



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. **United Way of Grant County is an Official Certifying Organization for the PVSA.**

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 a 12-month period (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

Hours Required to Earn Awards in Each Age Group

Age Group	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime Achievement Award
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

How to Nominate a Volunteer

Volunteers must be nominated in writing (or email), with endorsement of their service from a representative of the organization for which they have volunteered. To the best of the nominating organization's ability, this nomination should include a record of volunteer hours of service that were completed during the 12-month period leading up to the letter of nomination. Nominations are accepted year-round, with award ceremony dates announced periodically. Nominations are subject to approval by United Way of Grant County and/or their Board of Directors.

Nomination letters can be sent to evan@uwgrant.com, or delivered to **United Way of Grant County, 215 S Adams St., Marion, IN 46952.**