2024 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, July 19, 2024.

How to Apply
1. Complete and sign application form (page 2). Required.
2. Describe your project in one page (page 3). Required.
3. 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 26, 2024.
3. Finalists will provide one to four engaging photos of participants carrying out the activity by September 1, 2024. (Avoid large group shots unless they are cropped so participants fill the frame and are pictured from the waist up). Please deliver photos that are higher resolution (ideally at least 300 dpi). Avoid pixelated photos.
4. Finalists will create a video (no longer than 7 minutes) showcasing their work and submit it to NPCA by September 1, 2024.
   ● Please be as concise as possible. It is recommended that you have some key points when you record your pitch, so it goes more smoothly.
   ● The video should have clean audio and video. Avoid recording in direct sunlight to prevent raccoon eyes or hard shadows. Instead, it’s recommended that you record in well-lit interiors or with cloudy, diffused lighting. Film the video in a quiet setting, preferably in a closed-off room with little noise. It is also preferable to use a tripod, or have a second person record the interviewee with steady hand-held. If video equipment is not available, I-phones record good video and audio.
   ● Feel free to edit the video to include any photos or video that you would love to feature.
   ● Submit a high-resolution (at least 720p) mp4 video to groups@peacecorpsconnect.org. Any questions, please contact groups@peacecorpsconnect.org.
   ● Examples of winner videos for reference:
     ○ Friends of Liberia
     ○ Groups of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Supporting Ukraine
5. Finalists will present their videos at Peace Corps Connect on September 14, 2024.
6. Voting will be open for two weeks, from September 16, 2024 to September 27, 2024. All NPCA members can vote.
7. The winner will be announced on October 11, 2024 and presented with a $500 cash award.

Timeline

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National Peace Corps Association
Loret Miller Ruppe Award for Outstanding Community Service
2024 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 2024 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](mailto:groups@peacecorpsconnect.org) by Friday, July 19, 2024.

Questions? Email [groups@peacecorpsconnect.org](mailto:groups@peacecorpsconnect.org)

Thank you for your submission!