

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. This Presidential recognition program sets you apart from your peers and is a tremendous honor.

Shen Crew is one of the approved community organizations that has registered and can approve awards for our crew students that are completing volunteer hours. We have many High School students that are looking for ways to differentiate themselves on their college transcripts - this is one of them ! We have worked on the calendar year system (All hours earned w/in that calendar year only) but it can also be done w/in a 12 month period Oct-Oct so we can present any awards at the fall banquet in November for any qualifiers.

Visit the website to learn more & register at: <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/>

Criteria points to remember:

- Awards are issued for volunteer service only; additional levels of participation with the organization (i.e. charitable support or receiving pmt) are not a factor considered for the award.
- Volunteer work can be from several places/types and logged onto their website for tracking of cumulative hours. Make sure when you register your profile has **ROS Key – TVB-62146** which links you to Shen Crew volunteer system.
- The awards are offered in multiple levels and are designed to recognize each milestone of your service achievement. Levels include bronze, silver, gold (hrs depend on age so check their website but range from 50-250+ hrs to qualify for award).
- For **DOUBLE** benefit - we also have Shen crew jobs like washing towels, lost & found, bottle returns from boathouse and other various jobs. This will count towards the presidents club **AND** the family volunteer job commitment for the season so double win for choosing these.
- If crew members work for volunteer programs within the community and want to coordinate Shen crew to volunteer for a specific event as a group once a season we can add these offerings to the newsletter or perhaps share separately to help publicize within our organization. (it's more fun to volunteer with friends)

We welcome and encourage all Shen Crew students to consider working towards a Presidents Service award in 2017 and in future years to come. We'll happily monitor the program, pay for your medals and look forward to growing this recognition.