

The New California Conservatory President's Volunteer Service Award(PVSA)

We are proud to announce that NCC has been selected and approved as an official Certifying Organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA).

Established in 2003, the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) is the premier volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens to live a life of service through presidential gratitude and national recognition. We encourage you to take a look around, be inspired and take positive action that changes the world.

Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard for service, encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation, and inspires others to make service a central part of their lives. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard – measured by the number of hours of service over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime.

It is an increasingly competitive world, one where college admissions directors and potential employers look beyond the grades of students to the experiences that have shaped them.

PVSA offers a unique and extraordinary experience that stands out on college applications and resumes. Whether applying for college or a job, the President's Volunteer Service Award is a strong testament to what you have achieved and who you are as an individual.

Unique to NCC Presidential Volunteer Service Award program is that upon completion of a program, most students can earn an impressive 100 hours of community service work and thus achieve the Bronze level of the President's Volunteer Service Award. U.S. citizen-students receive a personalized Certificate of Award, the official President's Volunteer Service Award lapel pin and a congratulatory letter from President Barack Obama.

NCC President's Volunteer Service Award provides youth with opportunities to develop cultural, social and intellectual skills through music, education and locally based volunteer services.

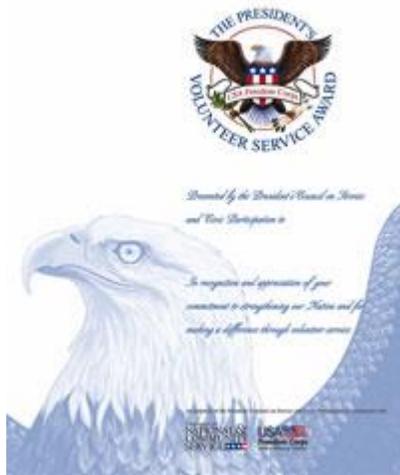
NCC Volunteer Services related to Music

- Rehearsal and participation in music performance for Community Performances
- Participation in ensembles, hand-chime choir for Community Performances
- Performing for retirement communities, children's hospitals, etc
- Involvement in any of school programs/music camps
- Teaching elementary students music lessons
- End of the year Community Performance

Each certified applicant will receive

- An official President's Volunteer Service Award lapel pin
- A personalized certificate of achievement
- A congratulatory letter from the President of the United State

Personalized Certificate



Letter from the President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Congratulations on receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award, and thank you for helping to address the most pressing needs in your community and our country.

In my Inaugural Address, I stated that we need a new era of responsibility—a recognition on the part of every American that we have duties to ourselves, our Nation, and the world. These are duties that we do not grudgingly accept, but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit as giving our all to a difficult task. Your volunteer service demonstrates the kind of commitment to your community that moves America a step closer to its great promise.

Our Nation faces the most challenging economic crisis in a lifetime. We will only renew America if we all work together. Individuals, the private sector, and government must combine efforts to make real and lasting change so that each person has the opportunity to fulfill his or her potential.

While government can open more opportunities for us to serve our communities, it is up to each of us to seize these opportunities. Thank you for your devotion to service and for doing all you can to shape a better tomorrow for our great Nation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be Barack Obama's signature.

Award Eligibility

The PVSA is awarded based on the following hours of service in a 12 month period.

Kids
5 - 14 yrs

Young Adults
15 - 25yrs

Bronze Award



50 - 74 hrs

100-174 hrs

Silver Award



75 - 99 hrs

175 - 249 hrs

Gold Award



100 or more hrs

250 or more hrs

What is the President's Volunteer Service Award?

The PVSA was created to recognize and honor Americans who are engaged in their communities by way of voluntary service. It is awarded by the President of the United States and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to individuals, families and groups that are committed to community service. *At this time, NCC only grants the PVSA to youth in middle school or high school.

What is the benefit of earning the Presidential Volunteer Service Award?

The Presidential Volunteer Service Award is a prestigious national honor that highlights your commitment to serving the community and the nation. This award not only improves your resume (for college applications), but also allows you to inspire others to follow in your footsteps – to contribute to their communities through volunteer service and to make volunteer service a central part of their lives.

To qualify for this award through NCC:

All applicants must be currently enrolled NCC students and United States citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of the United States.



Photo courtesy Orange County Register

NCC will grant awards based on the following principles:

1. The 12 month period will be measured based on hours served between August 15 of one year and August 14 of the next.
2. Age will be based on your age on August 15.
3. You must keep a record of your hours. NCC will not keep a record for you.
4. You may count 100% of actual service hours for approved service projects sponsored or organized by NCC.
5. In all cases, volunteers receive a maximum of 8 hours credit for any 24-hour period of service, and a maximum of 45 hours credit for any 7-day period.

