

Virginia Episcopal Scouting Association



Friday, December 2, 2011

Dear Volunteer:

We are pleased to announce our participation in the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD program as a Certifying Organization.

This AWARD is a Presidential honor that recognizes the valuable contributions of volunteers nationwide who are answering the call to serve others through their current volunteer activities or lifetime service. As a Certifying Organization, we will identify eligible recipients, verify their service hours, and distribute the AWARD to outstanding volunteers.

Given your ongoing service activities, many of you may already meet the requirements to receive the AWARD. To qualify, volunteers simply create an online account at www.presidentialserviceawards.gov using LJB-34423 as the "Record of Service Key." The account can be used to record service hours as frequently as desired, but when a recognition level is reached, the Virginia Episcopal Scouting Association will be advised to verify the service with the volunteer and make arrangements to secure the appropriate AWARD.

Additionally, eligible volunteer service hours are not limited to those performed on behalf of the Virginia Episcopal Scouting Association. In fact, service hours can be accumulated through work on a variety of projects throughout the year. The only requirement is that the hours be completed within 12 months; recipients can qualify for a new AWARD each year.

We look forward to working with you!

As always,
 Many Blessings!
 The Virginia Episcopal Scouting Association
www.virginiaepiscopalscouting.org

<p>To be eligible to receive the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD, Applicants' service hours must be confirmed by a registered Certifying Organization.</p> <p>There are three levels of the AWARD varying by hours of service completed within a 12-month period:</p>	
<p>Kids - 14 and younger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronze Award 50 - 74 hours • Silver Award 75 - 99 hours • Gold Award 100 or more hours 	<p>Adults - Ages 26 and up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bronze Award 100 - 249 hours Silver Award 250 - 499 hours Gold Award 500 or more hours
<p>Young Adults - Ages 15 - 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronze Award 100-174 hours • Silver Award 175 - 249 hours • Gold Award 250 or more hours 	<p>Families and Groups (two or more people)*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bronze Award 200 - 499 hours Silver Award 500 - 999 hours Gold Award 1,000 or more hours <p>*Each member contributing at least 25 hours towards the total</p>
<p>PRESIDENT'S CALL TO SERVICE AWARD</p> <p>Individuals who have completed 4,000 or more volunteer service hours over the course of their lifetime are eligible to receive the PRESIDENT'S CALL TO SERVICE AWARD.</p>	



The President's Volunteer Service Award

An initiative of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

The Award

The President's Volunteer Service Award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation on behalf of the President of the United States to recognize the best in the American spirit, and to encourage all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service, and civic participation.

There are three levels and four categories of the Award varying by age and hours of service completed within a 12-month period:

Kids (14 and under)	Adults (26 and up)
Bronze 50-74 hours	Bronze 100-249 hours
Silver 75-99 hours	Silver 250-499 hours
Gold 100+ hours	Gold 500+ hours
Young Adults (15-25)	Families and Groups*
Bronze 100-174 hours	Bronze 200-499 hours
Silver 175-249 hours	Silver 500-999 hours
Gold 250+ hours	Gold 1,000+ hours

**Two or more people, with each member contributing at least 25 hours toward the total.*

Recipients can earn more than one level of the Award within 12 months. In addition, individuals who complete 4,000 hours or more of volunteer service will be recognized with the President's Call to Service Award.

All Award recipients receive a personalized certificate of achievement, a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States, a congratulatory letter from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, and an official President's Award pin.

Guidelines

To earn an Award, individuals, families, and groups must keep a record of volunteer activities and hours served. Activities may be kept as a diary or calendar, or tracked

online with the USA Freedom Corps Record of Service, available at www.presidentialserviceawards.gov.

Each volunteer must submit a record of service to a registered Certifying Organization, which will review and verify the record and distribute the Award. Nonprofit, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, schools and colleges, membership and trade associations, and federal, state, or local government agencies can serve as Certifying Organizations.

While almost all volunteer service contributes to eligibility for the Award, volunteers are encouraged to participate in service that addresses particular areas of need in our Nation. Priority areas include youth achievement, parks and open spaces, healthy communities, public safety, and emergency response. Activities should be unpaid and may not include court-ordered community service.

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation

President George W. Bush created the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation in 2003 to help recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making to our Nation. Chaired by two-time Super Bowl champion Darrell Green, with former U.S. Senators Robert Dole and John Glenn serving as honorary co-chairs, the Council includes leaders from government, business, media, entertainment, education, and nonprofit, volunteer service and community organizations.

More Information

To learn more about the Award, visit www.presidentialserviceawards.gov or call 1-866-545-5307. To learn more about volunteering and service, please visit www.usafreedomcorps.gov or www.nationalservice.org.