

Children's Science Center Lab Presidential Volunteer Award FAQ

Thank you for your interest in the Children's Science Center Lab Presidential Volunteer Award. Here, you'll find comprehensive answers to Frequently Asked Questions about this prestigious program, which recognizes the outstanding contributions of volunteers who make a significant impact on the organization.

Q: What is the Children's Science Center Lab Presidential Volunteer Award?

The Children's Science Center Lab Presidential Volunteer Award acknowledges individuals who have made a difference through their volunteer work. It is awarded based on the number of hours volunteered over a given period, which will be referred to as a "volunteer year."

Q: Is this the same as the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)?

A: The President's Volunteer Service Award was paused indefinitely by AmeriCorps on May 27, 2025. The Children's Science Center Lab Presidential Volunteer Award aims to recognize those who would have otherwise received the PVSA.

Q: What time frame is the volunteer year for the Children's Science Center Lab Presidential Volunteer Award?

A: For the year 2024/2025, we will be recognizing hours accumulated between June 1, 2024, and August 31, 2025. Going forward, the volunteer year will be recognized from September 1 to August 31 for this award.

Q: Who is eligible?

A: Any individual who submits the minimum amount of volunteer hours required to the Children's Science Center Lab is eligible. Any hours completed for an internship with a stipend at the Children's Science Center Lab cannot be counted towards this award.

Q: What is the hour requirement to receive the Children's Science Center Lab Presidential Volunteer Award?

A: Eligible volunteers must have completed at least 100 hours of volunteering in the given time frame, with at least 75 of those hours being with the Children's Science Center Lab.

Q: Can a volunteer combine volunteer hours completed with another organization?

A: Yes, volunteers can submit up to 25 volunteer hours completed with other organizations with proof of completion. The Children's Science Center Lab Volunteer Coordinator will contact the other organizations and verify the volunteer hours.

Note: These hours must be completed during the same time frame as our organization's volunteer year.

Q: How does a volunteer apply for the Children's Science Center Lab Presidential Volunteer Award?

A: In the fall, the Children's Science Center Lab Volunteer Coordinator will reach out to all volunteers who completed at least 75 hours with the organization in the previous volunteer year. The volunteer must then complete a form with their contact information and proof of hours from outside organizations, if applicable. There is no expense to the volunteer.

Q: Are there different award levels?

A: No. All volunteers who meet the above requirements are recipients of the Children's Science Center Lab Presidential Volunteer Award.

Q: When should the volunteer expect to receive their award?

A: The Children's Science Center Lab holds a Volunteer Appreciation event each year in the Fall/Winter. Awardees will be invited and awarded their medals and certificates at this time. If volunteers cannot attend this event, awards will be sent via certified mail.

Q: Can I list this on my resume?

A: Yes! We encourage awardees to list the "Children's Science Center Lab Presidential Volunteer Award" on their resumes, along with total number of hours volunteered. Awardees do not have to attend the Volunteer Appreciation event to list this award.