

Dear PISD Students and Parents,

My name is Joycelyn Yiu, and I am a rising junior at Plano Senior High. As a former student of Schimelpfenig Middle School a few years back, I understand how community service and earning volunteer hours is a prime focus at school. Last January, I started a non-profit volunteering honor society, Apex Texas Youth Honor Society (ATYHS) to provide students with community service opportunities in hopes of giving back to the community and earning the President's Volunteer Service Award.

"Presidential recognition sets you apart from your peers. It is a tremendous honor. Even though you may not seek recognition, your example can deliver a powerful message that encourages others to take action.

The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) recognizes United States citizens and lawfully admitted, permanent residents of the United States who have achieved the required number of hours of service over a 12-month time period or cumulative hours over the course of a lifetime."

Hours by Award	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Teens (11–15)	50 – 74	75 – 99	100 +
Young Adults (16-25)	100 – 174	175 – 249	250 +

The PVSA is an award that can only be approved by a Certifying Organization. ATYHS is a registered Certifying Organization, and we are proud to be able to reward our members with this tremendous honor.

This award is extremely effective on resumes and college applications. Although the goal of receiving the Gold Award may seem impossible at first, ATYHS offers numerous opportunities during the school year AND summer to fulfill the necessary hours for the award. From visiting the senior center and running free tutoring sessions at the public library, to raising money and collecting donations for the Plano Animal Shelter, our members not only gave back the community, but also accumulated valuable leadership experience. As a student-oriented non-profit organization, ATYHS strives to enlighten minds and compassionate spirits of young adults, promote strong ethics, and strengthen the community.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Joycelyn