

President's Volunteer Service Award



The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) recognizes incredible individuals who are committed to a high level of volunteer and service. These individuals work tirelessly to help solve some of the toughest challenges facing their communities, and our nation.

Below you will find the criteria and eligibility requirements for the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)

Volunteer eligibility

- » United States citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States (i.e., green card holder)
- » Must be at least five years old
- » Completes eligible service within a 12-month period (for annual Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards) and over a lifetime (for Lifetime Achievement Awards)

Eligible service

- » Unpaid acts of volunteer service benefitting others
 - Service through National service programs that provide a stipend (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps) may count towards the Lifetime Achievement Award*, but not for the annual Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards)
 - Travel stipends, transit/parking passes, membership passes, expense reimbursements, and other nominal volunteer support do not impact service eligibility
- » Service must be with an approved Certifying Organization. A Certifying Organization is an organization that has been granted authority through an application and review process to give out the PVSA to volunteers. Certifying Organizations verify and certify that a volunteer has met the requirements to receive a PVSA within a 12 month period specified by the Certifying Organization. Only Certifying Organizations can certify volunteers' eligibility for the PVSA and order awards.
- » Certifying Organizations must be established and operate in the United States, its territories (Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Northern Mariana Islands), or on overseas U.S. military and state installations. Additionally, Certifying Organizations must receive or facilitate volunteer service.
- » GSACPC is a Certifying Organization.

Eligible service does not include

- » Donating funds
- » Political lobbying (Non-partisan voter registration is an eligible activity)
- » Religious instruction
- » Conducting worship service
- » Proselytizing
- » Volunteer service performed as part of court-ordered community service
- » Serving only family members

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.

AGE GROUP	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD*
KIDS (5-10)	26-49 HRS	50-74 HRS	75+ HRS	4,000+ HRS
TEENS (11-15)	50-74 HRS	75-99 HRS	100+ HRS	4,000+ HRS
YOUNG ADULTS (16-25)	100-174 HRS	175-249 HRS	250+ HRS	4,000+ HRS
ADULTS (25+)	100-249 HRS	250-499 HRS	500+ HRS	4,000+ HRS
<i>*The Lifetime Achievement Award is not available to award at this time.</i>				

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Along with the ultimate honor of presidential recognition, recipients will receive a personalized certificate, an official pin and a congratulatory letter from the president of the United States. To learn more about the PVSA, visit presidentalserviceawards.gov.

Recording your hours

All PVSA service hours must be verified by a Certifying Organization. GSACPC is a certifying organization for the PVSA. As of May 2019 all volunteer hours are to be submitted directly to the Certifying Organization. Please [submit your hours here](#), using [this Excel template](#).

After your submission, GSACPC will review the hours submitted, verify that all volunteers and hours meet the eligibility criteria, and will order the appropriate Award. If you have questions about this award or do not hear from us in one month, please reach out to gp@girlscoutsaz.org.

Thank you for volunteering!