# The President's Volunteer Service Award

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The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) is the premier volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens to live a life of service through presidential gratitude and national recognition.

## The Award

Presidential recognition sets you apart from your peers. It is a tremendous honor. Even though you may not seek recognition, your example can deliver a powerful message that encourages others to take action.

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes United States citizens and lawfully admitted, permanent residents of the United States who have achieved the required number of hours of service over a 12-month time period or cumulative hours over the course of a lifetime.

## How it Works

#### Criteria

Individuals, families and groups that meet the criteria are eligible for the PVSA.

- Recipient(s) must be a United States citizen or a lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States.
- Awards are issued for service hours served within a 12-month time period or over the course of a lifetime.
- Awards are issued for volunteer service only; additional levels of participation with the organization (i.e., charitable support) are not a factor considered for the award.
- Court-ordered community service does not qualify for the award.
- Awards are issued by approved Certifying Organizations.
- Service must be with an approved Certifying Organization that is legally established in the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or one of the U.S. territories.

### Eligibility

Hours are measured over a 12-month period and awards are designated based on cumulative hours. The awards are offered in multiple levels and are designed to recognize each milestone of your service achievement. Levels include bronze, silver, gold and the highest honor, the President's Lifetime Achievement Award for those who contribute more than 4,000 hours of service in their lifetime.

Hours by Award	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Kids (5-10)	26 – 49	50 – 74	75 +
Teens (11–15)	50 – 74	75 – 99	100 +
Young Adults (16-25)	100 – 174	175 – 249	250 +
Adults (26 and older)	100 – 249	250 – 499	500+
Families and Groups*	200 – 499	500 – 999	1,000+

**President's Lifetime Achievement Award:** Individuals who have completed 4,000 or more hours in their lifetime

Along with the ultimate honor of presidential recognition, recipients will receive a personalized certificate, an official pin, medallion or coin and a congratulatory letter from the president of the United States.

# **Volunteer Registration with PVSA**

Welcome to the President's Volunteer Service Award program. We look forward to helping you with your service journey and ultimately to be recognized with the PVSA. To begin, you will need to complete this application to set up your profile. All information in the application must be completed in order for your submission to be complete. Please add applications@presidentialserviceawards.gov email address book to confirm you will receive your confirmation and important information on the PVSA program. Your email address is only used because it is the best way for you to sign in with a unique identity that's easy to remember. No- email will be sent to you unless you ask for it. We do not share email addresses with third parties, other than to manage our database. Please see our privacy and security information.

#### Important information

The President's Volunteer Service Award program holds participating volunteers in the highest esteem and expects them to adhere to all criteria and protocol outlined in the Terms and Conditions. The PVSA administration team does reserve the right to terminate participants for inappropriate circumstances as determined by PVSA sole discretion.

Complete application online https://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/register-vo

<sup>\*</sup> Two or more people, with each member contributing at least 25 hours toward the total