

The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)

Starting from spring 2021, Xilin North Shore Chinese School is a PVSA certifying organization. Our school is authorized to issue PVSA awards to volunteers who meet certain volunteer services requirements.

What is the PVSA?

In 2003, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation founded the President's Volunteer Service Award to recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity. This award honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action too.

Led by the [Corporation for National and Community Service](#) and managed in partnership with [Points of Light](#), this program allows Certifying Organizations to recognize their most exceptional volunteers.

Volunteer Eligibility

- United States citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States (i.e., green card holder);
- Must be at least five years old;
- Completes eligible service within a 12-month period (for annual Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards) and over a lifetime (for Lifetime Achievement Awards).

Eligible Service

The Award only recognizes unpaid service hours, not financial or other in-kind contributions. Community service hours must be performed with one or more nonprofit organizations.

Click <https://presidentalserviceawards.org/eligibility#volunteers> to find more details.

Award Levels

Volunteer hours are measured over a 12-month period and awards are designated based on cumulative hours. The awards are offered in multiple levels and are designed to recognize each milestone of your service

achievement. Levels include bronze, silver, gold and the highest honor, the President's Lifetime Achievement Award for those who contribute more than 4,000 hours of service in their lifetime.

Hours Required to Earn Awards in Each Age Group

Age Group	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Kids (5-10 years old)	26-49 hours	50-74 hours	75+ hours
Teens (11-15)	50-74 hours	75-99 hours	100+ hours
Young Adults (16-25)	100-174 hours	175-249 hours	250+ hours
Adults (26+)	100-249 hours	250-499 hours	500+ hours

FAQs:

1. What are the benefits of receiving the award?

This nationally renowned award can be used in any application, interview or career situation.

2. What is included with the Award?

Award recipients can receive an official PVSA pin, personalized certificate of achievement, and a congratulatory letter from the president of the United States.

3. What is Xilin North Shore Chinese School 12-month service time period?

The annual program cycle is from **May 1st** to **April 30th** of the following year. All the service hours which are used to apply for the award must be completed in this time period.

4. How do I apply for the 2022-2023 award through Xilin North Shore Chinese School?

Step 1: Download and print a [service log file](#).

Read [Service Hours Guidelines](#) to help you determine what service hours count and what not.

Step 2: Record and maintain the service log according to the rules listed on the log file. Service time frame: **5/1/2022-4/30/2023**

Step 3: Once you have reached approved service hours required to earn the award, please fill out the [online application form](#) and submit the service log through the online form by 5/5/2023.

To ensure the integrity of the PVSA awards, Xilin North Shore Chinese School has the discretion to decide if the hours submitted by applicants are eligible to count toward the award. For questions about the award criteria, contact our board chair at bod@xilinnschineseschool.org.

5. What will happen, if the age group changes in the 12- month time period?

If within the time period your age group changes (Kids, Teens, Young Adults and Adults), your hours requirement will be divided into two parts, the months before and after your birthday. Your service hours will need to meet the required hours in each age group by month to be eligible for the award.

6. I received a PVSA last year. Can I apply again?

Yes. You can apply every year if you meet the qualifications and submit the application by the deadline.

7. Do I have to get all the volunteer hours from Xilin North Shore Chinese School?

No. You need a certain number of hours from Xilin North Shore Chinese School but not all. Hours may come from different service activities for different organizations/causes as long as the Xilin North Shore Chinese School is able to collect information necessary to certify eligible service hours.

An honoree may only be recognized by one Certifying Organization in a 12-month period. We recommend you apply for the award through the Certifying Organization you have the most volunteer hours with.