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President to Recognize Leading Higher Education Institutions for Community Service



- 3.1 million students engaged in community service*
- 118 million hours of community service by students*
- \$2.5 billion is the value of student community service*

Apply Today to the 2014 Honor Roll!

Each year, the President of the United States recognizes higher education institutions that reflect the values of exemplary community service and achieve meaningful, measurable outcomes in communities through service.

The 2014 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll highlights the role colleges and universities play in solving community challenges and as a result, more students are likely to pursue a lifelong path of civic engagement that achieves meaningful and measurable outcomes in the communities they serve.

Program Goals

- Increase public awareness of the impact that campus service has on communities and the nation.
- Recognize institutions with high-quality service programs that demonstrate measurable results in meeting community needs.
- Encourage institutions of higher education to strengthen their commitment to service and civic engagement.
- Increase the number and impact of students in meeting community needs.

Eligibility

All accredited degree-granting colleges and universities in the United States are eligible and encouraged to apply.

Any college or university participating in the Federal Work-Study (FWS) program must meet the statutory 7 percent minimum FWS community service requirement for the most recent available school year. Previous applicants must re-apply each year.

**Statistics from 2013*

Competition Categories

Applications will be accepted in four categories:

General Community Service recognizes the quality of, quantity of, and commitment to community service initiatives at a college or university. This category will reflect the best practices of community service and service learning, such as long-term campus-community partnerships and measurable community outcomes as a result of the service.

Economic Opportunity recognizes institutions with service programs that build economic independence, increase family stability, and create more sustainable and resilient communities. Institutions applying in this category will be engaged in service that improves the financial well-being and security of economically disadvantaged individuals.

Education recognizes institutions that have made a commitment to improving educational outcomes for children and youth

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in pre-kindergarten through undergraduate education. Institutions applying in this category will be those engaged in service that addresses school readiness, strengthens schools, address early warning indicators such as attendance and behavior issues, boost high school graduation rates, and/or help to prepare youth for college success.

Interfaith Community Service recognizes institutions that are addressing community issues (such as education or health) with a focus on interfaith cooperation. Effective

interfaith programs facilitate positive meaningful relationships between people from different religious and non-religious backgrounds and increase appreciative knowledge of other traditions.

For all four categories, it is important to highlight the qualitative impact that your service programs have had on the community in addition to the quantitative data, such as the number of volunteers and the number of hours served.

The Award Levels

Of the institutions that are admitted to the Honor Roll, some receive “With Distinction” honors and four will be selected to receive the Presidential Award, the highest federal recognition an institution can receive for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement.

- The Presidential Awards will be presented to four institutions—one each in general community service, economic opportunity, education, and interfaith community service. These schools reflect the best practices in the specified category for community service and service-learning, including long-term campus-community partnerships and measurable community outcomes as a result of their service.
- The Presidential Award Finalists are so designated to the small group of institutions that are considered for, but do not receive the Presidential Award. These institutions demonstrate high standards of community service, measurable outcomes, and success within its specified service programs.
- The Honor Roll “With Distinction” recognition will be given to those applicants that display strong levels of institutional commitment, provide a compelling case for partnerships that produce measurable impact in the community, and have a Federal Work-Study community service percentage of 15 percent or above.
- The Honor Roll recognition will be given to institutions that demonstrate relevant and meaningful service and achieve measurable impacts in the community. Institutions participating in the Federal Work Study program must meet the statutory 7 percent minimum FWS community service requirement to be admitted to the Honor Roll.

Submitting an Application

Applications must be submitted electronically via the online application system. To learn more and apply to be on the Honor Roll, visit:

NationalService.gov/HonorRoll

You can also visit our Facebook page:

[Facebook.com/PresidentsHonorRoll](https://www.facebook.com/PresidentsHonorRoll)

**The deadline for the
2014 Honor Roll submissions
is April 3, 2014.**

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