

How to Apply for the President's Volunteer Service Award Sponsored by CALex December 11, 2021



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What is the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)?

- [PVSA](#) was founded in 2003 by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation (PCSCP).
 - Honor individuals whose service positively impacts communities.
 - Inspire those around them to take part in community service too.
- The program is led by [AmeriCorps](#) and allows Certifying Organizations such as CALex to recognize the outstanding volunteers in their communities.
- PVSA is a prestigious award recognized nationwide.

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About CALex

- [CALex](#) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and non-partisan organization serving Lexington Chinese American Community.
- CALex has been a PVSA Certifying Organization since 2019.

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Volunteer Eligibility

- United States citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States (i.e., green card holder).
- Must be at least five years old.

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Important Dates

- Volunteer Hours Period: 12/1/2020 – 11/30/2021 (12 months)
- Application Period: ~~12/1 – 12/20~~ 12/6 – 12/31/2021
- CAlex Review Period: ~~12/21 – 12/31~~ 1/2 – 1/15/2022
- Award Date: TBD

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How to Apply for the PVSA Sponsored by CAlex

1. Email the completed application form and volunteer hour certificates to volunteer@calexma.org.
NOTE: if the volunteer hour certificates are not from CAlex or LexYouth, they must be signed by the organizations that provide the volunteer opportunities, or the organizations' representatives.
2. Please keep the original copies. When requested (by either CAlex or PVSA), mail them to:

CAlex
P.O. Box 361
Lexington, MA 02420
3. CAlex will cover the application cost.

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Award Levels



Hours Required to Earn Awards in Each Age Group in a 12-Month Period.

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+
Adults (26 and older)	100-249	250-499	500+

The President's Life Time Achievement Award: 4000+ hours over a lifetime.

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Eligible Service:

- Unpaid acts of volunteer service benefiting others

Eligible Service does not include:

- Community service hours already claimed for school community service requirements
- Donating funds
- Political lobbying (Non-partisan voter registration is an eligible activity)
- Religious instruction
- Conducting worship service
- Proselytizing
- Volunteer service performed as part of court-ordered community service
- Serving only family members

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CAlex Community Service Projects

1. CAlex Year End Welcoming Newcomers Event
2. CAlex Summer BBQ Party
3. Lexington Patriots' Day Parade
4. Lexington Discovery Day
5. LexYouth Learning Help Program
6. CAlex Youth Orchestra
7. Other community service projects organized or sponsored by CAlex

Notes:

- To participate in CAlex Community Service please complete the [CAlex Volunteer Registration Form](#).
- Any service that meets the requirements on Page 8 is eligible to count toward the PVSA service hours so it does not have to be CAlex affiliated.