



# MINNETONKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## The President's Volunteer Service Award

An initiative of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation

**September 1, 2011 – August 31, 2012**

### STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

Minnetonka Public Schools recognize community service efforts with the President's Volunteer Service Award program, designed to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to serve.

#### Who can participate?

All Minnetonka School District students, parents, teachers, and other adults are eligible.

#### What are the requirements?

Volunteers maintain a service log and record their service hours from activities completed at school, church and other places they serve in the community. Volunteers track their service online or on a paper tracking sheet from September 1 of current year through August 31 of the following year.

| Age group  | Bronze        | Silver        | Gold                |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Kids (up to 14 years old)  | 50-74 hrs     | 75-99 hours   | 100 hours or more   |
| Young adults (15-25)   | 100-174 hrs   | 175-249 hours | 250 hours or more   |
| Adults (26 and older)  | 100-249 hrs   | 250-499 hours | 500 hours or more   |
| Families and groups  | 200-499 hours | 500-999 hours | 1,000 hours or more |
| <b>President's Call to Service Lifetime Award: 4,000 hours or more</b> |               |               |                     |

#### How to get started:

1. Create a Record of Service at [www.presidentialserviceawards.gov](http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov). Click on "Track Your Hours". If you are under 14 years of age, you will need an adult to set up the account in your name. Once the account is set up, go back into "Your Profile" and enter the correct age group.
2. After setting up an account, please go to "Your Profile" and add the Minnetonka Record of Service Key: **MKM-27624**. This key ensures that you are recognized by Minnetonka Public Schools for your volunteer service. Applications are not valid without this code.
3. Record your hours online under "My Service" or on a paper tracking sheet. All service hours must be verified by the organization where service is performed or by a parent or adult supervisor.

For step by step directions, see "Tracking Your Service Hours Online"

*Minnetonka Public Schools is a Certifying Agent for the President's Volunteer Service Award.*

## What service is eligible?

While most volunteer service contributes to service hours for the award, volunteers are encouraged to participate in activities that address areas of need in our nation, such as:

**Youth Achievement:** Activities such as mentoring, coaching, tutoring and improving literacy

**Parks and Open Spaces:** Efforts to conserve and protect our parklands and gardens, clean up neighborhoods, create safe playgrounds and develop outdoor activities and experiences

**Healthy Communities:** Activities to improve the physical, mental and economic health of the community, including volunteering for health and nutrition education services, immunization campaigns, hospital support, blood drives, veterans outreach, career training and business development

**Public Safety and Emergency Response:** Efforts to make homes and communities safer from crime and disasters, including preparedness training and programs such as Neighborhood Watch and Volunteers in Police Service.

## What doesn't count?

- Paid activities or court ordered community service
- Travel time to and from service activities
- Hours spent sleeping during overnight service trips or camps. You may count 8 hours maximum per day or provide documentation that you served more.
- Work for political campaigns or unpaid internships with for-profit companies
- Hours spent in meetings or training unless you were planning or participating in service activities
- Household chores or service to your immediate family

**For a list of volunteer opportunities and project ideas in our area, please visit  
[www.TonkaServes.org](http://www.TonkaServes.org).**

## What do recipients receive?

All Award recipients receive:

- A personalized certificate of achievement
- A congratulatory letter from the President of the United States
- An official President's Volunteer Service Award pin

Awards will be presented at a Celebration of Service in the Fall.

## Award Requirements:

You must submit an **Application Form** and a copy of your paper or online **Record of Service** with your hours verified by an adult supervisor or parent by September 7, 2012 to:

President's Volunteer Service Award  
Minnetonka District Service Center  
5621 County Road 101  
Minnetonka, MN 55345

For further information, please e-mail [laurie.lokar@minnetonka.k12.mn.us](mailto:laurie.lokar@minnetonka.k12.mn.us) or call 952-401-5766.