

PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

2016

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 calendar year: January 1–December 31. 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 during this past year, **January 1 – December 31, 2016**, 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 **February 1, 2017**. *We ask leaders to review the girl's documentation of service hours.*

Notes: Girls who completed Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, or Gold Awards during this past membership year 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.

The naming of the President's Volunteer Service Awards, ie. Bronze, Silver, Gold do NOT coincide with the GSUSA Bronze, Silver, Gold awarding system

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 and each member of the group must have served a minimum of 25 hours toward the total hour requirement. (See next page for details.)



Awards will be available at the Adult and/or Teen Awards Celebration. Award packages may be picked up at a Service Center after May 1 or mailed for an additional \$5 fee per award.

Questions? Contact a Volunteer Development staff person at 844-GSMISTS, or e-mail mvp@gsmists.org.

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GSMISTS Certifying Organization — Award Order Form – Due February 1, 2017

Please print neatly in ink. Use one form per person. Return Award Form by March 1, 2016 to any Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore Service Center. There is no cost to the awardee/troop for these awards. Shipping is available for \$5 per award.

TROOP LEADER / ADULT INFORMATION:

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

AWARD RECIPIENT INFORMATION (Complete separate form for additional Family or Group Award):

NAME _____ TROOP # _____ SU # _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 COUNTY _____ PHONE _____
 REGISTERED AS GIRL OR ADULT _____ AGE _____ BIRTH DATE _____ GRADE _____

SERVICE HOURS CLASSIFICATIONS

Service hours in one or more of the following areas qualify for the award. **Planning hours do not apply.**

Write in actual service hours next to each area you participated in:

- _____ hours **Education** - Includes volunteer activities such as mentoring, coaching, tutoring, improving literacy 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 **Environmental Stewardship** - Includes volunteer efforts to conserve and protect our parklands and gardens, neighborhood cleanups and creating safe playgrounds. 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 Futures** - 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 & nutrition education services, immunization campaigns, resume building, career training, disease screenings, hospital support, blood drives, veterans outreach, local public health programs and business development. *Example: Visiting nursing homes; making blankets or other items for local hospitals or shelters.*
- _____ hours **Disaster Services** - Includes volunteer efforts for individuals and families to make their homes and communities safer from the threats 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.
- _____ hours **Other** - (please describe):

_____ **Total hours** **Service hours time period: Jan. 1, 2016 – Dec. 31, 2016**

- Select one: _____ 1) I will attend the Teen and/or Adult Awards Celebration and will pick up my award there.
 _____ 2) I will pick up my award at _____ Service Center after May 1.
 _____ 3) I enclose \$5 per award for shipping. Mail to 1) _____ Adult or 2) _____ Award Recipient.

Indicate awards earned below:	
<p>Individual Age 5 - 10</p> <p>____ Bronze Award, 26- 49 hours ____ Silver Award, 50 - 74 hours ____ Gold Award, 75 or more hours</p>	<p>Individual Age 11 – 15</p> <p>____ Bronze Award, 50-74 hours ____ Silver Award, 75 - 99 hours ____ Gold Award, 100 or more hours</p>
<p>Individual Age 16 - 25</p> <p>____ Bronze Award, 100-174 hours ____ Silver Award, 175 - 249 hours ____ Gold Award, 250 or more hours</p>	<p>Individual Age 26+</p> <p>____ Bronze Award, 100 - 249 hours ____ Silver Award, 250 - 499 hours ____ Gold Award, 500 or more hours</p>
<p>Available in addition to individual awards:</p>	<p>Available in addition to individual awards:</p>
<p>Choose: _____ Family or _____ Group/Troop (2 or more people)</p> <p>____ Bronze Award, 200 - 499 hours ____ Silver Award, 500 - 999 hours ____ Gold Award, 1000 or more hours</p>	<p>____ President's Lifetime Achievement 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.</p>