



The President's Volunteer Service Award

The President's Volunteer Service Award is a prestigious civic honor bestowed by the President of the United States to individuals who have shown an exceptional commitment to volunteerism.

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.

Led by the [AmeriCorps](#) and managed in partnership with [Points of Light](#), this program allows Certifying Organizations to recognize their most exceptional volunteers.

The Bell Buckle Chamber of Commerce is a Certifying Organization for the PVSA program.

Volunteer requirements:

- Must be a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States (i.e., green card holder).
- The minimum age is five years old.
- Must complete eligible service within a 12-month period (for annual Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards) and over a lifetime (for Lifetime Achievement Awards)

Eligible service is unpaid acts of volunteer service benefitting others.

Ineligible service includes:

- 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
- Serving only family members

Volunteer Hours:

In this inaugural year of becoming a Certifying Organization, volunteer hours should primarily benefit the Bell Buckle community, events, and groups, and secondarily to other volunteer efforts in the county.

Types of Hours:

<u>Events & Meetings:</u>	<u>Time segments:</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Cmte/Group/Org</u>
Planning:	up to 15 min	0.25	Chamber of Commerce (CoC)
Phone	up to 30 min	0.5	Town:
Text	up to 45 min	0.75	Fire Dept
Email	up to 60 min	1	Beautification
F2F			Park/Tree Board
Preparation			Arboretum
Event /Meeting			BOMA
Clean-up			Historical
Training			Art Council
			Bee City
			Tree City
			Other*:

*Other organizations must be approved by the Administrator and the hours from those organizations will need to be verified by that organization. Examples of other organizations are Habitat for Humanity, Bedford Co. Cancer Foundation, Scouting, and school programs.

Hours Required to Earn Awards in Each Age Group

Age Group	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime Achievement Award
Kids (5- 10 years old)	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 Adults (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

