



# THE PRESIDENT'S Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll *2013 Honor Roll*

## The President of the United States Honors Colleges and Universities that Support Summer Learning



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 the communities they serve.

The 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll includes three Special Focus Area categories that are aligned with the President's education and innovation priorities: Summer Learning, Promise Neighborhoods, and Early Childhood Education.

**Summer Learning** helps reduce the academic achievement gap between lower- and higher-income youth by providing education services during the critical summer months. Effective summer learning programs can improve academic outcomes for youth, lead to higher graduation rates, and better prepare students for college. Institutions of higher education submitting applications in this category are engaged in opportunities for youth to participate in high quality summer learning programs.

Such high quality programs provide age-appropriate and intentionally focused activities to build skills and subject matter expertise. Successful programs will also include hands-on and project-based components that help participants develop skills for school and life.

### To Apply

To address the 2013 Honor Roll application focus on community outcomes, applicants may describe how their service projects improve educational achievement for the participating youth. Describe any innovative strategies and tactics undertaken to partner with low-performing schools to enhance existing summer learning programs. Explain how your institution's interventions reverse or reduce the "summer slide," a loss of skills acquired during the school year, for K-12 students.

Strong applications will discuss the use of assessment and evaluation to improve service interventions and provide credible evidence as well as measurable results.

Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors, including the scope and innovation of service projects, the extent to which service-learning is embedded in the curriculum, the school's commitment to long-term campus-community partnerships, and measurable community outcomes as a result of the service.

### 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% minimum FWS community service

requirement for the most recent available school year. Previous applicants must re-apply each year.



The deadline for the 2013 Honor Roll submissions is **November 29, 2012**.

The winners will be announced on at the American Council on Education (ACE) Conference, **March 2-5, 2013**, in Washington, DC.

#### Award Levels

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

- **The General Community Service Presidential Awards** will be presented to three institutions that 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 their service.
- **The Special Focus Area Presidential Awards** will be presented to three institutions that best demonstrate success in the key areas of the President’s service and education plan: service that supports summer learning; work in the

Promise Neighborhoods model; and exemplifying and advancing the innovation in early childhood education partnerships.

- **With Distinction:** The Honor Roll’s “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% or above.
- **Honor Roll:** Institutions will be admitted to the Honor Roll 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% minimum FWS community service requirement to be admitted to the Honor Roll.



#### Further Information

For information, visit <http://NationalService.gov/HonorRoll>

Applications must be submitted electronically via the online application system. To apply to be on the Honor Roll visit: <http://myproject.nationalservice.gov/honorroll/>

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

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