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President's Volunteer Service Award Guidelines



An Exciting Opportunity Exclusively for TFAS Youth Family members

TFAS has earned the honor and privilege to be approved as an Official Certifying Organization for **the US President's Volunteer Service Award** (see <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov>). Awardees will receive a personalized certificate, an official medallion and a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States.

TFAS BOT is pleased to inform its esteemed members that we are opening this opportunity to all TFAS Kids, Teens and Youth (05-25 years), for the Award years 2022 & 2023.

Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities are available before, during, and after Sankranti, Trimurthy day, Ugadi, summer picnic, Sports and cultural competitions, Deepavali, and other events held by TFAS. They include help with organizing the event, onstage performances during the event, contribution of articles to Telugu Jyothi; activities promoting Telugu language, Literature, Arts and Culture; and community welfare activities.

Eligibility

Applicants must be TFAS members, and self-certify that they meet all the PVSA volunteer eligibility criteria below and listed at [The President's Volunteer Service Award \(presidentialserviceawards.gov\)](http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov):

- ☐ Must be a United States citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States.
- ☐ Must be 5 years of age or older at the time service hours are begun for participation in the PVSA program.
- ☐ Awards are issued for volunteer service only. Additional levels of participation with the organization, e.g., charitable support, are not a factor considered for the award.
- ☐ Hours for each award level must be completed within a 12-month time period.
- ☐ Must perform volunteer activities eligible for the award, except political lobbying, religious instruction, conducting worship service, proselytizing, and serving only family members.
- ☐ Individuals conducting service that receive stipends do not qualify.
- ☐ Court ordered community service does not apply to PVSA service hours.
- ☐ Must not be under a criminal indictment or have been convicted of a felony.
- ☐ Failure to meet the criteria or to deceive a certifying organization with any of the requirements listed herein may result in revocation of the individual's award.
- ☐ Eligible service does not include serving only family members.
- ☐ Eligible service does not include religious instruction, proselytizing & conducting worship service.

Accumulation of Hours

1. Achievement levels are as follows:

Hours Required to Earn Awards in Each Age Group

Age Group	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime Achievement Award
Kids (5–10 years old)	26–49 hours	50–74 hours	75+ hours	4,000+ hours
Teens (11–15)	50–74 hours	75–99 hours	100+ hours	4,000+ hours
Young Adults (16–25)	100–174 hours	175–249 hours	250+ hours	4,000+ hours

2. The volunteer hours will be counted as follows:

- All volunteer hours must be recorded with TFAS youth chair or designated representatives.
- Must volunteer or participate in a minimum of two TFAS events in the award year.
- Volunteer hours from other similar organizations will be accepted provided they are certified by an officer of that organization.
- Volunteer hours include actual participation time, preparation, reporting, and travel times.

For more details, please contact the following Youth Services Chairs for 2022 & 2023.

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