

Presidential Volunteer Service Award Honoree Eligibility

ECHO Students Only:

- United States citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States
- Must be at least 5 years old
- 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 benefitting others (cannot be family members)
- Most volunteer service activities are eligible, with the following exceptions: political lobbying, religious instruction, conducting worship service, proselytizing, and serving family members *Volunteer cannot receive payment for services *Non-partisan voter registration is an eligible activity
- Not performed as part of court-ordered community service unpaid, voluntary service

Award Levels – Service Benchmarks:

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

- Hours totaled over a 12-month period
- **Hours may come from different service activities for different organizations/causes so long as the Certifying Organization (ECHO) is able to collect information necessary to certify eligible service hours**
- An honoree may only be recognized by one Certifying Organization in a 12-month period
- Certifying Organizations should recognize volunteers at the highest level at which they qualify based on all volunteering that the Certifying Organization is able to certify
- ***For example, a child completing 50 hours for Certifying Organization A and 50 hours for Certifying Organization B would qualify for the following awards:***
- A silver award from Certifying Organization A, but no awards from Certifying Organization B
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- A gold award representing the total 100 hours performed for both organizations presented by only Organization A, where Organization B has provided Organization A with a letter summarizing the child’s volunteer record and vice versa.
- ***Volunteer must turn in the Record of Service Sheet (provided by ECHO) to Robin Bandy at the Welcome Table downstairs at ECHO. This can be handed in anytime throughout the year, but only once per year.***



Silver, Bronze or Gold; Customized certificate; Choice of pin, coin, or medallion. (Congratulatory letter from President Biden is not yet available due to him still working to create his personal message).