

President's Volunteer Service Award

Background

Learning for Life has a proud history of service learning. Our volunteers continue to work to meet the needs of their neighborhoods and the community.

In recognition of these outstanding achievements, Learning for Life is proud to announce the availability of the President's Volunteer Service Award, a prestigious national honor offered in recognition of volunteer commitment. Established in 2003, this Award is given by the President of the United States and honors individuals, families and groups who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service over the course of 12 months.

Learning for Life has teamed with hundreds of organizations and businesses across the country to deliver this Award to our most outstanding volunteers. As a Certifying Organization of the President's Volunteer Service Award, we can nominate potential recipients and distribute the Award to those who meet or exceed the Award criteria.

The President's Volunteer Service Award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation—created by President George W. Bush to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers make to our nation. To learn more about this award visit <u>www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov</u>, contact Debbie Williams at <u>dwilliam@lflmail.org</u>, or call 972-580-2433.

Eligibility

Hours are measured over a 12-month period and awards are designated based on cumulative hours. The awards are offered in multiple levels and are designed to recognize each milestone of your service achievement. Levels include bronze, silver, gold and the highest honor, the President's Lifetime Achievement Award for those who contribute more than 4,000 hours of service in their lifetime.

Hours by Award	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Kids (5-10)	26 – 49	50 – 74	75 +
Teens (11–15)	50 – 74	75 – 99	100 +
Young Adults (16-25)	100 - 174	175 – 249	250 +
Adults (26 and older)	100 – 249	250 – 499	500+
Families and Groups*	200 – 499	500 – 999	1,000+

President's Lifetime Achievement Award: Individuals who have completed 4,000 or more hours in their lifetime

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

Along with the ultimate honor of presidential recognition, recipients may receive a personalized certificate, an official pin, medallion or coin, and a congratulatory letter from the president of the United States.

Award Packages

Award recipients can choose among different options for award recognition:

- The official President's Volunteer Service Award pin, medallion and coin
- A personalized certificate of achievement
- A congratulatory letter from the President of the United States
- A combination of all the above



Complete Package Complete package includes: Customized certificate Choice of pin, medallion or coin Letter from the President Cost: Pin package - \$5.50 Coin package - \$7.25 Medallion package - \$8.00



Pin, Medallion, Coin Cost: Pin - \$2.25 Coin - \$3.75 Medallion - \$4.50



Certificate Package Certificate package includes: Customized certificate Letter from the President Cost: \$4.50



Lifetime Achievement Complete package includes: Customized certificate Pin Letter from the President Cost: \$6.75



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Volunteers

Volunteers can sign up and register with the PVSA program. Once registered you will have the ability to track your hours and service for the organizations with which you volunteer. It is fun to watch your hours grow towards each milestone award. You will be provided with a special record of service (ROS) key that is associated with the organization with which you volunteer. The organization will be able to approve your hours and award you with a PVSA.

With the highest honor of recognition comes the responsibility of upholding the integrity of the Office of the President of the United States, the PVSA and all your fellow PVSA recipients. As an individual volunteer, you are required to meet the following criteria to receive an award:

Criteria

- Recipients must be a United States citizen or a lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States.
- Awards are issued for service hours served within a 12-month time period or over the course of a lifetime.
- Awards are issued for volunteer service only. Additional levels of participation with the organization (i.e. charitable support) are not a factor considered for the award.
- Court-ordered community service does not qualify for the award.
- Awards are issued by approved Certifying Organizations.
- Service must be with an organization that is legally established in the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or one of the territories

How to Apply if You're a Volunteer

It's as easy as 1-2-3:

- **1**. Set up your profile in the system and let us know a little bit about you.
- 2. Begin to track and record your volunteer hours and activities.
- 3. Submit a record of service using the Learning for Life/Exploring Record of Service Key: KTS-35267 certifying organization, which will verify your hours.

Get started now and register with PVSA





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Group Information	Must return to	council for	r approval)		
Principal/Advisor's Na	ame				Post No
Name of Organization	n/School				
					Zip
Telephone			Email_		
Year for which hours	are being certifi	ed			
There are a total num	ber of	people ir	n my group.	Number of individ	luals being recognized
Learning For Life Ap	proval				
Council Name (Local	Learning for Life	Office)			
Learning for Life Exec	utive's Signatur	e			
Learning for Life Head	dquarters City, S	tate, & Zip_			
Complete Package (includes certifica	te, letter, &	hardware):		
Pin package	\$5.50 x	= \$			
Coin package	\$7.25 x	= \$			
Medallion package	\$8.00 x	= \$			
No Package (hardwar	re only):				
Pin only Coin only	\$2.25 x	= \$			
Coin only Medallion only	\$3.75 x	= \$			
Medallion only	\$4.50 X	= \$			
Certificate Package	(includes certifica	ate & letter o	only) \$4.50 x	د= \$	
Lifetime Achieveme	nt Package (inc	ludes certific	ate, letter, a	& hardware) \$6.75 >	<= \$
	Orc	ler Amount	\$		
	Pro	cessing Fee	+ \$ <u>8.00</u>		
	Shi	oping Fee	+ \$		
		DER TOTAL	= \$		
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Please forward application along with payment to: Learning for Life, President's Volunteer Service Award, 1329 West Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, TX 75015-2225 or call 972-580-2433 for credit card payments.



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Name of Individual/Group/School Qualifying (As it will appear on recognitions)	# of volunteer hours completed during calendar year	Age	City and U.S. State or Country majority of volunteer service was performed	Completed over 4,000 hours of service?