



The President's Volunteer Service Award



Did you know that the President of the United States recognizes U.S. Citizens and lawfully admitted permanent residents for their Community Service Hours with a National Recognition?

And Venice High PTSA graciously submits Student's Community Service Hours to receive this National Recognition!

Criteria:

- Recipient(s) must be a U.S.citizen or a lawfully admitted permanent resident of the U.S.
- Awards are issued for volunteer service only; additional participation (i.e., charitable support) are not eligible for the award.
- Awards are issued for service hours served within a 12-month time period.
- Court-ordered community service does not qualify for the award.

Eligibility:

- Awards are designated based on cumulative hours over a 12-month period.
- The 12-month period begins when the first community service is performed.

Hours by Award	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Teens (11-15)	50-74	75-99	100+
Young Adults (16-25)	100-174	175-249	250+

How do you participate?

1. **Track Hours:** Download the [excel spreadsheet](#) to track your service hours
2. **Submit** any volunteer hours [online](#), as soon as you've completed them.
We will keep track in an online system for you.
3. **Proof of hours:** - Submit either a copy or picture of the signed service hours card found [here](#).
Please show hours by date worked, do not include hours from multiple years on a single card.
4. **Deadlines:** Seniors must submit hours by October 1; all other grades by February 1 in order to receive the award by the end of the school year.
5. **Awards:** Seniors will notified by email in time to include your award on your college applications, and actual awards will be presented at the Senior Awards Ceremony.
Underclassmen awards will be presented at the May PTSA meeting.
6. **Information Needed for ALL service.**
 - Full name of student volunteer
 - Contact Information: email address, phone number and mailing address
 - Date of birth, Current grade and Age group (teens or young adults) at time of service
 - Service activity
 - Date of service
 - Hours served
 - Signed service cards or proof of service

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Frequently asked Questions and Answers:

Q: Why should I submit my hours for this honor?

A: Another great item for your college applications!

Q: What grades are eligible for this award?

A: 9-12 (at Venice High).

Q: Are only the hours volunteered at school count?

A: No, any and all community service performed, as long as it is verified.

Q: What types of service counts?

A: Any volunteer service! If done at school, it must not be part of your regular academic activities.

School: Tutoring (not for pay), athletic game concession stands, decorating/helping for school parties and events, band, choir, clubs, etc.

Sports: Helping with field set up for coaches, team manager, taking team photos. Cheerleaders/Dance that are not receiving a grade.

Church: Youth helper for bible school, helping at church events.

Girl and Boy Scouts: They volunteer a ton and know what they do.

Community: School/Park/Beach Clean-ups, Camp Counselors, volunteering at other schools, animal shelters, and other places in need of volunteers.

Q: I got paid for helping out an event, does that count?

A: No. Community service are volunteer hours (unpaid) only.

Q: I volunteered a bunch last year; can I count it?

A: Yes, as long as it can be verified. We are able to submit hours for the past two years, so please submit them annually.

Q: What do we get?

A: Students that qualify will receive a personalized certificate and pin or medallion.

Still more questions:

please email the coordinator

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