

GPTM Youth Club FAQ

GPTM Youth Club is an organization that certifies PVSA (President's Volunteer Service Award) and tracks eligible volunteering hours to apply for appropriate awards for eligible volunteers.

Who is eligible to receive the award?

The PVSA program is only applicable to US citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents.

What are the PVSA award level and age requirements?

Must be at least five years old.

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

See the link below for more information on eligibility criteria

<https://presidentalserviceawards.gov/eligibility>

When does the GPTM Youth volunteering period start and end?

The GPTM youth club volunteers according to the GPTM fiscal year, which runs from June to May of the following year.

How is the PVSA age group category determined for the youth between the age group?

The age of a volunteer is the basis for determining their age group for at least seven months out of the 12-month volunteer year. For instance, if someone is 15 years old for seven months during the volunteer year, they would be categorized under the Teens age group.

Essentially, the age of the youth at the end of December is used to determine their PVSA age group.

Can the GPTM Youth Club certify those hours for PVSA awards if the youth volunteers outside the GPTM Youth Club arranged volunteering activities?

GPTM Youth Club will honor eligible hours, provided that the other organization is registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit in the U.S. or its territories and meets all PVSA eligibility requirements.

See the link below for more information on eligibility criteria

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Please reach out to youthclub@gptm.org to receive a list of organizations that have been approved by GPTM.

Note: Volunteering hours must meet the PVSA criteria and be verifiable by GPTM. If GPTM encounters challenges verifying the volunteering hours, it cannot certify them. GPTM's determination is final, upholding PVSA standards and ensuring award integrity.

Can the GPTM Youth Club certify those hours for PVSA awards if the youth volunteers at another organization?

Same answer as the previous question.

What kind of service is not eligible?

See the link below for eligible volunteering activities.

<https://presidentialserviceawards.gov/eligibility#volunteers>

Can GPTM volunteering hours be transferred to a different org to apply for a PVSA award from that organization?

Yes, GPTM will transfer the volunteering hours to the organization of your choice.

How many times is one eligible to receive the award?

There is no limit to the number of times a volunteer can receive the award. Each award recognizes eligible service hours accumulated within a continuous 12-month period.

How are the volunteering hours tracked?

The coordinator of the GPTM Youth Club will be responsible for keeping a record of the volunteering hours. GPTM highly recommends that the youth and parents also maintain their own records of volunteering hours in case of any discrepancies. If you wish to inquire about the hours recorded by the Youth Club coordinators, please send an email to youthclub@gptm.org.

If a youth completes more hours than I need for an award, can those extra hours counted toward next year?

No, volunteer hours completed in one award cycle cannot be carried forward to the next year.

Who pays for the PVSA award package?

GPTM will cover the expenses associated with the award package.

Can you certify my volunteer hours if I am not a member of GPTM?

No.