

# PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD



2015-2016

The President's Volunteer Service Award is presented annually by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. The Council was established in 2003 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and to encourage more people to serve. The Council created the President's Volunteer Service Award program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

## Requirements

To earn an award, scholars must keep a record of volunteer activities and hours served between May 1, 2015 and April 30, 2016 and report this information to Kamehameha Scholars. Kamehameha Scholars will log all hours submitted to us and will submit the names of those scholars eligible for the award at year end to the Council for recognition.

Service hours completed during activities hosted by Kamehameha Schools (i.e. Ipukukui) will be documented by program staff. However, if scholars complete service hours on their own, a *Completion of Community Service Form* must be submitted to program staff to document the hours served. This form may be found on our Website (<http://apps.ksbe.edu/kscholars>). **All forms must be received by Kamehameha Scholars by May 16, 2016 in order for your service hours to be recognized and tallied.** To be recognized, service activities should provide a benefit to the community, and Scholars may not receive any compensation for their volunteer service.

If you are unsure of whether or not an activity meets our criteria, please contact your grade level or regional counselor for clarification. **Please note that service done for one's family or for a family business is considered your kuleana, and is not considered community service for the purpose of this award.**

## Award Levels

To earn an award, scholars must perform a specific number of volunteer hours during the year. Scholars 15 years of age and under as of April 30, 2016 must complete a minimum of 50 hours of service, and scholars 16 years of age and over on April 30, 2016 must complete a minimum of 100 hours of service. Award recipients will receive a personalized Certificate of Achievement and congratulatory letter from President Barack Obama. Award levels are as follows:



### Bronze Level

Up to 15 years of age: 50-74 hours of community service  
Age 16 or greater: 100-174 hours of community service



### Silver Level

Up to 15 years of age: 75-99 hours of community service  
Age 16 or greater: 175-249 hours of community service



### Gold Level

Up to 15 years of age: 100 or more hours of community service  
Age 16 or greater: 250 or more hours of community service