



Talking Points for the **PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD**

- The **PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD** is a prestigious national honor offered in recognition of sustained volunteer service.
- America has a long proud history of volunteer service, and volunteers work to unite our Nation. Whether mentoring a child, spending time with an elderly neighbor or cleaning up after a natural disaster, millions of Americans commit their time, energy and talent to meet urgent and everyday needs in our community.
- Established in 2003, the **PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD** gives Presidential recognition to individuals, families and groups who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service each year. The **AWARD** shares this achievement as a way to inspire others to contribute to their communities through volunteer service and to make volunteer service a central part of their lives.
- The **AWARD** is available on an annual basis and is an honor that every American – from all ages and all walks of life – can aspire to achieve. Even if people have never volunteered before, the **PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD** is within their reach.
- To be eligible to receive the **AWARD**, individuals, families and groups submit a record of their annual volunteer service hours to participating Certifying Organizations that will verify the service and deliver the **AWARD**.
- Children of ages up to 14 are eligible to receive the **PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD** after completing at least 50 hours of community service in a single year. Ages 15 to adults are eligible after 100 hours of annual volunteer work, and families and groups of two or more people are eligible after 200 hours of service.
- Many individuals, families and groups may already meet the requirements to earn the **PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD**.
- Individuals who have completed 4,000 or more volunteer service hours over the course of their lifetime are eligible to receive the **PRESIDENT'S CALL TO SERVICE AWARD**.
- The **PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD** is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, a group created by President George W. Bush to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers make to our Nation.

- Chaired by two-time Super Bowl Champion Darrell Green, with former U.S. Senators Bob Dole and John Glenn as honorary co-chairs, the Council is composed of leaders in government, media, education, entertainment, business, nonprofit and volunteer service organizations, in addition to individual community volunteers.
- Website: www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov
- PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD Information: 1-866-545-5307