

U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award

A new program is available to recognize community service efforts of youth and adults in the 4-H program. In 2003 President Bush created the President's Volunteer Service Award which recognizes volunteers from ages 5 to 100+. The hours required for the award are as follows. When completed you will receive a lapel pin and certificate. The cost for this pin is covered for youth. Adult Volunteers should submit \$3.50 to the county for the cost of the award.

AGES	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
5 to 14	50	75	100
15 to 25	100	175	250
26 +	100	250	500

The hours must be done in a consecutive 12 month period which would be our 4-H year of 9/01 to 8/31. *Age is determined as age on completion of hours.* For example, if your birthday is 8/31/04 and you are turning 15 years old, then for the Gold award you need 250 hours of service.

The hours may look a bit overwhelming at first. But, older youth would count their time spent working as a teen leader, camp counselor (including training, work weekends and travel time), youth fair crew worker, community service in their projects and with their club. Plus, they would count any time tutoring students (unpaid), coaching a sport team or other activities that they do to serve their community.

Detailed records must be maintained and turned in at the same time record books are due to you club. Awards will be presented at County Achievement Night.

What you need TO DO:

1. Maintain a detailed record of your service hours. Acceptable forms are
 - a. The attached modified Annual 4-H project report
 - b. Or Track hours on-line at www.presidentialserviceawards.gov Print report from the computer for the period 9/1 to 8/31
2. Complete "Presidential Volunteer Service Awards Form B" Demographic information is not to be completed for 4-H members.
3. Turn both forms in when you turn in your record book in October with Record Book Forms.

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