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November Civic Action

All-America City Award

Apply now for 2015

The National Civic League's All-America City Award program recognizes ten communities each year for outstanding civic accomplishments. This award provides an opportunity to mobilize local groups to work together and display on a national stage the people and projects that make their community a great place to live, work and play.

NCL invites you to share your work that harnesses the power boys and men can bring to their communities as the All-America City spotlight for 2015 is engaging and supporting vulnerable boys and young men. NCL takes a broad and inclusive view of vulnerable boys and young men and includes populations that are African American, Latino, Native American, Asian Pacific Islander, economically challenged, disabled, LGBTQI, religious and other at-risk or under-served identities.

[Learn more,](#)

[request an application,](#)

[submit a letter of intent](#) by November 25th to receive 50% off the application fee.

Attend an ACHIEVE forum

The National Civic League's All-America City (AAC) Program creates a desired opportunity for high achieving communities to discuss innovative ways that are addressing long-standing municipal problems. The ACHIEVE (All-America Cities Hosting Idea Exchanges by Victorious Entities) Forums seek to build off of and support the AAC Program and its communities by providing regional forums to share ideas and learn from one another. Past All-America Cities are invited to share their expertise at regional forums to a group of past AAC winners and finalists and prospective AAC applicants.

[Dubuque, Iowa - November 7, 2014](#)

[Gladstone, Missouri - December 3, 2014](#)

[Roanoke, Virginia - March 2015](#)

New report: Rising to the Challenge - Re-envisioning Public Libraries

National Civic League was delighted to be part of the working group that resulted in [Rising to the Challenge - Re-envisioning Public Libraries](#). The Aspen Institute Communications and Society Program, in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, created the Aspen Institute Dialogue on Public Libraries to help advance the work that public libraries are doing to address community challenges and to support the transformation of communities and their public libraries in the digital age.

My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge

Are you a Mayor, tribal leader, county executive or community member interested in implementing

[comprehensive and equitable strategies](#) aimed at improving life outcomes for all young people? If so, join the 135 mayors, county officials, and tribal leaders who have signed on to the [My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge](#). Within 45 days of accepting the challenge, communities are encouraged to convene a Local Action Summit with key public and private sector stakeholders to assess needs, determine priorities, and decide what combination of objectives they will tackle. Within six months of accepting the challenge, communities are encouraged to publicly launch a plan of action for accomplishing their goals, including a protocol for tracking data, benchmarks for tracking progress, and a blueprint for how the community will resource its efforts. The [National Convening Council](#) will support the local planning process, assisting communities in developing successful strategies for action and tracking their progress.

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