

Volunteerism and community service is the very heart of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. We as members selflessly dedicate many hours each year to the needs of our communities. What better way to honor a dedicated volunteer than to present them with a certificate and pin from the President of the United States. I challenge each Lodge to take a look at their members to find deserving volunteers to present with this very special acknowledgement.

President's Volunteer Service Award

In his 2002 State of the Union Address, President George Bush issued a challenge to all Americans to make time to help their neighbors, communities, and Nation through service.

He called on each person to dedicate at least 4,000 hours to service over the course of their lives.

He created the USA Freedom Corps to help all Americans answer his call to service and help foster a culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility.

In 2003, President Bush created the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to find ways to recognize the Valuable contributions volunteers are making in our Nation. The Council brings together leaders from the worlds of business, entertainment, government, nonprofits, and the media.

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation created the **President's Volunteer Service Award** program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard to others. It encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation and inspires others to make volunteering a central part of their lives.

The **President's Volunteer Service Award** recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard – measured by the number of hours served over the course of a lifetime.

Making the Application

- Determine that the candidate has accumulated in excess of 4,000 hours of volunteer community service.
- Carefully fill out the candidate form Legibly.
- The candidate's name must be PRINTED as they would like it to appear on the award.
- Fill out the candidate form and mail to:

William J. Bryan
Assistant Director, Elks Drug Awareness Program
366 Vermont Route 313W
Arlington, Vermont 05250



The President's Volunteer Service Award

Date Form Submitted: ___ / ___ / _____

Applicant's Name: _____
(As you would like it to appear on the Award)

Applicant's Street Address: _____

Applicant's City of Residence: _____

Applicant's Zip Code: _____

Applicant's Phone Number: _____

Lodge Name and Number: _____
(If applicant is an Elk)

Total Number of Volunteer Hours: _____
(Must Meet or Exceed 4,000 hours)

Attest

I attest that the above named individual has completed the number of volunteer hours as noted above.
(Hours are not limited to Elks charitable works, but include all volunteer work done by the individual).

(Signature of Individual Certifying hours)

Please send the Award to:

Completed forms should be sent to:

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