



## **NSCA Community Service Youth Awards**

*(Sponsored by Eagle Bank)*

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the NSCA Community Service Youth Awards (Sponsored by Eagle Bank) is to recognize youth who have demonstrated civic mindedness by engaging in community service. Three recipients will be recognized annually, one each at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. NSCA hopes this award will encourage young residents to become more involved in & see the value of volunteerism inside & outside of their neighborhood. For the purpose of this application, community service is defined as a not-for-pay activity that is performed by the applicant, either individually or as part of a group, solely for the benefit of the public or a public institution.

### **Awards:**

1. Elementary School Category: \$100 cash award and a certificate of recognition
2. Middle School Category: \$200 cash award and a certificate of recognition
3. High School Category: \$300 cash award and a certificate of recognition

### **Eligibility:**

1. Student must be a resident of a home served by the North Springfield Civic Association (Refer to the map at the end of this announcement).
2. Student must be in K-12 (public, private, or homeschool)
3. Family may be a homeowner or a renter. Applicants/Nominees will not be penalized if they have not paid their annual civic association dues
4. Past recipients must have a one-year gap between awards (i.e. this year's awardees may reapply in two years if they still meet the eligibility criteria).

### **Submission Requirements:**

1. 25 Points – Letter of recommendation/nomination from an unrelated adult who does not reside in the same household (e.g. neighbor, school personnel, church pastor, etc.) detailing what community service work the student has done and/or how he or she is being a good steward of the community.

The letter of recommendation must include:

- a) The student's name, address, phone number, and email address (if applicable)
- b) Name, address, phone number, and email address (if applicable) of the person recommending the student.
- c) 5 Points – How you know the student and for how long?
- d) 15 Points – Describe what community service the student did. Was it a one-time opportunity or is it an ongoing endeavor? Did he or she take a leadership role on the project or was he or she a team member? Etc.
- e) 5 Points – Why does the student deserve recognition for this community service?



2. 75 Points – Essay (½ page elementary school, 1-page middle school, 2-pages high school) or a video (3-5 minutes) done by the student detailing the following:
- 10 Points – Tell us about your community service project? Be as specific as possible.
  - 10 Points – How many hours did you spend doing community service?
  - 15 Points – What does community service mean to you & why did you choose this particular community service?
  - 15 Points – What were the results of your service & how did the community benefit from it?
  - 20 Points – What did you learn/experience from your community service? What did you like/dislike?
  - 5 Points – What other community service projects do you plan to do and why?

**Judging:**

Judges will be from outside of the North Springfield community to ensure impartiality and will be selected by the NSCA Board. Judges will be active in community service and civic engagement themselves. Students will only be judged against those in their own category. All students who apply will receive their score, but NSCA will not provide specific feedback regarding their scoring. In the event of a tie, judges will evaluate several factors, including but not limited to the overall impact of the project(s), the duration of service, whether the student took a leadership role, and the degree of difficulty of the work done.

**Parental Consent:**

I, the below undersigned, authorize the North Springfield Civic Association (NSCA) to use the student’s (applicant’s) name, photo/likeness, and submission materials with any subsequent public information releases, including those in print, email, and social media. **PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR SUBMISSION.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian

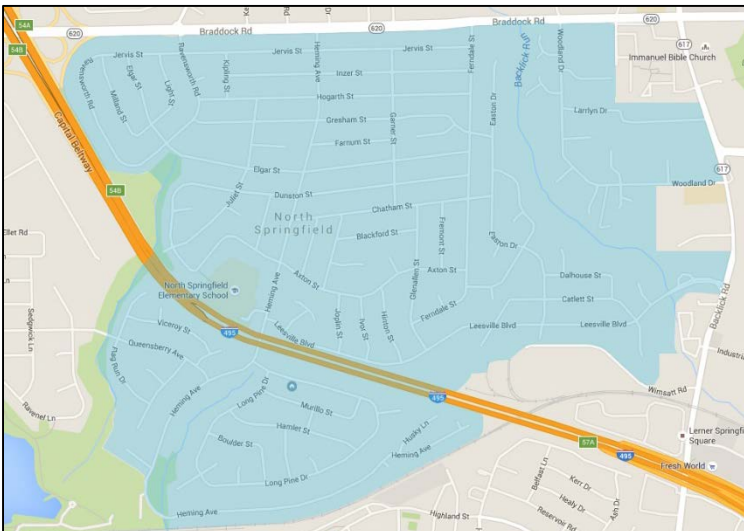
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Date

**Submission & Deadline:**

Essays must be typed (11 or 12-point size, single spaced). Videos should be uploaded to YouTube or submitted in an mpeg format on either a memory stick or a DVD (will not be returned). Applications must be postmarked or timestamped by May 31, 2016 (mailed to NSCA’s PO Box below or emailed to [NSCAServiceAwards@gmail.com](mailto:NSCAServiceAwards@gmail.com)). Be sure to include full contact information. Those receiving awards will be notified by mid-July and awards will be presented at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> National Night Out event.

Questions? Email [NSCAServiceAwards@gmail.com](mailto:NSCAServiceAwards@gmail.com) or call (703) 851-8505.



Student must be a resident of a home served by the North Springfield Civic Association (includes North Springfield “proper” & the single-family homes along Woodland Drive but excludes the Ravensworth Farm community and the Leewood, Leewood Forest, & Braddock Mews townhomes). North Springfield “proper” is the community bounded by Braddock Road to the north; the Norfolk Southern railroad line & the buffer of trees along Wimsatt Road to the south; Backlick Road to the east; and the Flag Run body of water to the west.