

# Acalanes Volunteer Service Awards 2016-2017

## The President's Service Volunteer Award and The Acalanes High School Service Award

### What is the President's Volunteer Service Award?

The President's Volunteer Service Award is a highly coveted award that recognizes the contributions of volunteers who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation over the course of a 12-month period.

### What are the qualifications?

To earn an award, volunteers must keep a record of volunteer activities and hours served.

- Verification forms are available on the Acalanes website under College and Career Center tab.
- All hours must be verified and signed by an authorized representative of the organization for which a student volunteers.
- A student's parent may not verify his/her own child's hours.
- The signature may be on the Acalanes verification form or on the organization's letterhead stationery.
- Hours served in a time period greater than 1 week require a daily log to be submitted (in addition to the letter or verification form).
- Do not record hours on the President's Award website.
- All hours by age category must be in a 12-month period and not overlap with prior award time period.

### What service activities qualify?

To be recognized, service activities should primarily focus on local community needs.

- Service must be unpaid.
- The organization must be U.S./Puerto Rico based.
- Extra-curricular activities do not count except hours specifically benefiting a philanthropic organization. For example, hours spent on a performance benefiting a philanthropic organization may count, but not any hours spent on rehearsal.

The table below provides some examples of qualifying and non-qualifying service activities:

<u>Qualifying service organization examples</u>	<u>NON qualifying service examples</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Habitat for Humanity</li> <li>• Monument Crisis Center</li> <li>• Boy Scout &amp; Girl Scout volunteering</li> <li>• Hospitals &amp; Elementary schools</li> <li>• Special Olympics</li> <li>• National Charity League or Boys Team Charity volunteering</li> <li>• Contra Costa Food Bank</li> <li>• Animal Rescue Foundation</li> <li>• Lindsay Wildlife Museum</li> <li>• Shelter, Inc</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peer Tutoring or Sports Med hours for a grade</li> <li>• Court-ordered community service (e.g., traffic ticket service hours)</li> <li>• Volunteer hours that are not your own (e.g. Scout hours worked by volunteers assisting with your project. Only your own personal hours count.)</li> </ul> <p><u>Volunteer hour limits</u> Overnight volunteer trip hours (e.g., mission trips, overnight camp counselor) are limited to active volunteer hours.</p>

### What are the service award levels?

The table below shows the service hours within a 12-month period required by age. The age category is determined by your age at the end of the 12-month period reported. A student turning 16 years during the year may consider applying in the Teen category (under 16) by only including hours up to their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Age Category	Acalanes Award	Presidential Award		
		Bronze	Silver	Gold
Teens (ages 11-15)	25-49 hours	50-74 hours	75-99 hours	100+ hours
Young Adults (ages 16-25)	50-99 hours	100-174 hours	175-249 hours	250+ hours

### How do I apply for a service award?

**Submit application form with attached verification form(s) to College & Career Office from April 10 - 14, 2017.**

### Who reviews service award applications?

Applications are reviewed by the Acalanes Volunteer Service Award Committee. Questions can be directed to Mr. Briggs at [abriggs@acalanes.k12.ca.us](mailto:abriggs@acalanes.k12.ca.us) or Ginger Jessop at [gjessop@acalanes.k12.ca.us](mailto:gjessop@acalanes.k12.ca.us).