



## The Nation's Premier Youth Health & Safety Organization

### President's Volunteer Service Award

SADD is proud to announce that we are now an official certifying organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award.

SADD students now have the exclusive privilege of earning this award by submitting their volunteer hours to SADD through an online form found here: <https://sadd.org/2020-sadd-pvsa-application-form>. More information can be found at SADD.org, all forms are located in the Resources section of the SADD Portal. We will recognize any SADD students who achieve this goal at the 2020 SADD National Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.



#### What is the President's Volunteer Service Award?

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.

#### HOW IT WORKS

##### Criteria

Individuals that meet the criteria are eligible for the PVSA.

- 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 volunteer service only; additional levels of participation with the organization (i.e., charitable support) are not a factor considered for the award.
- Court-ordered community service does not qualify for the award.
- Awards are only issued by approved Certifying Organizations.
- Service must be with an approved Certifying Organization that is legally established in the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or one of the U.S. territories.

#### ELIGIBILITY

Hours are measured over a 12-month period and awards are designated based on cumulative hours. The awards are offered in multiple levels and are designed to recognize each milestone of your service achievement. Levels include bronze, silver, gold and the highest honor, the President's Lifetime Achievement Award for those who contribute more than 4,000 hours of service in their lifetime.

***SADD cannot approve or request awards for individuals who are not registered SADD members.***





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### VOLUNTEER HOURS

HOURS BY AWARD	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Kids (5-10)	26 - 49	50 - 74	75 +
Teens (11-15)	50 - 74	75 - 99	100 +
Young Adults (16-25)	100 - 174	175 - 249	250 +
Adults (26 and older)	100 - 249	250 - 499	500+
President's Lifetime Achievement Award: Individuals who have completed 4,000 or more hours in their lifetime.			

### HOW TO APPLY

Candidates must document their volunteer activities and submit an application package through the link below on or before April 15, 2020.

Link to application: <https://sadd.org/2020-sadd-pvsa-application-form>

Hours are measured from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. Students must use and complete the official SADD documentation form and include it in the application package.

A letter from every agency, organization, school, church, etc., (on their letterhead) where you volunteered must accompany your time sheet and be signed by an agency representative verifying your hours. Verifying letters must be on the organization's letterhead.

- If your service involved overnight stays, such as volunteering at a summer camp, only direct contact hours/hours on task may be counted. (Sleeping and driving hours do not count.)
- Your time log must reflect each day you volunteered, and the hours served on those days. Range of dates with total hours are not acceptable. See examples below:  
**NOT Acceptable:** February 1-15, 2020, 40 hours or June 2019-March 2020, 200 hours  
**Acceptable:** February 1, 2020, 5 hours, volunteered at a local pet shelter
- Hours served fulfilling your responsibilities as a local, state or national officer do not count for the PVSA (volunteer activities performed while an officer are acceptable).

Candidates must also submit a letter of nomination from one of the following: the direct supervisor/agency representative working with the candidate, a school administrator, SADD Advisor or SADD State Coordinator. Proof of SADD membership must also be submitted. Candidates must meet the number of hours designated by the President's Volunteer Service Award to reach the bronze, silver or gold levels of service.

For more information, please visit [SADD.org](http://SADD.org).

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## **PVSA Application Checklist**

Please review the checklist below prior to submitting your application. Any items not included in your application package will disqualify your ability to achieve the award.

- Application: completed online, with all supporting documentation scanned and uploaded
- Volunteer Service Hours Timesheet(s) - scanned and uploaded with your application
- Letter of Nomination - if you have these in hard copy, please scan as a PDF and upload with your application
- Proof of SADD membership (current SADD membership card - can be printed from the SADD Portal by your advisor. Under the STUDENTS tab click Print Membership Cards.)
- Verifying letters from each organization where you served, on the organization's letterhead - if you have these in hard copy, please scan as a PDF and upload with your application