

2009 Sprint Community Champions Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the Sprint Community Champions Program?

A: The Sprint Community Champions program is an initiative to recognize and reward outstanding adults and youth who have made a positive impact in their local community through their volunteer efforts. Sprint will award grants in the name of a winning adult community champion and youth community champion in participating local markets to an eligible non-profit organization of their choice. For 2009, Sprint will award Community Champion program grants awards totaling \$7,500 in each of the following metro areas: Atlanta, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, and New York City. Sprint will award (1) \$5,000 grant on behalf of the adult winner and (1) \$2,500 grant on behalf of the high school winner to an eligible 501c3 non-profit organization of the winners designation in the following metro areas: Atlanta, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, and New York City

Q: Can I nominate myself for the Sprint Community Champions Program?

A: Yes, you can either nominate yourself for this award or someone else, such as a teacher, parent, non-profit leader or co-worker can nominate an individual for this award program.

Q: Who is eligible to apply for the Sprint Youth Community Champion Program?

A: The Sprint Youth Community Champion program is open to all students who will be in 9th-12th grades for the 2009-2010 school year from the following metro areas: Atlanta, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver and New York City. Any nominees over 18 years of age should be nominated for the Sprint Local Community Champions Program.

Q: Can I nominate someone who is not yet in high school?

A: No, the Sprint Youth Community Champions program is only open to 9th-12th grade students.

Q: How do I nominate someone for the Sprint Community Champions Program?

A: Nominations must be submitted via the online application at www.sprint.com/communitychampion. Only applications submitted online will be accepted

Q. Are Sprint employees and their family members eligible to participate?

A: Employees of Sprint, employees of Sprint contractors, affiliates, partners, and other entities with a direct relationship to Sprint ("Employees"), Employee's immediate family (spouse, parent, sibling, children) and household members of the Employee are not eligible to be a nominator or a nominee for the Sprint Community Champions program.

Q: When is the application period?

A: Online applications will be accepted beginning on Friday, May 1, 2009, 9 a.m. CDT and the application period will close on Friday, July 31, 2009, 5 p.m. CDT.

Q: What If I miss the application deadline, can I still submit an application?

A: All applications must be submitted by Friday, July 31, 2009, 5 p.m. CDT to be eligible for consideration.

Q: I started an application and selected “Save & Finish Later”. How do I get back to finish and submit it?

A: If you start an application and decide to "Save & Finish Later", be sure to save the account password that you create and use the link below to return to your application.

https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_284

Q: How do I know if am considered to be from one of the eligible metro markets?

A: Individuals who reside in the following counties from each metro area are eligible to submit a Sprint Community Champions application:

Atlanta- Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale Counties.

Dallas/Fort Worth- Collin, Dallas, Delta, Denton, Ellis, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise counties.

Denver- Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties.

New York City Metro- In New York, Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester Counties. In New Jersey, Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex and Union Counties.

Q: What if I do not reside in one of the above mentioned Counties. Can I still apply?

A: Only applicants who reside in the above mentioned Counties can apply for the Sprint Community Champion Program.

Q: What kind of information should I include in my nomination?

A: Nominations should detail the individual accomplishments of the nominee in their local community and should explain how the nominee has made a lasting positive impact on individuals and or non-profit organizations in their community

Q. How will applications be judged?

A. Judging will be based on the following criteria

- What community need do the nominee’s efforts address?
- Community results and positive change generated by the nominee’s efforts.
- What makes the nominee unique and stand out among all volunteers?

Q: How will I be notified of my application status?

A: All nominators and winning nominees will be notified via email by October 15, 2009.

Q. If I am selected as a winner, can I designate any non-profit organization to be the recipient of this grant award?

A: Yes, you can designate a registered 501c3 non-profit organization to be the recipient of your grant award check. Organizations that are not eligible are:

- Political or religious organizations even if they have 501c3 status
- Boy Scout Troops or other organizations that provide a 501c3 that is affiliated with a religious organization
- Schools that are not accredited.
- Organizations without a 501c3 status.
- Organizations with a 501c4 IRS classification

Q. How do I know if the organization I want to designate is a 501c3 non-profit?

A: Sprint will verify that the organization you would like to designate your grant award to is a 501c3 non-profit and confirm this with you. If the organization you have designated is not a registered with the IRS as a 501c3 non-profit organization, you will be asked to designate another organization to receive these grant award funds.

Q. Who can I contact with questions about the Sprint Community Champions Program?

A: Please email any additional questions to local_giving_program@sprint.com