

CAAL PVSA Seminar

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PVSA Introduction

- Started in 2003, The Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) recognizes US citizens and lawfully admitted, permanent residents who have performed the required number of hours of community service over a 12-month time period, or cumulative hours over the course of a lifetime.
- The Award recognizes the importance of volunteers to America's strength and national identity, and furthermore, to honor the deeply invested volunteers whose service is multiplied through the inspiration they give others.
- The Award enables community organizations—as Certifying and Leadership Organizations—to amplify their gratitude by joining with the US President to thank their most dedicated volunteers.



PVSA Introduction - con't

- CAAL, as a Certifying Organization, has taken the opportunity to partner with the PVSA to encourage CAAL members to live a life of service through Presidential gratitude and national recognition since 2015.
- CAAL is a IRC Sec. 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to represent Chinese-American interests in important town-wide activities especially, but not limited to, cultural and public school education, local issues, and diversity; to provide members with opportunities for involvement in the Lexington community through volunteerism, networking, and social events.

CAAL PVSA History

- Established in 2015

Year	# of Youth Award Recipients	Youth Recipients	# of Life Award Recipients	Adults Recipients
2015	3	Emily Z, Michael Y, Andrew W	0	
2016	3	Emily Z, Claudia M, James J	2	Sophia H, Peter L
2017	?		?	

PVSA Qualifications

The awards are offered in multiple levels and designed to recognize various milestones of your service achievement for community service hours performed from Sept. 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017

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 +
Adults (26 and older)	100 – 249	250 – 499	500+
Families and Groups*	200 – 499	500 – 999	1,000+
President's Lifetime Achievement Award: Individuals who have completed 4,000 or more hours in their lifetime			
* Two or more people, with each member contributing at least 25 hours toward the total			



Application Process

- Volunteer during the fiscal year Sept. 1 to Aug. 31
- Meet CAAL volunteer hours requirements (at least 25⁰% in 2016-2017)
- Submit application package (completed and signed Form A, B and supporting document) to Community Service PVSA Committee **by Oct. 1** (email to PVSA@caal-ma.org)
- Send \$25 application fee by PayPal (pay to payment@caal-ma.org) or by check, payable to CAAL, mailed to PO Box 453, Lexington, MA 02420. Please note it for PVSA



Application Process – con't

- PVSA Committee to review, clarify, validate and submit the application by Oct. 15
- The recipients of the Award will be recognized at CAAL's Annual Meeting in November, with a personalized certificate of achievement, a signed letter from the US President (President Trump's signature is not currently available) and an official award pin, coin, or medallion
- CAAL reserves the right to limit the number of awards granted in any given year

CAAL Youth Community Service Programs

CAAL Organized Community Services/Activities:

- CAAL Chinese New Year Celebration
- CAAL Chinese Culture Day
- CAAL Dragon Dance Team
- CAAL Annual Summer Picnic
- CAAL Annual Meeting/Dinner Social
- Senior English Teaching Program
- Library Selected Books
- Translation Services

CAAL Youth Community Service Programs – con't

CAAL Supported Town-wide Community Services/Activities:

- MLD Day of Services
- Dance Around the World
- Patriot Day
- Multicultural Day
- Revolutionary Revelry
- LexFarm
- LexEat Together

CAAL Youth Community Service Programs – con't

CAAL Recognized Community Services/Activities:

- Benefit Sale for LEF and certain non-profit organizations
- Youth Instrumental Ensemble Performance
- Asian Day
- Benefit Performances: e.g. Angel Dance for CEL, for Boston Trauma Fund, etc.
- Other CAAL sponsored/recognized events through out the year, subject to CAAL's approval

Senior English Teaching Program

- Started in 2011 at one senior center
- Expanded to all three senior centers
- Curriculum designed by volunteers specific to senior's request
- Welcome to sign up for senior teaching service!

Location	Day	Time	Key Contact
Green Villa			Weidong
Vynabrook	Sunday		Ed Li, Xiaoying
Countryside			Judy C



Youth Instrumental Ensemble Performance



LexFarm Volunteer Program