

2023 LORET MILLER RUPPE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

The annual Loret Miller Ruppe Award, named after the widely admired 10th director of the Peace Corps, is presented by NPCA to RPCV affiliate groups for outstanding initiatives and projects that successfully

- promote the Third Goal of Peace Corps, or
- continue to serve host countries, or
- build cooperation between communities, or
- promote service and volunteerism.

The purpose of the award is to recognize the great work that RPCV groups are doing and to share ideas and practices that other groups can replicate. Eligible projects and initiatives include those completed within the past two years or ongoing for at least three years. Read about past winners on our [website](#).

Eligibility

1. The group's NPCA affiliation must be current at the time of nomination and the time of the award.
2. The activity(ies) for which the group is nominated must be current (i.e., completed within the past two years, or ongoing for 3 or more years).
3. The group must not have won the award within the last 5 years (**even if for a different activity**).
4. The completed application must be emailed to groups@peacecorpsconnect.org by Friday, June 16.

How to Apply

1. Complete and sign application form (page 2). **Required.**
2. Describe your project in one page (page 3). **Required.**
3. Add one to four engaging photos of participants carrying out the activity. Avoid large group shots unless they are cropped so participants fill the frame and are pictured from the waist up. **Required.**
4. Add relevant documentation that supports the application, if desired. **Optional.**

Selection Criteria and Process

1. Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria.
 - How well the group promotes the Third Goal of the Peace Corps
 - The scope and impact of the activity on the community served
 - How well the activity(ies) serve as a model or inspiration for other groups
2. The NPCA awards committee will evaluate applications and notify up to three finalists by July 5.
3. Finalists will create a 5 minute video showcasing their work and submit it to NPCA by August 14.
4. Finalists will present their videos at Peace Corps Connect on September 9.
5. Voting will be open for two weeks, from September 9 to September 22. All NPCA members can vote.
6. The winner will be announced in October and presented with a \$500 cash award.

Timeline

Deadline to submit application	Friday, June 16, 2023
Committee selects and informs finalists	Wednesday, July 5, 2023
Deadline for finalists to submit videos to NPCA	Monday, August 14, 2023
Finalists present videos at Peace Corps Connect	Saturday, September 9, 2023
Voting closes and winner announced	October 2023

**National Peace Corps Association
Loret Miller Ruppe Award for Outstanding Community Service
2023 Application**

NPCA Affiliate Group Name:

Point of Contact for Group/Activity(ies):

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Activity Title:

Activity Goal (60 words or less):

How and where has the activity been promoted? (i.e. website, media, newsletter, social media, etc.) Provide URL links and/or attach relevant documents, if applicable.

Was the activity completed within the past two years, or has it been ongoing for 3 years or more?
___ yes ___ no When did this activity first begin? _____

Has this group won the Ruppe Award within the past 5 years? ___ yes ___ no

Submitted by

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Position in affiliate group:

The signature below signifies that I have read and agree to abide by the 2023 Ruppe Award selection process, that the information included with this nomination is accurate, and that the nominator and nominee may be contacted for additional information.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Activity Description

Submit the following as a separate document (maximum one-page, size 12 font).

- I. **Activity Overview.** Include the following.
 - a. description of activity and implementation
 - b. level of group and/or community involvement
 - c. how the activity is/was funded (if applicable)
- II. **Third Goal connection.** Explain how this activity achieved the aims of the Peace Corps' Third Goal.
- III. **Activity Results.** Describe the scope of the community/audience reached, the impact on that target community/audience and/or the benefit to the affiliate group.
- IV. **Ability to Replicate.** Explain how this activity can serve as an inspiration or model for other NPCA affiliate groups.

All application materials must be submitted electronically to groups@peacecorpsconnect.org by Friday, June 16, 2023.

Questions? Email groups@peacecorpsconnect.org

Thank you for your submission!