



President's Award for Volunteering - Regulations

Introduction

The “**President's Award for Volunteering**” (hereinafter: the “Award”) is an award granted by the President of the State of Israel to selected volunteers.

The goal of the award is to encourage volunteer activity in Israeli society in order to benefit individuals, communities and Israeli society as a whole, in order to strengthen the social fabric in Israel and contribute to the solidification of the society on a human basis. The award expresses the President's aspiration to foster the values of social involvement, giving for others, mutual responsibility and the love of people and the country.

In order to select those eligible for the award, the President is assisted by an Advisory Committee which recommends to him the candidates for receiving the award.

The regulations are designed to regulate the ways in which the awards are granted.

Definitions

1. “Volunteer” - a person, group of people or organization that assists others and society out of free will, without coercion and without receiving economic consideration or payment according to market values.
2. “Volunteer Youth” - a volunteer up to the age of 22.
3. “Volunteer Activity” - Contribution of time, service, expertise, and knowledge by a volunteer or volunteer youth to people (except family members), to organizations, to the community, and to society.

Eligible for the Award

4. “President's Award for Volunteering” will be awarded to volunteers and/or volunteer youth for volunteer activity.
5. The minimum amount of time of volunteer activity in order to receive the award:
For volunteer youth - at least 11 months
For a volunteer - at least 2 years.
For a group of people or a volunteer organization - at least 2 years.
6. The President of the State shall be entitled to decide that the award shall be given for voluntary activity in a certain field to be defined by him, and to change the minimum duration of volunteer



activity in order to receive the award, accordingly.

7. The award will be awarded to up to twelve winners each year, according to the decision of the President of the State after receiving the recommendation of the Advisory Committee.
8. The award will not be awarded to volunteers who did not volunteer in the year it was awarded.
9. The award will not be awarded to volunteers who have received the President's Award for volunteering during the past ten years, including programs of the organization.
10. It will also be possible to grant the award to a person who passed away, when he died after submitting his candidacy, before he was selected by the President of the State.

Nomination to Receive the Award

11. Any person and organization may nominate a resident of the State of Israel or an organization operating in Israel as a candidate to receive the award. An organization may nominate itself as a candidate with the signature of the organization's chairman. Self-submission of individuals will not be allowed.
12. Submitting an application to receive the award will be reasoned and accompanied by documents verifying the reasons for the application.
13. An application to apply for the award will be submitted according to the form intended for this purpose and with the required affidavits, in accordance with the instructions and dates to be published by the Office of the President.
14. Notice of the possibility to apply for the award (hereinafter: the "Notice") will be published in the media and on the website of the Office of the President.
15. The notice will include contact information, to review these regulations and to receive forms to submit an application for receiving the award.

The Advisory Committee

16. The President of the State shall appoint the members of the Advisory Committee and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee.
17. The Advisory Committee shall be composed of public officials, one of whom shall serve as Chairman of the Advisory Committee.
18. The term of office of each member of the Advisory Committee shall be one year. The President of the State may extend the term of office of the members of the Advisory Committee for additional periods.
19. The members of the Advisory Committee will sign a commitment form to avoid conflict of interest.

The Advisory Committee's Work Methods

20. In its recommendation to grant the award, the Advisory Committee will consider, inter alia, the following criteria:
 - a. The degree of contribution and impact of the volunteer activity for the benefit of society in Israel.
 - b. The degree of compliance of the volunteer activity to the needs of the hour.
 - c. The degree of initiative, originality and innovation in the volunteer activity.
 - d. The degree of mental and physical effort devoted to the volunteer activity.
 - e. The duration of the volunteer activity, and the degree of determination, continuity and dedication in the volunteer activity.
21. In the framework of its considerations, the Advisory Committee may take into account receipt of the President's Award for Volunteering or other awards in the past, as well as the diversity of the winners, so that they include a wide range of ages, communities, populations, areas of activity, social background, gender, etc.
22. The Advisory Committee shall be entitled to determine internal work procedures for itself that will help it fulfill its role, beyond the provisions of these regulations, provided that they do not contradict the provisions of these regulations.
23. The Advisory Committee may carry out its work through sub-committees.
24. The discussions of the Advisory Committee and the sub-committees will be confidential.
25. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee shall preside over the meetings of the Advisory Committee.
24. The decisions of the Advisory Committee will be adopted by a majority vote. In the event of equal votes, the vote of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee shall decide.
25. It is possible to receive from a committee member who has been prevented from participating in meetings of the sub-committee or meetings of the Advisory Committee a reasoned vote that will be delivered or sent in writing to the award commissioner at the Office of the President before the committee convenes.
28. At the meetings of the Advisory Committee and the sub-committees, the award commissioner and the representative of the National Council for Volunteering, will participate at the Office of the President who will not have the right to vote.
29. The decision regarding the winners will be adopted by the Advisory Committee in its assembly.
30. In the framework of examining the nominations, the Advisory Committee may contact any party with a request for additional details, documents to verify the reasons for the application, opinions, recommendations, etc. The Advisory Committee shall also be entitled to summons the candidates for a personal interview before it.



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31. A preliminary committee, which includes the award commissioner at the Office of the President, and representatives of the National Volunteer Council will review all applications of candidacy for the award before they are transferred to the Advisory Committee.
32. The preliminary committee shall be entitled not to submit to the Advisory Committee recommendations that do not comply with the terms of the regulations, or deviate from the field that was defined by the President of the State, as stated in section 6 of these regulations.

Miscellaneous

33. The award will be granted by the President of the State once a year in an official ceremony to be held by him.
34. The award commissioner at the Office of the President is responsible for informing the winners of the President's decision.
35. Until the official publication of the President's decision, all, including the award recipients, the members of the Advisory Committee and the employees of the Office of the President, must maintain the confidentiality of the decision.
36. These regulations will be published regularly on the website of the Office of the President.