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## **MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD 2025**

AN AWARD TO ACKNOWLEDGE EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNITY SERVICE  
BY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Students must complete the application below, on page 2, including phone number with area code, address, email, grade, school information, and previous honors.

### **Requirements:**

- Students must have extraordinary experience volunteering or in community projects that make a difference in the lives of others.
- Students must be on track to graduate in good academic standing.
- Students are required to fill out our application and write a concise essay describing the community service project(s) in which they participated over the 2024-25 school year.
- A current academic transcript must be sent with the application.

### **Deadline: March 3, 2025**

Only complete and timely applications will be considered.

### **Essay Instructions:**

Students must type a thoughtful, well-written essay that describes their experiences working to help others in their communities. The focus should be on self-directed volunteerism that exceeds the service requirements mandated or sponsored by the school. The essay should meet the following formatting criteria:

- 1.25-inch margins on all sides
- PDF or .docx formats preferred
- 300-word minimum
- Student's full name, grade, and school name visible on each page

Exceptional applicants will receive a \$750 award.

Should you have any questions, please contact us at [makeadifference@blslawyers.com](mailto:makeadifference@blslawyers.com).



## 2025 Make A Difference Award Application

Deadline to Apply: March 3, 2025

**The school is neither endorsing nor sponsoring this event, product or service, nor endorsing the views of the sponsoring organization.**

### Student Contact Information

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.# \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

When is your school's award ceremony: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Legal Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size:  Small  Medium  Large  X-Large

### Academic Information

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (attach transcript)

Grade Level (or equivalent): \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list academic honors below: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list non-academic community achievements and volunteer work below.

Use a separate piece of paper if necessary.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please email all information, including most recent transcript and personal essay, to: [makeadifference@bbslawyers.com](mailto:makeadifference@bbslawyers.com).**

If you have any questions, check out our website at: [www.bbslawyers.com/make-a-difference-awards.html](http://www.bbslawyers.com/make-a-difference-awards.html)