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# Register Online to Earn a Congressional Award

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**Missouri** - The Congressional Award is the highest honor Congress bestows upon young people and offers a non-competitive opportunity for you to realize their own potential. With over 43,000 registered participants and more than 5 million hours of community service completed in pursuit of the Award established in 1979, this program nurtures a dedication to both public service and personal growth.

Participants register for the program online at [www.jasonsmith.house.gov](http://www.jasonsmith.house.gov) and then work with an adult advisor they choose to set goals in four program areas: Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration. Upon successful completion of the program requirements, participants are presented in state and local ceremonies with a Congressional Award certificate or medal - Bronze, Silver, or Gold.

Jason Smith is actively seeking youth ages 14 - 23 in the 8th Congressional District to enlist in the Congressional Award Program. There are no minimum grade point average requirements and the program accommodates youth with special needs and disabilities. Students already engaged in after-school activities that provide community service, improve academic skills, or develop athletic abilities may use these and many other pursuits to qualify for this special honor. Please let your students know about this award and the process to attain it.

To find out more, please go to [www.jasonsmith.house.gov](http://www.jasonsmith.house.gov) or contact a district office. Jason looks forward to seeing the many wonderful contributions the 8th Congressional

District Award participants will make through their citizenship and service.

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