

President's Volunteer Service Award

SEM Students! Thanks to Mr. Palacios, SEM PTSA is now a Certifying Organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award!

Please submit your volunteering hours for 2020 to qualify for the President's Volunteer Service Award. (Please note this award is separate from your SEM school volunteering requirement and you can include those hours for the PVSA award.)

The President's Volunteer Service Award was created to honor Americans whose demonstrated commitment to service inspires others to engage in volunteer service. This award can be earned annually by meeting the following criteria:

- 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 unpaid volunteer service that is not court-ordered.

Hours are measured over a 12-month period and awards are designated based on cumulative hours. The awards are offered in multiple levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold for individuals and the hours required vary based on the age of the applicant as shown below:

Age Category	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Teens (11-15yrs)	50-74 hours	75-99 hours	100+ hours
Young Adults (16-25yrs)	100-174 hours	175-249 hours	250+ hours
If turning 16 during the year, see below.			

All hours entered must be supported by a log SIGNED BY A SITE SUPERVISOR. The log should include **dates, hours, and signature and printed name of supervisor, and contact information.** You may use your organization's form, your own form, or the sample excel template.

If you are turning 16 during the year, please calculate your hours by your birthdate (hours earned as a 15 year old) as well as cumulative year end hours (when you have turned 16). You will be awarded the highest award based on the table above.

Sources can be from multiple volunteer service sources (any location, even international; profit or non-profit, etc) but each must be verified via signature, printed name, and their contact information for each volunteering organization.

Students wishing to apply for the award for the 2020-2021 school year must catalog their hours with the required signatures and submit them via email to the PVSA Chair, Susan Bonsell, at pvsa@semagnet.org **by March 21, 2021 11:59pm CST.**

*Most students chose a calendar year; however, you may select your own 12-month fiscal year such as school year as long as the majority of months encompass the immediate past year (2020). SEM PVSA will not certify prior years. Whatever 12-month period selected, make sure to keep it going forward.