

2010 Sprint Community Champions Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the Sprint Community Champions Program?

A: The Sprint Community Champions program recognizes and rewards outstanding adults and young people who have made a positive impact in their local community through their volunteer efforts. Sprint will name Adult and Youth Community Champions in participating local markets, and the Sprint Foundation will award grants to eligible non-profit organizations of the honorees' choice in the honorees' name. For 2010, the Sprint Foundation will award a total of \$30,000 in Community Champion grants to organizations in following metro areas: Atlanta, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver and New York City. In each of these markets, the Sprint Foundation will award (1) \$5,000 grant on behalf of an adult winner and (1) \$2,500 grant on behalf of a high-school winner to eligible 501(c)3 non-profit organizations of the winners' designation.

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

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

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

A: The Sprint Adult Community Champion award nominations are open to all adults over the age of 18 in the following metro areas: Atlanta, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Denver and New York City.

The Sprint Youth Community Champion award nominations are open to all students who will be in 9th-12th grades for the 2010-2011 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.

For purposes of this program, the eligible metro areas are defined using the following counties:

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.

Unfortunately, only individuals who reside in these counties will be eligible for nomination.

Q: Can I nominate someone who is not yet in high school or who is graduating during the 2009-10 school year?

A: No, the Sprint Youth Community Champions program is only open to students who will be in 9th–12th grade during the 2010-11 school year.

Q: Can I nominate someone that received a Sprint Community Champions honor in 2009?

A: No. Individuals that were honored as a Sprint Local Community Champion or Sprint Youth Community Champion in 2009 cannot be nominated in 2010. However, if someone was nominated in 2009, but not selected as a winner, that individual can be nominated for the 2010 Sprint Community Champions program.

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 Thursday, April 15, 2010, 9 a.m. CDT and the application period will close on Monday, May 17, 2010, 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 Monday, May 17, 2010, 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: What kind of information should I include in my nomination?

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

Q. How will applications be judged?

A. Judging will be based on the following criteria

- What community need do the nominee’s efforts address?
- What results and positive changes have been 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 Aug. 2, 2010.

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 501(c)3 non-profit organization to be the recipient of your grant award check. The organization must be located in one of qualifying counties within the metro area that the winner resides. Organizations that are not eligible are:

- Political or religious organizations even if they have 501(c)3 status
- Individual sports teams or scout troops. Any grants to these organizations should be directed to the regional parent organization, assuming they have 501(c)3 status
- Schools, school districts, colleges or universities
- Organizations without a 501(c)3 status.
- Organizations with a 501(c)4 IRS classification

Q. How do I know if the organization I want to designate is a 501(c)3 non-profit?

A: You can ask the organization, or Sprint can verify that the organization you would like to designate your grant award to is a 501(c)3 non-profit and confirm this with you. If the organization you have designated is not a registered with the IRS as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, you will be asked to designate another organization to receive these grant award funds.

Q. Can a 501(c)3 organization that was selected as the designated recipient of a 2009 Sprint Community Champions grant or an organization that received a 2009 Sprint Local Grant be selected by an honoree as their designated non-profit organization in 2010.

A: Yes. Any 501(c)3 organizations that meet the above identified qualifications can be a Sprint Community Champions honoree to receive the grant award.

Q. In 2009, Sprint offered both a Community Champions program (focused on individual volunteers) and a Local Grant program (focused on local charitable organizations). Will Sprint be running the Local Grant program again in 2010?

A: Yes. Information on the 2010 Local Grant program will be released in May.

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.