

Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)

The PVSA is a Presidential recognition for those who serve as volunteers. Hours spent serving as a volunteer leader with BSA count towards the award. This represents an excellent opportunity to make others aware of how much time and effort is put forth by the leadership of our Packs, Troops and Crews. Most of our leaders would be eligible for at least the Bronze level award annually and some at the Silver level and maybe even Gold. We may even have some Scouts that qualify, especially if they are working on their Eagle.

While there are certain restrictions on which time may be counted, communication with the PVSA staff indicate that time spent in most Scouting activities can be counted:

- Camping (sleeping time not counted)
- Training
- Scout meetings, including Pack, Den, Troop and Crew
- Scout outings
- Scout service projects

Planning meetings may not be counted, nor can personal transportation to and from events. However, if this transportation includes taking Scouts to an event, such as a campout, then the time can be included.

PVSA hours may be logged at the PVSA web site:

<http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/>

Individuals must create their own user accounts and keep track of their hours on the website. These hours are then certified by Kevin Rumsey, who has established the Mawat district as an official certifying organization.

The certifying organization presents qualifying recipients with their award. In order for Kevin to be able to certify an individual's hours, the individual must enter the Mawat PVSA code ([VGF-33557](#)) on their Profile page in the section marked "Your Record of Service Key"

The PVSA has three awards given for different levels of volunteering on an annual basis, and one for lifetime cumulative service based on the age of the volunteer and the hours served:

The age limits are:

- Kids 0-14
- Young Adults 15-25
- Adults 25 and older

Bronze Level:

- Kids: 50 to 74 hours
- Young Adults: 100 to 174 hours
- Adults: 100 to 249 hours
- Family & Groups: 200 to 499 hours

Silver Level:

- Kids: 75 to 99 hours
- Young Adults: 175 to 249 hours
- Adults: 250 to 499 hours
- Family & Groups: 500 to 999 hours

Gold Level:

- Kids: 100 hours or more
- Young Adults: 250 hours or more
- Adults: 500 hours or more
- Family & Groups: 1000 hours or more

President's Call to Service Award (lifetime award)

All Ages

- 4,000 hours or more of volunteer service (over a lifetime).

In families and groups, each member contributing to the total number of hours must have served 25 hours or more.