



The JCO Leadership in Community Award

The JCO aims to inspire, empower and encourage others, particularly children, to get involved and make a difference for others in their community. In keeping with this mission and in recognition of the outstanding efforts of our long-time Co-President Lisa Halperin, in 2017 the JCO of Northern Bergen County created the *JCO Leadership In Community Award* designed to recognize youth in Bergen County who have demonstrated a commitment to community service. Candidates for this award must display extraordinary leadership, initiative and dedication to helping others through fundraising and/or hands-on support.

The application process will open to the community every Fall and one award recipient will be selected by the JCO Executive Board each winter. Recipients will be selected based upon age, creativity, duration of efforts, and overall dedication. The recipient will receive community recognition, a gift card for personal use, and the ability to direct a donation, payable by the JCO, to the registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization of his or her choosing. We are thrilled to be able to formally recognize youth who have made “giving back” a priority and passion.

2017 Guidelines for The JCO Leadership in Community Award:

- Applications should be sent to: JCO, P.O. Box 600, Saddle River, NJ 07458 with a notation on the envelope that says: *Leadership in Community Award Applicant*.
- All applications must be post-marked by December 1, 2017.
- Incomplete applications cannot be considered.
- An application may be self-initiated by the child applicant, or can be submitted by parents, peers, teachers and or mentors on behalf of a child.
- Applicants must be between the ages of 7-16 on the date the application is submitted.

- All applications must include a letter of recommendation written by someone, age 18 or older, who is familiar with the applicant's community service efforts.
- Applicants must reside in Bergen County and the award recipient will be required to show proof of residency.
- No goods or services may be exchanged for consideration of an application.
- The award recipient must be willing to appear at a JCO event, at a date and time to be mutually agreed upon, to speak about their community service efforts.
- Children of the current JCO Executive Board are not eligible for the award.