

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:

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

The Acalanes Service Award recognizes contributions of student volunteers who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation. Service hour requirements vary by grade (see chart below).

What are the Service Award requirements?

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

The table above 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 16th birthday.

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Grade	Hours
Freshman	25 hours
Sophomore	30 hours
Junior	40 hours
Senior	50 hours

Acalanes Volunteer Service Awards are designated by grade. Each grade has different service hour requirements. Summer service hours (from the summer leading into each grade) can be used toward the Acalanes Volunteer Service Awards.

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 or Ginger Jessop at gjessop@acalanes.k12.ca.us.

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.