

## The US President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)



If your Mandal is a 501 c 3 type non-profit organization in the USA, then it can become a Certifying Organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award and may recognize its most exceptional volunteers & the impact they make in the community!

Eligible volunteers working for your Mandal and Shala could get a personalized certificate of achievement and a letter signed by the 'President of the United States' after fulfilling the minimum volunteering requirements.

### Volunteer Eligibility:

- Must be a US Citizen or US Green Card holder at the time of first volunteering work.
- Must be at least five years old.
- Must have completed eligible volunteering service within your Mandal membership year.
- Must be a Mandal member.

Please ask your members to fill out the Enrollment Form if they are eligible and interested in receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award! (Sample "[PVSA - Enrollment Form](#)")

After submitting the PVSA - Enrollment Form, ask member volunteers to start logging their volunteering hours in the spreadsheet. Optionally, create a Data Bank form and ask them to fill out every time they do volunteer work at the Mandal event (Sample "[PVSA - Data Bank Form](#)").

### Award Levels – Service Benchmarks

Age Group	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime
Kids (5-10)	26-49	50-74	75+	4,000
Teens (11-15)	50-74	75-99	100+	4,000
Young Adults (16-25)	100-174	175-249	250+	4,000
Adults (26+)	100-249	250-499	500+	4,000
Families & Groups	200-499	500-999	1,000+	N/A



### Important Information:

- It is recommended (but not required) that your Mandal's timeline for the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) should be aligned with Mandal's Shala's calendar.
- The award year is a consecutive 12-month period. (E.g. the award year for the President's Volunteer Service Award will start on Aug 15 of every year and it will end on Aug 14 of the following year).
- All the volunteering work must be completed in this time frame.
- All the volunteering work has to be performed in Mandal's events (including Marathi Shala) or Mandal-supported volunteering events. Mandal officials should approve the volunteer work.
- Volunteer work organized by Mandal will be counted for this Service Award program, thus, volunteer work performed at an individual level is not counted.
- One cannot carry forward the volunteer work from one award year into the next year.
- Be honest while entering your volunteer work. It should be in the increment of 30 min (E.g., 1 hr, 1.5 hrs, 2 hrs, etc.). Mandal officials could ask you to submit proof of your volunteering, thus, Mandal expects everyone to submit the form to show integrity.
- Volunteers are not supposed to log volunteer hours at different non-profit organizations or local School Districts for the same volunteering work.
- The age category is determined by the person's age for at least 7 months within the 12-month calendar year. For example, if the person was 15 for 7 months within the year in question, that person would qualify within the 11-15 age group.
- Mandal should submit the order to receive the PVSA certificates/medals by the end of award year, thus, volunteers are responsible for submitting their volunteering hours within one week after the end of the award year.
- Mandal officials can decline this Service Award if they notice any fraudulent or dishonest activity.
- Mandal must pay for the Certificate, but for any additional reward (E.g., Medal, pin, coin, etc.), but Mandal may expect a kind donation (min \$15) to cover the additional cost.
- Mandal is not responsible if you do not receive the service award at all (Certificate, pin, coin, medal, etc.) or on time.
- For additional information on this award program, please visit <https://presidentalserviceawards.gov/> & <https://pointsoflight.my.site.com/s/>
- If you have any questions, please reach out to [prasad.panwalker@bmmonline.org](mailto:prasad.panwalker@bmmonline.org)



### Canada's Volunteer Awards program:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/volunteer-awards.html>