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Marlboro Mayor's Volunteer Service Award

Program Overview

The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) has been suspended since May 2025. To continue recognizing and encouraging students and community members who dedicate their time to volunteer service, Huaxia South Chinese School has actively sought alternative avenues for volunteer service recognition and awards.

On September 14, 2025, during Marlboro Day, the Principal met with the Mayor of Marlboro Township to discuss volunteer service recognition opportunities for students and community volunteers. With the support of the Mayor's Office, the **Marlboro Mayor's Volunteer Service Award** was established. Qualified applicants will receive an award certificate signed by the Mayor of Marlboro.

The Marlboro Mayor's Volunteer Service Award is supported by the Marlboro Mayor's Office, administered by Huaxia South Chinese School, and awarded through a certificate personally signed by the Mayor of Marlboro.

The purpose of this award is to recognize volunteers who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to community service, school service, and charitable activities. The program encourages civic responsibility, leadership, and a lifelong commitment to serving others and giving back to the community.

Eligibility

The following individuals are eligible to apply:

- Current students of Huaxia South Chinese School who are at least **5 years old**.
- Volunteers who are **U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents (Green Card holders)**.

Application Period

Applications are accepted once each year.

The application period opens at the beginning of the fall semester and closes in **mid-October**. Specific deadlines will be announced annually by the school.

Volunteer Service Requirements

The award year runs from **September 1 through August 31** of the following year.

Applicants may submit volunteer service hours earned both within and outside Huaxia South Chinese School. However, to demonstrate a meaningful connection and contribution to the school community, applicants must meet **at least one** of the following requirements:

- At least **two-thirds (2/3)** of the applicant's total volunteer service hours during the award year must be completed through Huaxia South Chinese School; **or**
- The applicant must complete a minimum of **32 volunteer hours** through Huaxia South Chinese School during the award year.

Volunteer service hours performed at Huaxia South Chinese School will be verified through official school sign-in records.

For volunteer service completed outside the school, applicants must provide documentation signed by the sponsoring organization's representative or activity supervisor. Such documentation will be subject to review and verification by the school.

Huaxia South Chinese School reserves the right to review and validate all submitted service records and supporting documents.

Award Levels and Hour Requirements

Applicants must satisfy the Huaxia South Chinese School service requirements described above and must also meet the minimum volunteer-hour requirement for the **Bronze Award** level within their age group.

The Marlboro Mayor's Volunteer Service Award follows the age-group classifications and volunteer-hour standards previously used by the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA).

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
Adults (26+)	100–249 hours	250–499 hours	500+ hours	4,000+ hours

Eligible Volunteer Service Activities

The following activities may be counted toward volunteer service hours:

1. Teaching Service

Unpaid teaching activities may be counted toward volunteer service hours based on actual instructional time.

2. Teaching Assistant (TA) Service

Unpaid Teaching Assistant (TA) service may be counted toward volunteer service hours based on actual service time.

3. School and Community Events

Volunteer service, performance participation, event coordination, or support activities for school and community events, including but not limited to:

- Chinese New Year Gala
- Graduation Ceremony
- Talent Shows
- Huaxia Track and Field Games
- Huaxia Academic Games
- Huaxia Debate Competition
- Multi-Cultural Day
- Marlboro Day
- Senior Day
- Marlboro Parade
- Other school-approved community events

4. Community Outreach and Charity Activities

Participation in school-sponsored or school-recognized community service activities, including:

- Educational outreach programs
- Fundraising campaigns

- Charity sales and donation drives
 - Other approved volunteer service projects
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Recognition

Award recipients will be recognized at the school's Annual Meeting, Graduation Ceremony, or other appropriate school events.

Recipients will receive a certificate signed by the Mayor of Marlboro and an award medal in recognition of their volunteer service contributions.

Contact Information

For more information about the award program or the Teaching Assistant (TA) Program, please contact:

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Together, we can strengthen our community through service, leadership, and volunteerism.