

What is the President's Volunteer Service Award?

The President of the United States created the program to thank and honor those who volunteer and who inspire others to participate in volunteer activities.

To date, over 1.5 million awards have been given to volunteers across America.

What is the role of Minnetonka Public Schools in the award process?

In 2007, Minnetonka Public Schools became a certifying agent for the President's Volunteer Service Award. This means that the Minnetonka School District can review applications and give awards to volunteers. Minnetonka Public Schools holds an awards ceremony in October each year.

The mission of the Minnetonka School District, a community that transcends traditional definitions of excellence and where dreams set sail, is to ensure all students envision and pursue their highest aspirations while serving the greater good . . .

Start Your Record of Service Today!

Visit www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/serviceawards to learn more.

Create a Record of Service at www.presidentserviceawards.gov. Click on TRACK YOUR HOURS.

Enter the **Minnetonka Record of Service Key MKM-27624** in your PROFILE. You can join a group within Minnetonka by obtaining the Group Member Code and entering it under GROUPS.

Record your service hours online under My Service or on paper by printing a tracking sheet. All service hours must be verified by the organization where service is performed by a parent or adult supervisor to receive recognition.

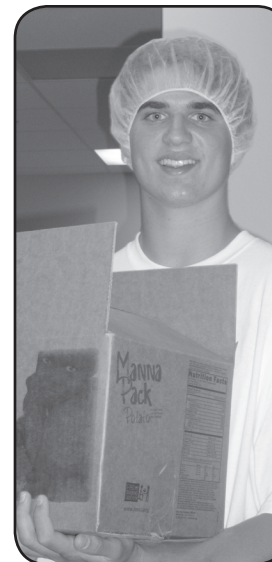
Complete an application for the President's Volunteer Service Award and submit with verified service hours.

Submit application by September 9 to
Presidential Volunteer Service Award
Minnetonka District Service Center
5621 County Road 101
Minnetonka, MN 55345

How can I learn more?

Visit www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/serviceawards or contact Laurie Lokar, Community Service Specialist, laurie.lokar@minnetonka.k12.mn.us, 952-401-5766.

Applying for the President's Volunteer Service Award



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Who can participate?

Students, parents, teachers and other volunteers residing in or attending a school in the Minnetonka School District.

What do I have to do?

Volunteers record their service hours from activities completed at school, church and other places they serve from September 1- August 31. Hours are recorded on paper or on an online profile. Applications must be submitted by September 9 of each year.

What are the awards?

Based on hours, there are four award levels offered:

Bronze

Kids (up to 14 years old): 50-74 hours
Young adults (15-25 years old): 100-174 hours
Adults (26 years old and older): 100-249 hours
Families and groups: 200-499 hours

Silver

Kids: 75-99 hours
Young adults: 175-249 hours
Adults: 250-499 hours
Families and groups: 500-999 hours

Gold

Kids: 100 hours or more
Young Adults: 250 hours or more
Adults: 500 hours or more
Families and groups: 1,000 hours or more

President's Call to Service Awards

Lifetime award for 4,000 hours or more

Where can I volunteer?

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?

- Travel time to and from service activities
- Hours spent sleeping during overnight service trips or events
- Work for political campaigns

For a list of volunteer opportunities in our area, please visit www.tonkaserves.org.

What do I receive?

All award recipients receive:

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

The President's Volunteer Service Award is a great addition to resumes and college applications.

How do I track my hours?

Track your hours online or print a Volunteer Service Hours Tracking Sheet at www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/serviceawards. Hours must be verified by the organization where the service is performed or by a parent or adult supervisor. If tracking hours online, please include full information on the organization including phone number.

Visit www.presidentialserviceawards.gov to create an account. Click on "Track Your Hours" on the top navigation bar and follow steps 1-4.

Once you have created your account, click on "Profile" and enter the **Minnetonka Record of Service Key MKM-27624**. This code ensures that you are recognized by Minnetonka Public Schools for your volunteer service. Applications are not valid without this code. You can join a group within Minnetonka by obtaining the Group Member Code and entering it under Groups.

Submit your verified Record of Service with the application for The President's Volunteer Service Awards.