

# Presidential Volunteer Service Award

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The Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) was founded in 2003 by the President’s Council on Service and Civic participation under George W. Bush. The intent is to recognize the important role that volunteers hold in the strength and national identity of America. The PVSA honors individuals who have a positive impact on communities through their service across the nation and inspire others to volunteer in their communities as well.

PVSA continues to be an inspirational part of volunteer service by providing recognition to volunteers annually. Non-profits can become “Certifying Organizations” through an application process. Each local entity would be able to certify the volunteer hours of individuals in their group. At the end of each year, the volunteer hours are tallied in the PVSA system. In partnership with Points of Light (pointsoflight.org), packages can be ordered to recognize volunteers who qualify for the different levels of volunteerism.

Points of Light has four different levels of recognition (example 26 and older):

Bronze 100-249 hours		Silver 250-499 hours	
Gold 500+ hours		Life 4,000+ hours	



**Bronze, Silver and Gold Packages include:**

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

**Package Pricing:**

- Certificate Only - \$5.00
- Certificate + Pin - \$6.50
- Certificate + Coin - \$10.50
- Certificate + Medallion - \$10.50

Format for tracking hours annually:

Name (first and last)	Email	Award Year	Age Group	Total Hours
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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

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