

2026 Spirit of Service Award—\$1,000 Cash Award

Sponsored by Rusty Maggard and Kim Chism Jasper

Open to students in grades 11-12 or home school equivalent
Applicant's sponsor (teacher, parent, mentor) **MUST BE** a LAD member.

The Spirit of Service Award seeks to encourage and reward altruism in young adults. We are looking for young adults who step outside themselves and make a difference in their communities by caring for and helping others. (You define your community: school, neighborhood, city/town, state, the world) The project should take place between April 2025 and March 2026. This project should not be part of another service project: such as an Eagle Scout project. You are encouraged to work with other entities (churches, nonprofits, service clubs), but you should be an integral part of the project, not simply a participant.

Submission Guidelines:

Your Story

Using communication skills in an effective manner, tell your story (in any or multiple genres), describing your project and its impact on you and your community. Photographs are encouraged.

Describe

- the community, the need for the project, and what inspired the project;
- the organization and/or research behind the project;
- the sustainability of the project; how follow up (if needed) will continue;
- other partners involved in the project.

Reflect

- about the impact of the project;
- about what you learned from the experience, about yourself and the world;
- about what you wish you had known before that you now know.

Imagine

- ways to improve the project;
- who else might join you in this project;
- how you would use the Spirit of Service Award if you receive it.

2026 Spirit of Service Award Application

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Title of Project: _____

Student email: _____ Student phone/text: _____

Student address: _____

School name: _____ School phone: _____

School address: _____

Sponsor name: _____
(Sponsor **MUST BE** a LAD member)

Sponsor email: _____ Sponsor phone/text: _____

Submission Process:

- Tell your story, using the **Describe, Reflect, and Imagine Submission Guidelines**.
- Include a completed application form with your submission.
- Submit in one of two ways:

 **Deliver in person (along with other LAD entries)

 Friday, March 27, 2026, by 4:30 p.m., to Republic High School, Republic, MO

OR

 **Postmark no later than March 20, 2026

If mailing, send entry to:

Casey Daugherty
Spirit of Service Award
Republic High School
4370 Repmo Drive
Republic, MO 65738

Questions?

Contact Kim Chism Jasper
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Check LAD's website (www.ladfair.com) for scholarship updates.

Sponsors reserve the right to award no winner.