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## The President’s Volunteer Service Award

The Utah State Board of Education has been designated as a certifying organization for the President’s Volunteer Service Award by the Corporation for National & Community Service. Through this designation the board will emphasize and promote its vision to see that “all Utah students are prepared to succeed and lead by having the knowledge and skills to learn, **engage civically**, and lead meaningful lives” (USBE Vision Statement). The Board, in this capacity, will verify citizenship and hours of service for employee, staff and student applicants, order and pay for awards, and make presentation to approved individuals who apply.

Specified awards are based on the following list of service hours rendered in a year:

	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Gold</b>
<b>Kids (ages 5-10)</b>	26-49	50-74	75+
<b>Teens (AGES 11-15)</b>	50-74	75-99	100+
<b>Young Adults (ages 16-25)</b>	100-174	175-249	250+
<b>Adults (ages 26+)</b>	100-249	250-499	500+
<b>Families &amp; Groups</b>	200-499	500-999	1000+

Applicants for the award may be certified by submitting the Utah Application for the President’s Volunteer Service Award.

For additional information contact the [Corporation for National & Community Service](#) or:

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**Frequently Asked Questions about the President's Volunteer Service Award  
Utah State Board of Education – Certifying Organization**

1. Q. Who can receive the award from the Utah State Board of Education?  
A. Any U.S. citizen who is an education employee or student who has met the annual service hour requirement in Utah
2. Q. What does the award consist of?  
A. A certificate signed by the president, and a medallion
3. Q. Is there a cost for the award?  
A. The award will be paid for and ordered by the Utah State Board of Education. Awards will not be ordered until the service is completed, verified, and certified.
4. Q. What is the time frame for service performed for the award?  
A. Service for the award must be completed within a year, from the time the service begins to the time the hourly requirement is completed. However, funding for the award is only guaranteed for fiscal year 2020, which ends on June 30, 2020. Awards can only be guaranteed if the service is completed by this date.
5. Q. Are there limitations on the types of service that can be performed?  
A. Service cannot be counted when
  - a. The service is performed for family members
  - b. The service is performed as part of court-ordered community service
  - c. The service is performed as a part religious instruction, worship service, or proselytizing
  - d. There is any compensation offered
6. Q. Who can verify the service performed?  
A. Any adult that is not related to, or an employer of the applicant. Verifiers must be available for contact from the certifying organization.
7. Q. Can an individual receive more than one award annually?  
A. No.
8. Q. What documentation is required?  
A. The Utah Application for the President's Volunteer Service Award, completely filled in, clearly showing the log of service and the verifier information.
9. Q. What is the school or district responsible for in this program?  
A. It is hoped that the school will publicize the program and be aware of the information sheet and the application form. Participants should contact Alan Griffin ([agriffin5@yahoo.com](mailto:agriffin5@yahoo.com)) to become involved. Awards may be presented in the school, if desired, for successful applicants.
10. Q. Can volunteer hours completed in other award or recognition programs be used for the PVSA?  
A. There is no requirement prohibiting recording hours for another volunteer award program as long as the rules for the PVSA are followed.

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