



The President's Volunteer Service Award



Extra Tip: Download this application to your computer, THEN open the saved PDF file, and enter the info. If you enter the info in the web browser, it will erase your answers if you save it there!

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals who are committed to a high level of volunteer service. These individuals work tirelessly to help solve some of the toughest challenges facing their communities and our nation.

As an official certifying organization, Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts (GSCWM) members, both youth and adult, are eligible to receive this special award in recognition of their annual volunteer service.

In addition to being members of GSCWM, you must be a United States citizen or lawfully admitted, permanent resident of the United States who has achieved the required number of hours of service over a 12-month period or cumulative hours over the course of a lifetime.

Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts will only accept applications from GSCWM members.

Award Levels

There are four levels of the President's Volunteer Service Award:

- Bronze Level
- Silver Level
- Gold Level
- Lifetime Achievement Award

The number of volunteer hours required over a 12-month period (September 1 – August 31) for different age groups is as follows:

| | Kids (ages 5-10) | Teens (ages 11-15) | Young Adults (ages 16-25) | Adults (ages 26+) | Families & Groups* |
|----------|---|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Bronze | 26-49 | 50-74 | 100-174 | 100-249 | 200-499 |
| Silver | 50-74 | 75-99 | 175-249 | 250-499 | 500-999 |
| Gold | 75+ | 100+ | 250+ | 500+ | 1000+ |
| Lifetime | Individuals who have completed 4,000 or more hours of volunteer service in their lifetime** | | | | |

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

**Volunteers may reuse hours utilized for annual awards toward a future Lifetime Achievement Award.



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Awards

Upon completion of volunteer service, eligible participants will receive*:

- President's Volunteer Service Award Package including:
 - A personalized certificate of achievement
 - A congratulatory letter from the President of the United States
 - President's Volunteer Service Award Pin for the level achieved – Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Lifetime

** Items are presented at a ceremony for all PVSA recipients.*

Requesting Awards

When you have completed the required number of hours for the desired award level, submit the **President's Volunteer Service Award Certification Form** (page 4) with your log of your hours.

For those requesting a Lifetime Achievement Award, you must certify that you are:

- (1) United States citizen or lawful permanent resident (by providing documentation), and
- (2) are not a registered sex offender listed on the National Sex Offender Registry (by submitting to a background check). We will contact you to verify these requirements.

Record of Volunteer Service Hours

To earn an award, individuals must keep a record of volunteer activities and hours served. To do this, you must:

- Keep a record of volunteer service hours completed as a GSCWM member in any organization. Use the **President's Volunteer Service Award Record of Volunteer Service Hours** (page 6) to record those hours.
- In order to be recognized at our council's President's Volunteer Service Award ceremony, submissions must be received by the following due date:

September 5

Late submissions cannot be accepted. No exceptions.



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Volunteer Service Hours Guidelines:

- Unpaid acts of volunteer service benefiting others (can be in-person or virtual).
- Volunteer service hours do not have to be exclusively Girl Scout related. If volunteer hours meet the eligibility criteria, they can be earned through volunteering in general.
 - This can include school, church, the food pantry, working with a Girl Scout troop, projects at camp, babysitting for PTO, community reading at the library, etc.
- Volunteer service hours earned in pursuit of highest awards (Bronze, Silver, and Gold) can be used to count towards PVSA minimums if they meet eligibility criteria.
- Eligible volunteer 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, and serving only family members.
- When calculating your hours, include planning, travel, and execution time.
 - Maximum allowed per day for any activity is 9 hours per day.
 - Time spent sleeping, eating, socializing, etc. does not qualify.
 - Travel time counts within the maximum of 9 hours allowed per day.
 - Best estimate of hours and your integrity should be used in accordance with the Girl Scout Law.
- The log must be approved and signed by an employee/representative of the organization.

NO PARENT SIGNATURES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Contact information for the supervising adult must be current and legible for GSCWM to verify the hours at the time of submission.



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**Submissions must be received by the following due date:
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President's Volunteer Service Award Certification Form

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Age of Nominee at the time of service:

Kids (5-10)

Teens (11-15)

Young Adults (16-25)

Adults (26+)

Lifetime Achievement Award

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| Award level requested | Required hours | # of hours completed - Fill out Volunteer Record of Service Hours page(s) to support. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Bronze | See above chart | |
| Silver | | |
| Gold | | |
| Lifetime Achievement Award* | 4,000 | |

I hereby certify that I have met the criteria necessary to earn the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

**Those who request Lifetime Achievement Awards must provide additional documentation to prove citizenship as well as submit to a background check. GSCWM will contact you regarding these additional requirements. Your request will not be processed without these additional steps, and failure to complete these steps in a timely manner will nullify this application.*

Please return this form and Record of Volunteer Service Hours (next pages) to:

program@gscwm.org

OR mail to:

Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts
Attn: Program Department
115 Century Drive
Worcester, MA 01606