

# President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)

## Background

In 2003, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation founded the President's Volunteer Service Award to recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity. This award honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action, too.

In July 2019, CHCP became a certifying organization to track and certify service hours to the PVSA to recognize the contribution of volunteers to CHCP. CHCP will verify and certify volunteers who have met the requirements to receive a PVSA within a 12-month period.

## Honoree Eligibility

- United States citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States (i.e. green card holder)
- Completes eligible service within a 12-month period (for annual bronze, silver, and gold awards); the hours for the Lifetime Award are cumulative across all years

## Eligible Service

- Acts of volunteer service within CHCP-sponsored activities
- Most volunteer service activities are eligible, with the following exceptions: political lobbying, religious instruction, conducting worship service, proselytizing, and serving only family members
- Not performed as part of court-ordered community service

### Award Levels – Service Benchmarks in Hours

Age Group	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime
<b>Kids (5-10)</b>	26-49	50-74	75+	4,000
<b>Teens (11-15)</b>	50-74	75-99	100+	4,000
<b>Young Adults (16-25)</b>	100-174	175-249	250+	4,000
<b>Adults (26+)</b>	100-249	250-499	500+	4,000
<b>Families &amp; Groups</b>	200-499	500-999	1,000+	N/A

## Annual Awards

- Hours totaled over a 12-month period will be verified through the Student Docent Program (SDP).
- An honoree may under special request, on an individual basis, by the SDP Chair, be considered for a PVSA Award with hours recognized by CHCP and hours certified from a nonprofit qualifying Chinese historical and/or cultural organization, in a 12-month period.

## Award Types

- The official President's Volunteer Service Award may be a certificate, pin, coin, and/or medallion
- A personalized certificate of achievement and letter signed by the current President of the U.S.