

Guardians, Parents, and Students,

Alamo Heights High School is now a certifying organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). A Certifying Organization is an organization that has been granted authority through an application and review process to give out the PVSA to volunteers.

Certifying Organizations verify that a volunteer has met the requirements to receive a PVSA within a 12-month period specified by the Certifying Organization. Only Certifying Organizations can certify volunteers' eligibility for the PVSA and order awards.

### **President's Volunteer Service Award**

America has a long and proud tradition of volunteer service. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes volunteers' valuable contributions to our communities and encourages more people to serve. The award honors this American tradition and thanks those who inspire others to volunteer by demonstrating commitment and example.

The award recognizes individuals, families, and groups who achieve a certain number of service hours within 12 months. Students can earn awards through cumulative hours earned over a lifetime. A special President's Call to Service Award recognizes the lifetime achievement of those who complete more than 4,000 hours of service throughout their lifetime.

In 2003, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation founded the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) to recognize the vital 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 using their time and talents to solve some of our nation's toughest challenges.

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

More information can about PVSA can be found at <https://presidentalserviceawards.gov/>

## **Why PVSA at Alamo Heights HS**

President's Volunteer Service Award is another tool to highlight student volunteerism and highlight their achievement. The volunteer hours submitted can be the same hours submitted to other organizations, such as NHS. We hope that PVSA will be a positive factor in bolstering student resumes and assisting in achieving opportunities across the United States.

### **Volunteer Eligibility**

- United States citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States (i.e., green card holder)
- Must be at least five years old
- Completes eligible service within 12 months (for annual Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards) and over a lifetime (for Lifetime Achievement Awards)

### **Eligible Service:**

- Unpaid acts of volunteer service benefitting others
  - Service through National service programs that provide a stipend (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps) may count towards the Lifetime Achievement Award but not for the annual Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards)
  - Travel stipends, transit/parking passes, membership passes, expense reimbursements, and other nominal volunteer support do not impact service eligibility.

### **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
- Serving only family members

### **Submit hours for verification**

Use the link below to submit any volunteer completed from April 1, 2023, through April 1, 2024, for the 2023-2024 school year.

[President's Volunteer Service Award Verification Form](#)

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Lifetime Achievement Award</b>
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