

PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE 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 for 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 was created to recognize the tens of millions of Americans who have made a sustained commitment to volunteer service

This national award program recognizes service hours provided by youth and adults. Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore is a registered Certifying Organization for this program. Service hours are recognized annually, and we have chosen to make the service period the same as our membership year: October 1-Sept. 30. The President's Volunteer Service Award pin can be worn on regular clothing or displayed on the Girl Scout uniform as official insignia.

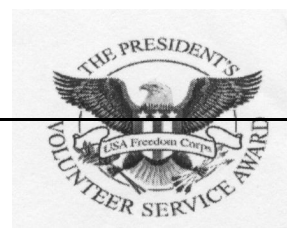
If you have girls or adult volunteers who have accumulated hours between this past membership year, **October 1 -September 30**, that qualify for any of these awards, please submit an Award Form for each girl and/or volunteer (form is included —please copy as many as you need) by **December 15**. We ask that leaders review the girl's documentation of service hours. **Cost is \$5.00 per person/award.**

Notes:

Girls who completed Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, or Gold Awards during this past membership year, October 1 through September 30, may well qualify for one of these awards. It would not be considered "double-dipping" as the President's Award is not a GSUSA award.

If there are no girls in your troop/group who accumulated enough hours to qualify for one of these individual awards, your whole troop might qualify for a Group Award. The group hours must have been earned in the same 12-month period October 1-September 30, and each member of the group must have served a minimum of 25 hours toward the total hour requirement. (See below for details.)

SERVICE HOURS REQUIRED	
Individual Age 5 - 14 Bronze Award, 50 - 74 hours Silver Award, 75 - 99 hours Gold Award, 100 or more hours	Individual Age 15 - 25 Bronze Award, 100-174 hours Silver Award, 175 - 249 hours Gold Award, 250 or more hours
Individual Age 26 - 49 Bronze Award, 100 - 249 hours Silver Award, 250 - 499 hours Gold Award, 500 or more hours	Individual Age 50+ Bronze Award, 100 - 249 hours Silver Award, 250 - 499 hours Gold Award, 500 or more hours
Available in addition to individual awards:	Available in addition to individual awards:
Family or Group/Troop (2 or more people) Bronze Award, 200 - 499 hours Silver Award, 500 - 999 hours Gold Award, 1000 or more hours	President's Call To Service Award. Individuals who have completed 4,000 or more volunteer hours in their lifetime can also order this award. It is awarded only once in your lifetime. In the year you order it, you can also order an age level award if eligible.



Award packages will be distributed through service units and available at the spring adult and/or teen recognitions celebrations.

Questions? Contact Membership, Volunteerism, & Pathways Team at (866) 566-7434, ext. 158 or e-mail mvp@gsmists.org.

PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD—GSMISTS Certifying Organization

Award Form – Due December 15

Please print neatly in ink. Use one form per person. Troops may mail forms in together with one payment. Return Award Form and \$5.00 per person/per award by deadline to any Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore Service Center or mail form/check to **GSMISTS, Attn: MPV-Volunteerism, 3275 Walker Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544.**

TROOP LEADER / ADULT INFORMATION:

NAME _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

AWARD RECIPIENT INFORMATION:

NAME _____ TROOP # _____ SU # _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 COUNTY _____ PHONE _____
 AGE _____ BIRTH DATE _____ GRADE _____

SERVICE HOURS CLASSIFICATIONS

Service hours in one or more of the following four areas qualify for the award. **Planning hours do not apply.** Write in actual service hours next to each area you participated in:

- _____ **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. *Example: Time spent in a leadership/mentoring role working with girls ages 5-17 (in Girl Scouts or the community serving as a Girl Scout volunteer).*
- _____ **hours** Parks and Open Spaces - Includes volunteer efforts to conserve and protect our parklands and gardens, neighborhood clean-ups 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. *Examples: Honor Guard service week; volunteering at a park; helping build local playgrounds.*
- _____ **hours** Healthy Communities - Includes volunteer efforts to help the elderly, disabled, diseased, hungry or homeless, and to improve the economic health of the community. These could include volunteering for health and nutrition education services, immunization campaigns, resume building, career training, disease screenings, hospital support, blood drives, veterans outreach, working with local public health programs, micro-enterprise and business development. *Example: Visiting nursing homes; making blankets or other items for local hospitals or shelters.*
- _____ **hours** Public Safety & Emergency Response - Includes volunteer efforts for individuals and families to make their homes, and their communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds. It includes preparedness training, volunteer firefighters, and programs like Citizen Corps, Neighborhood Watch, Medical Reserve Corps and Volunteers in Police Service.

Total hours: _____ **Indicate service hours time period: Oct. 1,** _____ **– Sept. 30,** _____
 _____ # of award requests on this form; or included in this mailing/package x \$5 per award = \$ _____ enclosed.

Award Earned (check one in the award recipient's age level):	
Individual Age 5 - 14 ___ Bronze Award, 50 - 74 hours ___ Silver Award, 75 - 99 hours ___ Gold Award, 100 or more hours	Individual Age 15 - 25 ___ Bronze Award, 100-174 hours ___ Silver Award, 175 - 249 hours ___ Gold Award, 250 or more hours
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