

## Peabody Harmony Project President's Volunteer Service Award Policy

The Peabody Harmony Project is a recognized Certifying Organization (CO) for the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA), a national recognition honoring the commitment of volunteers. The award is available annually at the Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels. Below are the key eligibility requirements:

- **Eligibility:** To qualify, volunteers must be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents and be at least five years old.
- **Service Period:** Volunteers must complete eligible volunteer service within a specified 12-month period.
- **Majority of Service Hours:** While service hours can be accumulated across various eligible nonprofit organizations, the majority must be through the Peabody Harmony Project. Volunteers are advised to apply for the PVSA through the organization where they have accumulated the most service hours, avoiding multiple applications within the same 12-month period.
- **Service Requirements:** All service must be unpaid and carried out for nonprofit organizations.
- **Award Period:** For the Peabody Harmony Project, the 12-month award period runs from September 1 to August 31 of the following year.
- **Award Package:** Recipients of the award will receive a personalized certificate of achievement, a letter of congratulations signed by the U.S. President, and an official PVSA medal.
- **Age and Hours Required:** The award levels and corresponding required hours are categorized by age group. A volunteer's age group is determined by their age for at least seven months within the designated award period.

Age Group	Bronze (Hours)	Silver (Hours)	Gold (Hours)
Kids (5–10 years)	26–49	50–74	75+
Teens (11–15 years)	50–74	75–99	100+
Young Adults (16–25 years)	100–174	175–249	250+
Adults (26+ years)	100–249	250–499	500+

**Application Procedure:**

- Volunteers must submit a completed PVSA application form along with a verified log of their service hours by September 15. Late submissions will not be considered, and hours from one year cannot be carried over to the next.
- A service hour tracking form can be downloaded from the Peabody Harmony Project's website, click [here](#).
- It is important that hours are logged accurately and honestly. The Peabody Harmony Project reserves the right to verify service hours with beneficiary organizations and may reject hours that are not correctly documented or services that are deemed ineligible.