



President's Volunteer Service Award



Restore, Uplift & Hope is proud to announce that we are now an official certifying organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award.

RUH Board Members and Partners now have the exclusive privilege of earning this award by submitting their volunteer hours to RUH through an online form found here: <https://sadd.org/2020-sadd-pvsa-application-form>.

What is the President's Volunteer Service Award?

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. The PVSA has continued under each administration, honoring the volunteers who are using their time and talents to solve some of the toughest challenges facing our nation.

HOW IT WORKS

Criteria

Individuals that meet the criteria are eligible for the PVSA.

- Recipient(s) 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 only issued by approved Certifying Organizations.
- Service must be with an approved Certifying Organization that is legally established in the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or one of the U.S. territories.



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.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

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

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates must document their volunteer activities and submit an application package through the link below on or before March 30, 2022.

Link to application: <https://www.ruhsandiego.org/ruh-pvsa-application-form>

Hours are measured from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022.

A letter from every agency, organization, school, church, etc., (on their letterhead) where you volunteered must accompany your time sheet and be signed by an agency representative verifying your hours. Verifying letters must be on the organization's letterhead.



- If your service involved overnight stays, such as volunteering at a summer camp, only direct contact hours/hours on task may be counted. (Sleeping and driving hours do not count.)
- Your time log must reflect each day you volunteered, and the hours served on those days. Range of dates with total hours are not acceptable. See examples below:
NOT Acceptable: February 1-15, 2020, 40 hours or June 2020-March 2021, 200 hours
Acceptable: February 1, 2021, 5 hours, volunteered at a local pet shelter
- Hours served fulfilling your responsibilities as a local, state or national officer do not count for the PVSA (volunteer activities performed while an officer are acceptable).

Candidates must meet the number of hours designated by the President's Volunteer Service Award to reach the bronze, silver or gold levels of service.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.RUHSanDiego.org/pvsa>

PVSA Application Checklist

Please review the checklist below prior to submitting your application. Any items not included in your application package will disqualify your ability to achieve the award.

- Application: completed online, with all supporting documentation scanned and uploaded
- Volunteer Service Hours Timesheet(s) – scanned and uploaded with your application
- Letter of Nomination – if you have these in hard copy, please scan as a PDF and upload with your application
- Verifying letters from each organization where you served, on the organization's letterhead - if you have these in hard copy, please scan as a PDF and upload with your application