

President's Volunteer Service Award

The President's Volunteer Service Award, also referred to as the Presidential Service Award, is an award that was created in 2003 by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. Service usually springs from selflessness, but the president of the United States wants to recognize volunteers just the same. That is why the Presidential Volunteer Service Award was created, a national honor offered in recognition of sustained service.

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families and groups who have achieved a certain standard — measured by the number of hours served over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime. The award acknowledges and celebrates the role that volunteers play in making America the strongest and greatest country that it is.

The President's Volunteer Service Award is used to honor individuals who positively impact communities around the country through their service and who inspire other people around them to take action as well. Working to solve some of the most difficult problems facing the United States, these upstanding citizens deserve recognition and the gratitude of the entire nation. The President's Volunteer Service Award comes in different tiers, including Bronze, Silver, and Gold, as well as a Lifetime Achievement Award.

So, how do you receive the President's Volunteer Service Award?

Prince William County Community Foundation is a Certifying Organization for these awards.



All volunteer activities and the number of hours served are documented for each potential candidate and verified by a Foundation representative. A letter of nomination is submitted from the direct supervisor or Foundation representative working with the candidate.

After verifying and certifying that the requirements have been met, Prince William County Community Foundation will then order the award or awards package, which includes:

- A customized certificate
- Choice of a coin, medallion, or pin
- A congratulatory letter from the president

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

Each tier of the President’s Volunteer Service Award has different eligibility requirements with certain volunteer hours needed to receive the award. Here is the breakdown:

Age Group	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime Achievement Award
Kids (5–10 years old)	26–49 hours	50–74 hours	75+ hours	4,000+ hours
Teens (11–15)	50–74 hours	75–99 hours	100+ hours	4,000+ hours
Young Adults (16–25)	100–174 hours	175–249 hours	250+ hours	4,000+ hours
Adults (26+)	100–249 hours	250–499 hours	500+ hours	4,000+ hours

Award Packages

Certifying Organizations may choose from the options below to provide the recognition that most strongly resonates with their volunteers.

- The official President’s Volunteer Service Award pin, coin, or medallion
- A personalized certificate of achievement and letter signed by the President
- The award elements above together as a Complete Package

Annual Awards

Bronze, Silver, and Gold Packages include:

- Customized certificate
- Choice of pin, coin, or medallion
- Congratulatory letter from the president



Lifetime Achievement

Certificate package includes:

- Enlarged, personalized certificate
- Congratulatory letter from the President

