

President's Volunteer Service Award

Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council (Certifying Organization) Guidelines



What is the President's Volunteer Service Award?

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes United States citizens and lawfully admitted permanent residents of the United States that have achieved the required number of hours of service over a 12-month time period.

Eligibility and Criteria

- Recipient(s) must be a United States citizen or a lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States.
- To be certified by GSSJC you must be a registered member of GSUSA for the 12-month time period that is requested.
- The President's Volunteer Service Award must be issued by a Certifying Organization.
- Awards are issued for service hours served within a 12-month time period (set by the Certifying Organization).
- Awards are issued for volunteer service only; monetary or other in-kind contributions are not grounds for recognizing an individual with a President's Volunteer Service Award. Additionally:
 - All service hours must be verified by a Certifying Organization.
 - Volunteer service hours **must benefit the Certifying Organization**.
 - Volunteers may not be paid for their service.
 - Court ordered community service is not eligible to count towards the award.
- Girls Scouts of San Jacinto Council is a Certifying Organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award and is committed to appropriately vetting, verifying service and certifying individuals as outlined in the national guidelines for this award.

How To

- Individuals (girls and adults) interested in receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award should reach out to the following emails with questions and to submit their application:
 - Girls: gscommserve@sjgs.org
 - Adults: adultrecognition@sjgs.org
- Download the [F-123B President's Volunteer Service Award Application](#). This document includes the required personal information and service hour log with a place for the appropriate signatures verifying hours of service earned, how/where, and when. **It is recommended that this form and its required signatures are collected throughout the year. Each girl or adult must submit an individual application.**
- GSSJC has set the 12-month time frame as: **September 1 to August 31**. All applications for a service year must be submitted with all signatures to the appropriate email by **October 31** (e.g. for service hours completed between September 1, 2024 and August 31, 2025, the application must be submitted by October 31, 2025)
- Once the GSSJC President's Service Award application has been completed and signed, it should be returned to the appropriate staff (see above).
- The staff is responsible for entering the information on the President's Volunteer Service Award website and completing the verification process. GSSJC staff are responsible for maintaining the GSSJC site for certification and are the sole holders of the Login, Password and Record of Service number.
- Per the national President's Volunteer Service Award guidelines, awards will be purchased by GSSJC; individuals are specifically prohibited from purchasing their own awards
 - The awards package will include: Certificate of Achievement, Official President's Volunteer Service Award pin and congratulatory letter from the President of the United States

Hours

Hours are measured over a 12-month period (per GSSJC: **September 1 to August 31**) and awards are designated based on cumulative hours. Reminder: hours must be completed in service to GSSJC. Hours completed for other organizations will not count toward this award. Hours must be signed off by an adult who is outside the applicant's household regardless of whether that person was the highest adult in charge of the activity/event.

The President's Volunteer Service Award is offered in multiple levels which are designated to recognize milestones of service achievement. Levels include bronze, silver, and gold. See below for the levels as established by the national guidelines:

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

