



## The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)

The Presidential Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals who are committed to a high level of volunteer and 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 Gateway Council members are eligible to receive this special award in recognition of their annual volunteer service. Girl Scouts and adults that meet the requirements for the Bronze, Silver, Gold or Lifetime Achievement award level will receive the PVSA award package which will include a custom letter from the President, a certificate and a pin.

### 2023-2024 Award Year

Volunteer service hours must be completed between October 1st, 2023 – September 30th, 2024. All service hours must be reported to the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council by October 10, 2024 to be counted. See below for information on how to report your service hours.

### PVSA Volunteer Eligibility

- United States citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States (i.e. green card holders)
- Completes eligible service within a 12-month period (October 1st, 2023 – September 30th, 2024)

### Eligible Service

- Unpaid acts of volunteer service benefiting others (can be in-person or virtual)
- For Girls, service hours do not have to be exclusively Girl Scouts related. Service hours, if they meet the eligibility criteria, can be earned through service generally. Please see our Girl FAQ Document for more information.
- Service hours earned in pursuit of higher awards (Bronze, Silver, Gold) can be used to count towards PVSA minimums if they meet eligibility criteria
- Eligible 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.

### Service Hours Required to Earn Awards in Each Age Group:

Age Group	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime
Kids (5-10)	26-49 hours	50-74 hours	75+ hours	4,000 hours
Teens (11-15)	50-74 hours	75-99 hours	100+ hours	4,000 hours
Young Adult (16-25)	100-174 hours	175-249 hours	250+ hours	4,000 hours
Adults (26+)	100-249 hours	250-499 hours	500+ hours	4,000 hours



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Members who achieve the required hours of volunteer service during the 2023-2024 year will receive:

- The official President's Volunteer Service Award pin
- A personalized certificate of achievement
- A letter signed by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

The award package will be mailed directly to qualifying Girl Scouts and adults in the fall. Applicants will be notified of their award status via email once the certification process is complete. No decisions will be released until after the October 10th submission deadline.

### Tracking Service Hours

It is recommended that Girl Scouts keep track of their volunteer service hours throughout the year and utilize the provided hours log to do so. The hours log is attached here. **Please note that girls must have their hours signed by the person running the event or by a troop leader if the event organizer is not available.**

Information that will be important to track and required for submission:

- Date(s) of the Volunteer Service
- Brief Description of the Service
- Number of Service Hours
- Name of the event organizer (or troop leader)