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An Exciting Opportunity Exclusively for TFAS Youth Family members

TFAS has earned the honor and privilege to be approved as an Official Certifying Organization for **the US President's Volunteer Service Award** (see <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov>). Awardees will receive a personalized certificate, an official medallion and a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States.

We are opening up this opportunity to all TFAS Kids, Teens and Youth (05-25 years), for the Award year Dec 1st 2016 through Nov 30th 2017. Please sign up to volunteer with TFAS, at <http://bit.ly/TFASYouthVolunteerApp>

Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities are available before, during, and after Sankranti, Trimurthy day, Ugadi, summer picnic, Sports and cultural competitions, Deepavali, and other events held by TFAS. They include help with organizing the event, on-stage performances during the event, contribution of articles to Telugu Jyothi; activities promoting Telugu language, Literature, Arts and Culture; and community welfare activities.

Eligibility

Applicants must be TFAS members, and self-certify that they meet all the PVSA volunteer eligibility criteria below and listed at <https://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/terms>:

- Must be a United States citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States.
- Must be 5 years of age or older at the time service hours are begun for participation in the PVSA program.
- Awards are issued for volunteer service only. Additional levels of participation with the organization, e.g., charitable support, are not a factor considered for the award.
- Hours for each award level must be completed within a 12-month time period.
- Must perform volunteer activities eligible for the award, except: political lobbying, religious instruction, conducting worship service, proselytizing, and serving only family members.
- Individuals conducting service that receive stipends do not qualify.
- Court ordered community service does not apply to PVSA service hours.
- Must not be under a criminal indictment or have been convicted of a felony.
- Failure to meet the criteria or to deceive a certifying organization with any of the requirements listed herein may result in revocation of the individual's award.

Accumulation of Hours

1. Achievement levels are as follows:

HOURS BY AWARD	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Kids (5-10)	26 – 49	50 – 74	75 +
Teens (11-15)	50 – 74	75 – 99	100 +
Young Adults (16-25)	100 – 174	175 – 249	250 +

2. The volunteer hours will be counted as follows

- a. All volunteer hours must be recorded with TFAS youth chair or designated representatives.
- b. Must volunteer or participate in a minimum of two TFAS events in the award year.
- c. Volunteer hours from other similar organizations will be accepted provided they are certified by an officer of that organization.
- d. Volunteer hours include actual participation time, preparation, reporting, and travel times.