



The President's Volunteer Service Award

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About the Award

Background

America has a long and proud tradition of volunteer service. Now more than ever, volunteers are renewing their commitment to helping others and making new connections that bring us closer together as families, as neighbors, as communities, and as a Nation.

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation (the Council) was established in 2003 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and encourage more people to serve. The Council created the President's Volunteer Service Award program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard for service, encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation, and inspires others to make service a central part of their lives. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard – measured by the number of hours of service over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime.

To date, the President's Council has partnered with more than 80 [Leadership Organizations](#) and more than 28,000 [Certifying Organizations](#) to bestow more than 1.5 million awards to the Nation's deserving volunteers.

The Award

Depending on which award package is ordered, award recipients can receive:

- An official President's Volunteer Service Award lapel pin
- A personalized certificate of achievement
- A congratulatory letter from the President of the United States
- A letter from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation

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Award Criteria

Any individual, family, or group can receive Presidential recognition for volunteer hours earned over a 12-month period or over the course of a lifetime at home or abroad. The following are the eligibility requirements for each age group:



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Bronze Level

- Kids: 50 to 74 hours
- Young Adults: 100 to 174 hours
- Adults: 100 to 249 hours

Family & Groups: 200 to 499 hours

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Silver Level.

Kids: 75 to 99 hours

Young Adults: 175 to 249 hours

Adults: 250 to 499 hours

Family & Groups: 500 to 999 hours



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Gold Level.

Kids: 100 hours or more

Young Adults: 250 hours or more

Adults: 500 hours or more

Family & Groups: 1000 hours or more

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All Ages

4,000 hours or more of volunteer service (over a lifetime).

Personalized Certificate



Congratulatory Letter from President Barack Obama

