



*“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”*

*-Barack Obama*

## **About The Award**

Every day, millions of Americans volunteer, using their time, talents, and compassion to make a difference in the lives of others. By mentoring a child, caring for an elderly neighbor, teaching someone to read or bringing food and clothes to those who need them, Americans are helping to foster a culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility of generations to come. It is through these acts of kindness and decency that we are able to demonstrate the true character and compassion of our country.

Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard for service to others. It encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation and inspires others to make volunteering a central part of their lives. The President's Volunteer Service Award is a Presidential recognition program for Americans of all ages, who contribute a significant amount of time to volunteer service. The program recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard—measured by the number of hours served over a 12-month period.

## **Guidelines**

To earn an award, individuals, families and groups must keep a record of volunteer activities and hours served. This Record of Service may be kept as a diary or calendar or tracked online using the USA Freedom Corps Record of Service. A “Record of Service” form is also available from the SPJST State Youth Director.

Individuals must submit their records to the State

Youth Director who will review and verify their records and order and distribute the award.

To be recognized, service activities should meet national or community needs in the areas of youth achievement, parks and open spaces, healthy communities, and public safety and emergency response.

activities should be unpaid and may not include court-ordered community service.

## **What Do Recipients Receive?**

Award recipients receive:

- An official President's Volunteer Service Award pin
- A personalized certificate of achievement
- A note of congratulations from the President of the United States
- A letter from the President's Council on Services and Civic Participation

## **How do I apply for the President's Volunteer Service Award?**

The SPJST Youth Program is sponsoring the President's Volunteer Service Awards for all SPJST youth who are eligible to receive the awards. No youth may receive more than one President's Volunteer Service Award within the same 12-month period. The SPJST will recognize youth for volunteer service during the year—January 1 through December 31. Volunteer Service Tracking Forms are available from the State Youth Director. Forms must be returned by December 31 of each year to:

State Youth Director Frank Horak  
P.O. Box 100  
Temple, Texas 76503

# President's Volunteer Service Awards Record of Service

**Youth Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

SPJST Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Date	Activity	Location of Service	Contact Name	Hours

*(Use reverse side of sheet for additional listings.)*

**Service Classification:**

Total Hours

- Youth Achievement** *(includes volunteer activities such as mentoring, coaching, tutoring, improving literacy in areas such as reading and finance, and volunteering to keep young people engaged academically in education.)*
- Parks and Open Spaces** *(includes volunteer efforts to conserve and protect our parkland and gardens, neighborhood cleanups and creating safe playgrounds. It also includes creating safe and meaningful experiences and outdoor activities for individuals to enjoy the environment and our natural resources.)*
- Healthy Communities** *(includes volunteer efforts to help the elderly, disables, diseased, hungry or homeless, and to improve the economic health of the community. These Could include volunteering the nutrition education services, immunization campaigns, resume building, career training, disease screening, hospital support, blood drives, veterans outreach, working with local public health programs, micro-enterprise and business development.)*
- Public Safety & Emergency Responses** *(includes volunteer efforts for individuals and families to make their homes, and their communities safer from the threats for crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds. It includes preparedness training, volunteer firefighter, and programs like Citizen Corps, Neighborhood Watch, Medical Reserve Corps and Volunteers in Police Service.)*

Tell us more about your service (35 words or fewer) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**I hereby certify that the above information is accurate.**

Youth Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Leader's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete this form and return by December 31 to:  
 SPJST State Youth Director Frank Horak • P.O. Box 100 • Temple, TX 76503*