



DiamondCrest Application for the President's Volunteer Service Award



Apply for The President's Volunteer Service Award for your volunteer hours!

Diamond Crest Girl Scout Service Unit is an official "Certifying Organization".

In 2003, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation founded the President's Volunteer Service Award to recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity. This award honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action, too. For more information visit <https://presidentalserviceawards.gov/>

This application is open to all registered Girl Scouts and Volunteers of the Diamond Crest Service Unit. On the chart below please record your Type of Activity, Dates, and Hours Spent. If possible, please have the Supervisor of the volunteer work print their name and sign to verify each session. Please include their contact information. When an award level of hours is completed, send the application to: anthony@cerna.net. The cost of the award is \$12.25 for a Medallion and \$10.00 for a pin. You can send the funds via PayPal to treasurer@diamondcrest.org. Diamond Crest will cover the shipping for the award.

Volunteer Eligibility

- United States citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States (i.e., green card holder)
- Must be at least five years old
- Complete eligible service **within a 12-month period** (for annual Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards) and over a lifetime (for Lifetime Achievement Awards)

Eligible Service:

- Unpaid acts of volunteer service **benefitting others** (can be for multiple organizations)
 - Service through National service programs that provide a stipend (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps) may count towards the Lifetime Achievement Award, but not for the annual Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards)
 - Travel stipends, transit/parking passes, membership passes, expense reimbursements, and other nominal volunteer support do not impact service eligibility

Eligible Service does NOT include:

- Donating funds
- Political lobbying (Non-partisan voter registration is an eligible activity)
- Religious instruction
- Conducting worship service
- Proselytizing
- Volunteer service performed as part of court-ordered community service
- Serving only family members



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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

FAQ

- ***Is this only for volunteer hours at DiamondCrest events (i.e., day camp, organizing events like skating, etc.)?*** Any hours spent helping are eligible, it doesn't have to be for just DiamondCrest or Girl Scouts. Hours spent at a meeting earning a badge will not count, but hours spent helping other scouts earn a badge do count. The hours must be spent helping others (not the scout themselves). It can be hours for any event (Rally Day, Day Camp AIT, organizing events, helping younger troops, Operation Holiday Card...).
- ***Our girls have started to volunteer to help other organizations, but the beneficiaries are outside, 3rd party organizations (Second Harvest, Family Giving Tree, Joey's Wings, etc.). Can those volunteer hours count towards DiamondCrest PVSA hours?*** Yes, hours with 3rd party orgs are eligible. One of the reasons we decided to become a Certified Organization was to recognize both Scouts and Adults who volunteer their hours across many organizations, not just Girl Scouts. The 3rd party orgs don't need to be certified themselves.
- ***Does time spent selling cookies count?*** Selling cookies does not count because it does not serve the public or benefit others.
- ***What about time spent on higher Girl Scout Awards such as Silver and Bronze?*** If the project is for the benefit of the community all the hours spent working on the award would count.
- ***Do hours spent working on a journey count?*** Journeys are a bit different. Hours spent earning the badges themselves wouldn't count, but if there is a Take Action project with it that benefits others than that would count.



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Volunteer's Name:		Volunteer's Phone:		Volunteer's Email:		Age Group:
Volunteer's Address:				Award Preference (circle one): Pin Medallion		Total Hours:
Type of Activity	Date(s)	Hours Spent	Supervisor's Name / Organization	Supervisor's Signature	Supervisor's Phone or Email	
Example: Training camping skills to Scouts	4/3/2023 - 4/4/2023	12.5	Mary Smith / Troop 54321	Mary Smith	650-555-1212	



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Please Print Legibly

Attestation to accuracy of hours

We appreciate your diligence and commitment to accurately documenting your hours. To proceed with the verification process, we kindly request that you sign on the provided line below, attesting to the accuracy of the above-stated hours. Your signature serves as a confirmation of the authenticity of the documented information. If you are a minor, we kindly ask that your parent or guardian also sign alongside your signature to validate the accuracy of the reported hours.

(Signature of Applicant) (Date) (Troop #)

Please print applicant's name clearly

(Guardian's signature if applicant is a minor) (Date)

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.