



Presidential Service Award – Application and Information

April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022

Student Name: _____

Age/Birthday: _____

Grade/Teacher: _____

Total Hours: _____

Parent or child email**:

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

** Email address is used to create or match to an existing PVSA volunteer account, if available. Please provide email address for honoree; list kept private.

Due to the ordering process and turnaround time, the deadline to turn in hours is 4/1/22. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

The President's Challenge:

St. Michael the Archangel school has registered to participate in the President's Student Service Challenge. The President's Challenge is an opportunity to recognize young people for their outstanding service to the community. Any SMA student who performs 26 (ages 5-10) or 50 (ages 11-15) or more hours of service will be recognized for their efforts with a pin bearing the Presidential Seal, a certificate, and a letter of recognition from the President. Hours are measured over a 12-month period and are cumulative. St. Michael the Archangel proudly covers the fees involved with this program as gratitude and recognition for the countless hours our students spend serving our community.

The specific awards levels are as follows:

Hours by Award	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Kids (5-10) birthday is <u>AFTER</u> October 1, 2010	26 – 49	50 – 74	75 +
Teens (11–15) birthday is <u>BEFORE</u> October 1, 2010	50 – 74	75 – 99	100 +

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov>

Keeping Track of Service Hours:

Students wishing to earn a service award will need to log and track their own service hours from April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022. **They must complete the application above and submit it with the Student Service Log and turn it into the school office (including parent signatures and totals) by April 1, 2022.**

What Qualifies as Service Hours?

“Community Service” is defined as **unpaid time** spent by the student on a *service activity that has a significant impact on meeting the needs of the community*, outside of immediate family. It includes volunteering for any religious, school, or community organization. There must be no compensation for the work, unless that compensation is donated or de minimus (e.g. small thank you gift card). *Awards are only for service, charitable support is not a factor considered for the award.*

Examples include: VBS Volunteer, parish picnic, fish fries volunteer or baker, meals for priests, soup kitchens, not-for-profit work (e.g. working a 5K run or charity carnival), hospitals, shelters, Harvesters, nursing homes, blood drives, Environmental Clean-Up, assembling military or disaster relief kits, parish choir, altar serving (outside normal school hours), etc.

NOTE: Normal participation in youth organizations such as scout meetings (except specific service projects), field trips, camp-outs, babysitting siblings or doing extra chores at home, do NOT qualify. In addition, other activities during normal school hours (e.g. altar serving/reading during a school mass, Go Forth to Serve Day) do not count.

EXCEPTIONS: Service Ambassador, Happy Helpers or Faith Beating Injustice activities during normal school hours (as well as outside school hours) WILL count, as students are giving up flex, lunch or free time for these activities.

