

President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) and Sanderson High School Volunteer Service Award (SHSVSA)



The President's Volunteer Service Award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation on behalf of the President of the United States to recognize the best in American Spirit, and to encourage all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service and civic participation.

Volunteering is a great way to give back to the community while learning from different experiences. Some colleges now require volunteer hours or heavily consider them on entrance applications.

Students will receive the President's Volunteer Service Award and the Sanderson High School Volunteer Service Award based on the number of hours served from 4/16/2016 through 4/15/2017. The awards are designated based on cumulative hours of service during that twelve month period. The awards are offered on several levels and the levels include bronze, silver and gold. Students not qualifying for the PVSA may have enough hours to be awarded the Sanderson High School Volunteer Service Award which requires a minimum of 25 hours. Awards are based on the number of volunteer hours listed below.

<u>PVSA Hours By Award</u>	<u>Bronze</u>	<u>Silver</u>	<u>Gold</u>
Teens (11-15)	50 –74	75 – 99	100+
Young Adults (16-25)	100 –174	175 –249	250+

All Sanderson students are eligible to receive this award by maintaining an updated profile at <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/index.cfm>. You can create/update your profile under the "Get Involved" tab then click on the "Volunteers" section under that tab. On the next page under "Volunteers" you will click on the "Register" button to get to the screen where you enter your information to set up your account. Keep a record of your username and password. **Once your application is accepted, you will need to click on the "My Profile" tab and enter Sanderson's "Record of Service Key" to make sure your hours are reported to the Sanderson group. The key is: CO-JCV-9826W. Students are also required to complete the Record of Service Form with supervisor signatures for verification of hours volunteered.** This form is located on the PTO website (www.sandersonpto.com) and the Student Services section of the SHS website. You may print copies as needed. Please make sure your cell phone number and email address are included on the Record of Service form as this is the only way the administrator can contact you if there are questions regarding your service/hours. These forms are turned in at the main office in April, 2017.

Activities that count toward volunteer hours are:

- *SHS Student Council meetings and working hours
- *Mission trip prep meetings and working hours
- *Working hours for volunteer groups, including mentoring and tutoring
- *Unpaid hours helping children
- *Community service

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