academic year.

Guidelines:

Applicant must be a Silver or Gold Award recipient.

Applicant is currently attending an accredited four year college or university as a full-time student.

Applicant must have attained at least a cumulative "B" average.

The Scholarship to Study Abroad will provide \$1,000 to assist awardees in studying abroad.

Application: <http://www.cjsfoundation.org/Application%20page.htm>

Application Deadline: Thursday, May 15, 2008 (5:00 pm, CST)

May. 31 The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation

THE COCA-COLA TWO-YEAR COLLEGES SCHOLARSHIP

<https://www.coca-colascholars.org/>

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation supports over 1,400 college students each year, with annual scholarships of \$3.4 million through two nationally recognized programs on behalf of the Coca-Cola System.

WHEN TO APPLY: MARCH 1 - MAY 31.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please contact the TWO YEAR COLLEGE that you attend (or plan to attend) for information on the NOMINATION process

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Current students, as well as high school seniors, planning to attend a two-year degree granting institution in the fall are eligible to apply for one of 350 one-time \$1,000 scholarship award.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be:

- U.S. citizens or permanent residents;
- Carrying a minimum of a 2.5 GPA at time of nomination;
- Planning to enroll in at least two courses during the fall term at a two-year, degree granting institution;
- Actively engaged in volunteer service or employed at least part-time.

APPLICANTS MAY NOT BE:

- Children or grandchildren of employees, officers or owners of Coca-Cola bottling companies, The Coca-Cola Company or any bottler or Company divisions or subsidiaries;

THE COCA-COLA TWO-YEAR COLLEGES SCHOLARSHIP

- Awards 350 one-time \$1,000 scholarships to students attending two-year, degree granting institutions within the U.S.
- Available to students planning to acquire an Associates degree from their institution
- Rewards leadership and excellence as demonstrated through academics, community service and/or employment
- Students should contact their institutions for deadline information.

Please note: The New Century Scholars Program supported by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and The Coca-Cola Foundation awards 50 one-time \$2,000 scholarships. For more information please visit: www.ptk.org

June

Jun. 30 **Girl Scouts of the United States of America**

Young Women of Distinction

<http://www.studio2b.org/>

10 Young Women of Distinction will be honored during a presentation at the National Council Session in Indianapolis, Ind.

Eligibility:

Any Girl Scout who received her Gold Award between October 1, 2006, and April 30, 2008, can apply, even if she is in college at the time of the event.

Application:

http://www.studio2b.org/gossipyouneed/2008_ywod_application.pdf

Application Procedures: http://www.studio2b.org/gossipyouneed/2008_ywod_application_instructions.pdf

All Gold Award recipients are encouraged to submit an application for nomination to their council. Each council can submit up to five nominations to GSUSA.

Applications from girls in USA Girl Scouts Overseas locations should be e-mailed to overseas@girlscouts.org.

Nomination Procedure:

Please complete one packet for each nominee and attach:

three copies, if sent via postal mail, and one copy if sent electronically, of completed packet. (Nomination packet must include the original Girl Scout Gold Award application form and final report.)

one letter of recommendation from a source outside of Girl Scouting

Nomination Deadlines:

Girls must submit their application for nomination to their councils by June 30, 2008. Council nominations must be received at GSUSA no later than July 7, 2008. Nominations arriving after this date will not be considered.

Questions may be e-mailed to ywod@girlscouts.org

August

Aug. 31 **ShillerMath and the Girl Scouts of the USA**

Rising Star Math Scholarships

<http://www.shillermath.com/girlscouts/home.php>

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, The M.I.T. Sloan School of Management, Deloitte & Touche, ShillerMath and the Girl Scouts of the USA share a common agenda: For kids to learn and love math. Together we are working to acknowledge outstanding performance and potential in math by awarding up to four \$10,000 scholarships and up to six runner up prizes to Girl Scouts graduating in 2008.

To be eligible to win a Rising Star Scholarship, you must:

- 1) Be a registered Girl Scout
- 2) Be a junior who plans to graduate high school in 2008
- 3) Major in mathematics (or physics) in college

Once you meet the eligibility requirements, here are four main criteria:

1) Academic achievement (e.g., the taking of advanced math classes in high school and SAT, SAT II, and GPA test scores)

- 2) Leadership and community service
- 3) A strong interest in math
- 4) Acceptance into a University as a declared math (or physics) major

The fourth criteria is not required upon application but will be required to receive the award if you are chosen as a winner.

What is the award? The award winners (up to four) will receive \$2,500 per year up to a maximum of \$10,000 total towards tuition. The award winners and up to six runners up will be matched with a mentor from the MIT Sloan School to help them be the best possible math scholars, leaders, and role models for girls of the next generation.

What is the deadline for application submission? Your application must be received by August 31, 2008. Application received after that date will be returned unopened. When you download your application you will receive a Rising Star application number ("RSAN"). Your RSAN is how we will track your application through the system.

Apply here: <http://girlscouts.shillermath.com/apply.php?sessid=b2801e8def222777dbaf136714e2280d>

Questions? Please send an email to info@risingstarsfoundation.org.

September

Tennessee Economic Council on Women Tennessee Economic Council Foundation High School Senior Scholarship Award

<http://tennessee.gov/sos/ecw/>

A Scholarship Award of \$1,000 will be presented to a High School Senior girl selected from each Grand Division of the State for a total of three.

Scholarship Selection Will Be Based on the Following Criteria:

Record of academic achievement both in high school and college entrance exams,
Participation and leadership demonstrated in school activities,
Participation in community activities, and
Quality of letters of reference.

1. Submit copy of official high school transcript and copy of ACT/SAT scores.
2. Describe participation in school activities.
3. Describe participation in community activities.
4. Provide a general description of employment positions held.
5. Provide two letters of reference that address applicant's leadership potential and worthiness.

Sept. 28 The Caring Institute

Caring Award

<http://www.caring-institute.org>

The Caring Institute is now accepting nominations for the Caring Award for individuals from 9 to 99 years old. The criteria are simple. Tell us about someone, in at least 500 words, who best personifies caring, and would be a worthy role model to be emulated by others. Letters of recommendation should be included to give testimony to a long-standing commitment to public service.

Please give consideration to:

- Length of service
- Scope and impact of work
- Degree of difficulty and obstacles encountered
- Imagination and innovation

An assembly of nominees are selected to be represented on the official ballot. The nominees are then voted on and selected by the Board of Trustees and previous Caring Award recipients. Recipients are flown to Washington, DC, and honored at a special ceremony. Young adults recipients receive educational monies for college tuition.

You may use our online nomination form to submit your information via the internet. You will receive an email confirmation informing you that your information has been received by the Caring Institute. Or, simply print the form at: <http://www.caring-institute.org/CaringAwardNominationForm.pdf>, fill in the information and send it, along with your letter of nomination to:

National Caring Awards
Caring Institute
228 Seventh Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003-4306

The nomination deadline for the 2009 Caring Awards nominations is September 28, 2008.

October

Oct. 31 **The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation**

Four Year Award for Seniors

<https://www.coca-colascholars.org>

WHEN TO APPLY:

AUGUST 1 - OCTOBER 31

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Awards 50 four-year \$20,000 scholarships and 200 four-year \$10,000 scholarships for use at accredited colleges and universities within the US.

Rewards leadership and excellence as exemplified through academic achievement and extracurricular activities, including commitment to community service.

Available beginning in August as an electronic application.

Applications must be submitted by October 31 of the senior year to qualify.

APPLICANTS MUST BE:

Current high school (or home-schooled) seniors attending school in the US.

US Citizens; US Nationals; US Permanent Residents; Temporary Residents (in a legalization program); Refugees; Asylees; Cuban-Haitian Entrants; or Humanitarian Paroles.

Seniors anticipating completion of a high school diploma during the academic year in which application is made.

Seniors planning to pursue a degree at an accredited US postsecondary institution.

Oct. 31 **Prudential Financial**

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

<http://www.prudential.com/spirit> or <http://www.principals.org/prudential>

Overview

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program recognizes students in grades 5–12 who have demonstrated exemplary community service. The program was created in 1995 and is sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). Over the past 12 years, the program has honored more than 70,000 young volunteers at the local, state, and national levels.

Download application at: <http://www.prudential.com/spirit> or <http://www.principals.org/prudential>

Student applications due back to schools or organizations - October 31, 2008.

Nominations

Schools and officially designated organizations (including Girl Scouts of the USA) may select one middle level and one high school Local Honoree for every 1,000 students (or portion thereof). Local Honorees are judged at the state level and 102 State Honorees from the 50 United States and the District of Columbia, will be named in February 2008. Each State Honoree will receive \$1,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC, with one parent or guardian. While in Washington DC, 10 National Honorees will be chosen. Each of the 10 National Honorees receives an additional \$5,000, a gold medallion, and a crystal trophy for his or her school.

Contacts

For additional information about this award program, or to obtain an application packet, call 888-450-9961 or 800-253-7746, ext. 324 or 326, or e-mail spirit@principals.org

November

Nov. 1 **Nestle**

Very Best in Youth

<http://www.nestle-verybestinyouth.com>

Nestlé helps young people who want to make a difference realize their dreams by donating \$1,000 in the name of each winner to the charity of his/her choice.

Nestlé awards the winner a trip for them and a parent or guardian to Los Angeles for the Nestlé Very Best In Youth awards ceremony. The trip includes round trip coach air travel, hotel accommodations for four nights plus spending money.

Winners are featured in a special publication.

Each entrant will receive a certificate of achievement from Nestlé and samples of Nestlé products.

Interested in Becoming a Candidate?

Nominees must be between 10 and 18 years of age and have permission from a parent or legal guardian to submit the nomination. Entrants also must:

Demonstrate good citizenship and a strong academic record.

Show how they have made a special contribution to their school, church or the community.

Applications are due November 1, 2008 and must be completed by the nominee (you, not your mom). In addition to eight essay questions, nominations must be accompanied by:

Two letters of recommendation (other than your parents)

Parent or Legal Guardian consent form

Copies of most current report cards or transcripts

For complete details, please download a Nestlé Very Best In Youth entry form at: <http://www.nestle-verybestinyouth.com/OnlineApplication/OnlineApplication.aspx>

Nov. 30 **The Heart of America Foundation**

The Christopher Reeve Award

<http://www.heartofamerica.org/scholarships.htm>

The Heart of America Foundation's Christopher Reeve Award is presented each year to an extraordinary youth who has demonstrated tremendous courage and compassion in serving his or her community. Nominees should be high school seniors or younger and the awardee must be a high school senior or younger at the time of the award in December. Nominations will be considered from September through November each year by an awards review committee. One award recipient will be selected by the end of December, and will receive a \$1000 scholarship for post secondary education.

Please include the basic information outlined below in your nomination. In addition, we ask that you provide as much detail as possible about the nominee's service efforts, what sets the nominee apart from his/her peers, and why the nominee should be considered for the Christopher Reeve Award.

Nominator's name, relationship to nominee, and complete contact information

Nominee's complete contact information, including address, phone, email, age

Nominee's school name, address and current grade level

Length of time doing volunteer work

Approximate hours of volunteer service

Details of volunteer work for each project

What sets the nominee apart from other volunteers

Your nomination should be emailed to colleen@heartofamerica.org or mailed to the Heart of America address listed on the website to the attention of "Christopher Reeve Award."

The American Youth Foundation

National Leadership Award & "I Dare You" Scholarship

http://www.ayf.com/prog_idy_main.asp

National Leadership Award

The American Youth Foundation's National Leadership Award is a unique opportunity for you to honor extraordinary young people for their character and leadership.

The award recognizes youth ages 15-18 years old who strive to be their personal best and make a positive difference in their schools, youth groups, 4-H clubs, and communities.

Award recipients receive a personalized award certificate, a copy of William H. Danforth's classic motivational book *I Dare You!*, is eligible to attend the American Youth Foundation's Leadership Conference, and is eligible to apply for the "I Dare You" Scholarship.

How to Select National Leadership Award Recipients

Choose any number of youth ages 15-18 who have completed their freshman year in high school and show outstanding qualities in servant leadership.

Online Selection Form: https://www.ayf.com/dare_you_reg.asp or printable Selection Form: http://www.ayf.com/pdf_docs/2007%20National%20Leadership%20Award%20Selection%20Form.pdf

Mail or fax printable form to:

AYF - Miniwanca
National Leadership Award
8845 W. Garfield Road
Shelby, Michigan 49455
Fax: (231) 861-5244

There is a \$20 fee per award, with no limit to quantity. You will receive a 10% discount if you purchase 10 or more awards.

All recipients of the National Leadership Award are eligible to apply for the "I Dare You!" Scholarship. To learn more about this scholarship, see below.

If you have questions about the National Leadership Award, please contact leadershipaward@ayf.com or via phone (231) 861-2262.

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"I Dare You" Scholarship Opportunity

Each year the American Youth Foundation selects youth who have demonstrated exceptional servant leadership within their communities, groups, or organizations to receive the "I Dare You" Scholarship. The scholarship provides the opportunity to attend the AYF's Leadership Conference, a nationally recognized leadership program.

All National Leadership Award recipients are eligible to apply for the "I Dare You!" Scholarship. Please note that the process for our "I Dare You!" Scholarship has changed. National Leadership Award recipients must complete the application process to be considered for the "I Dare You!" Scholarship to attend the AYF's Leadership Conference. Application materials for this scholarship will accompany each award.

National Leadership Award recipients can complete an online application or printable application to apply for the "I Dare You!" Scholarship.

Each year the AYF will choose a number of scholarship recipients from the pool of applicants. Scholarship winners will be contacted by the AYF.

Online application: <http://www.formassembly.com/forms/31594/>

Printable application:

http://www.ayf.com/pdf_docs/2007%20I%20Dare%20You%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf

Congressional Award Foundation

The Congressional Award

<http://www.congressionalaward.org>

The Congressional Award is the U.S. Congress' award for young Americans. It is non-partisan, voluntary, and non-competitive. The program is open to all 14- to 23-year-olds. Participants earn Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award Certificates and Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award Medals. Each level involves setting goals in four program areas; Volunteer Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration. Earning the Award is a fun and interesting way to get more involved in something you already enjoy or something you'd like to try for the first time. You move at your own pace - on your own or with your friends. This is not an award for past accomplishments. Instead, you are honored for achieving your own challenging goals.

Regardless of your situation, you can earn The Congressional Award. The Congressional Award has no minimum grade point average requirements. It accommodates young people with special needs or disabilities who are willing to take the challenge. The Congressional Award is open to all.

About the Award - Program Areas

Through The Congressional Award the U.S. Congress challenges young Americans to challenge themselves, and recognizes young people who set and achieve goals in four program areas: Volunteer Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration.

To Get Started, Complete the Registration Form:

<http://www.congressionalaward.org/congress/youth/regform.pdf>.

Submit the Registration Form and then send the \$10 fee and a signed waiver to:

The Congressional Award Foundation

PO Box 77440

Washington, DC 20013

(202) 226-0130

You only have to register one time, and the minimum age to register is 13 ½.

For more information: http://www.congressionalaward.org/congress/about/about_faq.htm

The President's Volunteer Service Award

Presidential Volunteer Service Award

<http://www.presidentialserviceawards.org/index.cfm>

Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard for service to others. It encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation and inspires others to make volunteering a central part of their lives. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard – measured by the number of hours served over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime.

Award Criteria

Any individual, family, or group can receive Presidential recognition for volunteer hours earned over a 12-month period or over the course of a lifetime at home or abroad. The following are the eligibility requirements for each age group:

Presidential Volunteer Service Award Criteria

Bronze Level:

Kids: 50 to 74 hours

Young Adults: 100 to 174 hours

Adults: 100 to 249 hours

Family & Groups: 200 to 499 hours

Silver Level:

Kids: 75-99 hours

Young Adults: 175-249 hours

Adults: 250-499 hours

Family & Groups: 500-999 hours

Gold Level:

Kids: 100 hours or more

Young Adults: 250 hours or more

Adults: 500 hours or more

Family & Groups: 1000 hours or more

President's Call to Service Award:

All Ages: 4,000 hours or more of volunteer service (over a lifetime).

The United Methodist Church

The Good Samaritan Award

<http://www.naums.org/AWARDS/Good-Sameritan-Award.pdf>

The purpose of the award is to provide United Methodist Churches a means to recognize an individual youth who demonstrates the attributes of the Good Samaritan described in Luke 10:25-37.

This award recognizes ministry to others through outreach, humanitarian assistance, or advocacy.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATING A CANDIDATE

The recipient may be a registered member of a civic youth-serving agency (Girl Scout troop, Boy Scout troop, Venture crew, Camp Fire Boys and Girls group/club, 4-H club) chartered to, sponsored by, or meeting in a United Methodist church. Or:

The recipient may be an active member of United Methodist Youth (UMY), or a youth member of a United Methodist Church.

The recipient must be a student in grade 7 through 12 or between the ages of 12 and 19 (has not reached 19th birthday).

The recipient must be nominated by an adult familiar with the youth's outstanding service (pastor, scout leader, scouting coordinator, youth minister or coordinator, or an adult member of a United Methodist Church, for example).

The recipient is participating in outreach ministry within the context of the local United Methodist church giving the award.

EXAMPLES OF MINISTRY TO OTHERS

- Humanitarian Assistance – Hunger relief (youth/scout coordinated a “potato drop” through the Society of St. Andrew, a national hunger relief organization sponsored by United Methodist Men)
- Advocacy/Education – Youth/scout attended a Harvest for Hope youth camp (weekend or week-long) operated by the Society of St. Andrew

- Outreach – Youth/scout directed a service project to benefit homeless persons through a “shelter” in his/her community; coordinated a service project that benefited persons with AIDS through a community shelter or hospice; volunteer service at a “clothes closet” or thrift shop, e.g., through the Salvation Army
- Outreach – Youth/scout rendered service that benefited a low-income day care center or a center for at-risk youth
- Outreach – Youth/scout coordinated a service project that benefited a senior citizen facility, nursing home, or independent living facility
- Other
 - ❖ Youth/scout who completed or coordinated a Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Camp Fire, or 4 H service project which had a significant positive outcome in improving the quality of life for less fortunate individuals
 - ❖ Impromptu actions in response to a need
 - ❖ Unsung youth/scout actions observed or discovered by an adult

Other:

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GIRL SCOUTS ***Including: University and College Scholarships***

Compiled by Girl Scouts of the USA

http://www.studio2b.org/gossipyouneed/scholarshipsfor_girlscouts.pdf

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