

Dear BHS Parents, Guardians and Students,

The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) is a way for organizations, like high schools, to recognize those who give back to their community and school. This award is nationally recognized and can be listed as part of a student's college application to help demonstrate a student's dedication to their school and community.

BHS PTO is a Certified Organization that has been granted authority through an application and review process to administer the PVSA to acknowledge the volunteer and service accomplishments of our BHS students

The PVSA submission process is now ONE STEP. Volunteers will no longer log their hours online. Each student wishing to earn the PVSA must turn in their service hour packet to the PVSA box in the BHS office by Tuesday, January 28th, 2020 by 4PM. **Only volunteer hours earned between 1/1/19 through 12/31/19 will be accepted.**

On January 31, 2020 the BHS PTO will begin reviewing the service hour packets provided by the students who chose to participate. If enough hours are completed within the 2019 calendar year to earn the award, the hours will be certified and the student will be notified of the award having been earned. We will email all of the students who we received a packet from. If you do not hear from the PTO by the end of January, please reach out to us at BoerneHighPTO@gmail.com

A 2019/2020 graduating 12th grader, applying for colleges in the fall, may also indicate that they will earn the PVSA and it will be conferred on January 31, 2020.

Types of service that can qualify for this award include the following:

- 1) Time working to support their extra-curricular activities (i.e. manning the concession stand for their sport; fund raising for activities like JROTC or band; volunteering with their school organization such as NHS, Theatre Arts, Student Council, Special Olympics, Class Officers, Prom Committee, Cheer Clinics, etc)
- 2) Volunteering in the community (i.e. Girl or Boy Scouts, Daily Bread, Young Life, Animal Shelter, etc.)
- 3) Volunteering at church with the *exception of worship services* (i.e. mission trip, Vacation Bible School, food drives are good)

PURCHASED ITEMS FOR HOURS DO NOT COUNT TOWARD THE PRESIDENTS VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD.

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

Service hour packets MUST be turned in by 4pm on January 28th, 2020 to the BHS Front Office.

Sincerely,
PVSA Chairpersons for BHS PTO

For more information visit www.presidentialserviceawards.gov

PVSA Frequently Asked Questions:

When must the hours be earned? Hours are earned through a typical calendar year (January 1 through December 31)

When is the deadline to submit the hours? The hard, fast deadline to submit your hours is Monday January 28, 2020. **This is a firm date.**

What kind of service qualifies for this award? Volunteering for extracurricular activities, such as fund raising for band, JROTC or Theatre, are allowable hours. Also, volunteering for community activities such as the animal shelter, a church or other business or non-for-profit are allowable. Activities for which pay is received are not allowable. **Donation of goods or money for hours of service DO NOT count.** More information about allowed hours is on the PVSA website.

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How do I set up an account? You don't. Effective May 2019, the process has been simplified. Volunteers no longer log hours online.

How do I submit my volunteer hours? Submit the following to the BHS office in an envelope labeled PTO – PVSA:

1. Coversheet to include your name, birth date, email, cell phone number, a list of the organizations you've volunteered for and the total hours served. (see example below)
2. From each organization, obtain a short, hand written or typed statement with: 1.an original signature from one of the organization leaders 2. Organization leader's contact number 3. stating the amount of hours you volunteered and 4. the service you provided.

When will I get the award? **If you meet the deadline to submit your volunteer hours on January 28, 2020, then the PTO will begin reviewing your hours in January.** Seniors will be notified by February 7th so they can add the award to their resumes **You will receive the award in May at the BHS Student Awards Ceremony.**

PVSA Cover Sheet

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____ Cell: _____

Organization Served	Dates Served	Hours Served
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

TOTAL HOURS SERVED: _____