

## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

## **SUBJECT: The 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**

Over the past 18 years, Prudential Spirit of Community Awards have been given to more than 2,625 middle and high school students across Virginia for helping the less fortunate, promoting health and safety, protecting the environment, and serving their communities through many other volunteer activities. These awards, presented nationwide by Prudential Financial, Inc., in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), honor outstanding community service by young people in grades 5 through 12.

Young volunteers can apply online at <a href="http://spirit.prudential.com">http://spirit.prudential.com</a> or at <a href="www.nassp.org/spirit">www.nassp.org/spirit</a>. Applications must be completed by November 5, 2013, and then submitted to a middle or high school principal, Girl Scout council, county 4-H agent, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA, or affiliate of HandsOn Network. Those without Internet access can get a paper version of the application form by calling 877-525-8491 toll-free.

For questions about the application process, please refer to the Web site at <a href="http://www.doe.virginia.govhttp://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc/14782?lp=14781">http://www.doe.virginia.govhttp://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc/14782?lp=14781</a> or contact International Scholarship and Tuition Services at 200 Crutchfield Avenue, Nashville, TN 37210, by telephone at 877-525-8491 (toll free) or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:info@applyists.com">info@applyists.com</a>.

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