

Awards Criteria

ALL Ronald Reagan High School students are eligible and encouraged to participate. Even students that have never volunteered before are eligible to earn the President's Volunteer Service Award. Participation in a Reagan group, committee or club is not a requirement to participate in earning this Prestigious Award.

There are three levels of the Award and are based on the hours of service completed. Each award recipient receives a personalized certificate of achievement, a congratulatory letter from the President of the U.S. and an official President's Award pin. Qualifications for awards are as follows:

Young Adults - Ages 15 -25 (15 as of January 1, 2009)

- Bronze Award 100-174 hours
- Silver Award 175 - 249 hours
- Gold Award 250 or more hours

Kids - 14 and younger (14 before December 31, 2008)

- Bronze Award 50 - 74 hours
- Silver Award 75 - 99 hours
- Gold Award 100 or more hours

Qualification Guidelines

To be recognized, service activities should meet national or community needs in the areas of youth achievement, parks and open spaces, healthy communities, and public safety and emergency response. All volunteer activities should be unpaid and should not include efforts completed for the student's immediate family. (i.e. taking care of sibling...)

Some examples of Volunteer Activities include and are not limited to the following:

Youth Achievement -Mentoring, coaching, tutoring, improving literacy in areas such as reading and finance, and volunteering to keep young people engaged academically in education.

Healthy Communities - Includes volunteer efforts to help the elderly, disabled, diseased, hungry or homeless, and to improve the economic health of the community. These could include volunteering for health/nutrition education services, immunization campaigns, resume building, career training, disease screenings, hospital support, blood drives, veterans outreach, working with local public health programs, micro-enterprise and business development.

Parks & Open Spaces - Includes volunteer efforts to conserve and protect our parklands and gardens, neighborhood cleanups and creating safe playgrounds.

Public Safety & Emergency Response - Includes volunteer efforts for individuals and families to make their homes, and their communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds. It includes preparedness training, volunteer firefighters, and programs like Citizen Corps, Neighborhood Watch, Medical Reserve Corps and Volunteers in Police Service.

- Any activity over 15 hours MUST include a short paragraph describing the date, place, and type of activity.
- Non-qualifying activities will be deducted from total count. Should this occur, students will be informed.