

# Texas A&M International University



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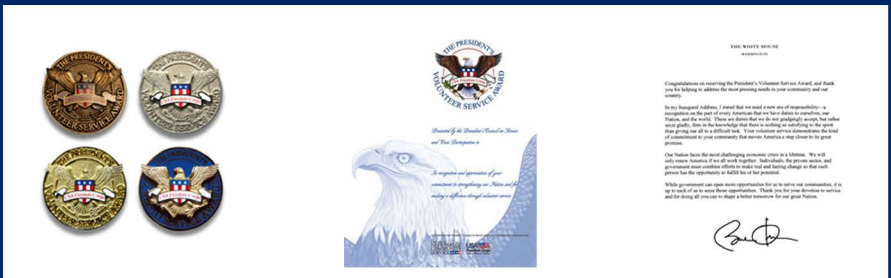
# BACKGROUND

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation was established in 2003 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and encourage more people to serve. The Council created the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service. In Fall 2014, TAMU, through the Office of Student Conduct & Community Engagement (SCCE), became an official certifying organization for the PVSA.

# AWARD CRITERIA

- Must be a United States citizen or admitted permanent resident.
- Services for award must be within a 12-month time period.
- Volunteer service ONLY (charitable support/donations do not qualify).
- Court-ordered community service does NOT qualify for the award.
- Service hours must be conducted with an organization that is established in the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or one of the territories.
- Service hours must be reported on Collegiate Link based on SCCE guidelines.

# THE AWARD



The Official PVSA Pin

A Personalized Certificate of Achievement

A Congratulatory Letter from the U.S. President

## LEVELS



### SILVER

- Young Adults: 175 to 249 hours
- Adults: 250 to 499 hours
- Groups: 500 to 999 hours

### BRONZE

- Young Adults: 100 to 174 hours
- Adults: 175 to 249 hours
- Groups: 200 to 499 hours

### GOLD

- Young Adults: 250+ hours
- Adults: 500+ hours
- Groups: 1,000+ hours

### CALL TO SERVICE

- All Individuals: 4,000+ hours (over a lifetime)

\*Young Adults: 15 - 25 Years of Age

\*Adults: 26+ Years of Age

\*Groups: Each member contributing to the total number of hours must have served 25 hours or more.

In April of every Spring semester, SCCE will confirm the eligibility of the PVSA for all students who have served and reported hours through SCCE via Collegiate Link. Students meeting the requirements will be contacted by SCCE via their TAMIU Dusty e-mail. The default 12-month period of eligibility is from April 1 of the prior year to March 31 of the current school year. For students who graduate in a term other than Spring, the 12-month period of eligibility may be adjusted.

If you are graduating in a non-Spring term and meet the qualifications, e-mail [iserve@tamiu.edu](mailto:iserve@tamiu.edu) your full name via Dusty e-mail for eligibility verification.

If you are not currently a registered student but would like to track your service hours to earn the PVSA, please create a "Record of Service" on [www.presidentialserviceawards.gov](http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov) by clicking on the link "Track Your Volunteer Hours." Use the following "Record of Service Key" when creating your account **PQV-74499\***.

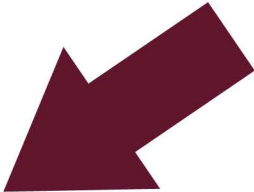
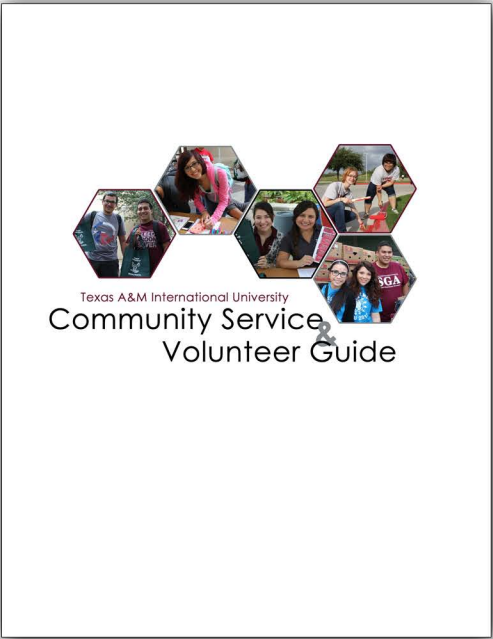
\*TAMIU's SCCE is not responsible for cost of award for non-enrolled students/individuals.

For instructions

on submitting your

# Community Service Hours

via Collegiate Link,  
consult our



## Community Service & Volunteer Guide

which can be found

on our website:

[www.tamiu.edu/scce/ces](http://www.tamiu.edu/scce/ces)