

**ANTONIAN COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL  
PRESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD-PVSA  
APPLICATION FORM**

**Deadline: Friday, March 29, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Your age as of March 31, 2019: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Hours Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification: By signing this form you certify that you are a US citizen or a lawfully admitted permanent resident of the US; and, you certify that the hours listed on your Documentation of Service Hours Log are true and accurate, were performed between the dates of April 1, 2018 and March 31, 2019; and, that you followed the terms and conditions detailed below in regard to the volunteer hours listed on your log.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Please read carefully and thoroughly\*\*\***

Antonian College Preparatory High School (ACP) is a Certifying Organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award. ACP offers current students the opportunity to earn this award each year. ACP's certification year runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The PVSA recognizes United States citizens and lawfully admitted permanent residents of the United States who have achieved the required number of hours of services **over a 12-month time period**. Recipients earning this distinction receive a PVSA pin, a certificate of achievement signed by the President and a congratulatory letter from the President. Awards may be showcased on college applications.

There are three levels based on the volunteer's age and the number of hours earned during a one year period beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

| <b>Hours by Award</b>           | <b>Bronze</b> | <b>Silver</b> | <b>Gold</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Teens (11-15 years old)*        | 50-74 hours   | 75-99 hours   | 100+ hours  |
| Young Adults (16-25 years old*) | 100-174 hours | 175-249 hours | 250 + hours |

\*you must meet the age parameters for the award by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. For instance, if you turn 16 on or before March 31<sup>st</sup> you would have to complete the hours for Young Adults.

**Time Frame: April 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019.**

**Terms and conditions:**

- Awards will be issued for volunteer service only, not charitable donations.
- Students cannot receive payment of any kind for their volunteer service.
- Volunteer service cannot be court ordered.
- Be certain your activity qualifies! **Volunteering** is the practice of people working on behalf of others or a particular cause without payment for their time and services. **Ultimately it is up to the certifying organization to determine which activities qualify for the PVSA.** Antonian High School is the certifying organization and will determine which types of activities may count towards this award. Volunteering is generally considered an altruistic activity, intended to promote good or improve human quality of life. While singing in the choir, practicing an instrument, participating in sports or dancing are all worthwhile activities, their primary focus is skill development rather than being altruistic in nature. If you are unsure that your activity qualifies, confirm with ACP PVSA chairs in advance. Please see the **“PVSA What Counts”** chart for examples of the types of activities that qualify or do not qualify.
- For hours allowed per day for camp counselors, mission trips, etc; please **refer to our “24 hour volunteer assignment” document.** Time spent sleeping; eating, socializing, etc. does not qualify.
- Students will need to fill out the ACP PVSA application form with detailed information of the hours they are counting for this award. (this is separate from the required school-based service hours submitted every year)
- Log must be approved and signed by the supervisor of the sponsoring institution. **No parent signatures will be accepted!** Contact information for supervising adult must be current and legible for verification of hours.
- You will need to be up to date with your service hour’s requirements with ACP (including **all past and current school** years) in order to qualify as a recipient of this award.
- **Printed** Service log with printed application must be turned into Ms. Venezia Ramirez in the Counseling office **no later than Friday, March 29, 2018 at 4:00 pm. Please make sure you refer to our “Submission guidelines” document before you turn in your documentation.** You are welcome to turn your log and application in early. **WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING LATE SUBMISSIONS.**

**Disclaimer**

**This service award is not related with the Christian Community service program that is required for graduation at ACP. While you can apply the hours you completed as part of our Christian community service program at ACP for your PVSA, you cannot use PVSA hours to count in the Antonian program unless approved by Ms. Venezia Cappellini- Ramirez**

## Examples of “WHAT COUNTS” towards the ACP- PVSA

| COUNTS  | DOES NOT COUNT   |
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| Volunteering to play an instrument/sing at nursing home. Time spent at nursing home with residents performing, and visiting – counts.   | Practice time to prepare to volunteer and perform at the nursing home does NOT COUNT towards PVSA hours.   |
| Volunteering as a peer mentor or as supervised or directed by teacher at Providence HS*. There can be NO incentive provided monetarily or with grades/extra credit as this is considered “payment.”<br><br>*May NOT be performed during a student’s class time (PE, math, etc.).          | Helping a friend or classmate with homework or to study for a test.  |
| Participating in 5K as long as it is for <i>fundraising event</i> either as a runner/walker OR as a volunteer to help out at the event.<br><br><u>Please use integrity when reporting time spent participating as a runner/walker in a fundraising 5K.</u>                                | Participating in a 5K that is not a fundraiser (for example “The Color Run”).  |
| Time spent raising money for a cause (lemonade stand, etc.) also counts towards volunteer hours accrued).   | Donating money to a cause.   |
| Volunteering with youth groups for community projects (Habitat for Humanity, Operation Sandwich, Room in the Inn, etc.) or participating in service activities through a school club.   | Being part of a leadership club, student council at school or as a member of youth group/religious school. Meetings do not count.  |
| Volunteer work with your church, temple, or synagogue<br><br>Volunteering with children in Vacation Bible School or tutoring children in Hebrew may count as volunteer work.<br><br>Volunteering to drive a person coming to your church, temple, or synagogue to do charity work counts. | Volunteer work with a religious organization may count so long as students do not proselytize (to try to persuade people to join a religion, cause, or group).<br><br>Volunteering for your church, temple, synagogue when it involve participation in religious rituals does NOT count (for example: serving as an altar server, preparing or giving sermons, assisting clergy with religious rituals or services, lighting candles in synagogue, singing/dancing/performing during a religious service, etc. does not count)<br><br>Giving up your room/bed to host a missionary or other public sector worker does not count. |
| Babysitting in a faith-based nursery, daycare, women or men’s shelter, or community center counts.  | Babysitting for friends or family or for any compensation does not count.  |
| Volunteering with language club, or other school sponsored clubs - in the community - may count towards the PVSA.   | Hosting a foreign exchange student is a wonderful thing to do, but does not count as volunteer work.   |
| Preparing and delivering food or other necessities to others in need as part of a volunteer position with a community based organization counts.  | Helping a friend, family member, or neighbor in crisis is a wonderful thing to do, and often is the right thing to do; however, this help does not qualify as “volunteer work” in the community.   |