



## President's Volunteer Service Award

While you are working on your Girl Scout Silver Award or Girl Scout Gold Award, you can count your hours toward the President's Volunteer Service Award, too. You can also count other service hours that you perform for school organizations and for other community groups. The service must be "unpaid acts of volunteer service benefitting other." The hours for this award must be completed within a 12-month period.

### What is the President's Volunteer Service Award?

The President's Volunteer Service Award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation on behalf of the President of the United States. It is awarded to recognize and encourage all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service and participation. Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana is a certifying partner of the President's Volunteer Service Award.

### Who is eligible to earn this award?

- A person who is a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States (green card holder)
- A person who is at least five years old

### These activities CANNOT be counted toward the award:

- Donating funds
- Political lobbying
- Religious instruction
- Conducting worship service
- Proselytizing
- Volunteer service performed as part of court-ordered community service
- Serving only family members

<b>Hours Required to Earn Awards in Each Age Group</b>				
<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Lifetime Achievement Award</b>
<b>Age 5-10</b>	26-49 hours	50-74 hours	75+ hours	4,000+ hours
<b>Age 11-15</b>	50-74 hours	75-99 hours	100+ hours	4,000+ hours
<b>Age 16-25</b>	100-174 hours	175-249 hours	250+ hours	4,000+ hours

## **How to apply for the award**

To apply, Girl Scouts must track their service hours with enough information that the hours can be reasonably verified using the provided submission form. It is best to have someone representing the organization where volunteer hours are completed be ready to verify hours or provide letters verifying volunteer hours.

Once hours are completed, please complete the President's Volunteer Service Award Submission Form found [here](#).

When the form is submitted, it will be received by GSK and reviewed. Once approved, applicants will receive an email from GSK and an award package including a certificate and pin will be ordered. Award packages may take up to 30 days to arrive.