



Emerging Leader Service Award (ELSA) Application Guidance

Newton Chinese Language School (NCLS) is a nonprofit education organization registered in MA. Founded in 1959, NCLS is one of the oldest and largest Chinese language learning centers in the USA. NCLS serves not only as a language center for kids but also as a vibrant activity hub for the Chinese community in the Greater Boston area. The primary mission of the school is to serve the local and Greater Boston communities by providing excellence in cultural diversity training and language instruction, with a specialty in Chinese language and culture.

NCLS is also actively involved in promoting cultural diversity in local schools throughout the town of Newton and several nearby communities, as well as in hosting state and local cultural activities and social events throughout the year.

NCLS recognizes outstanding volunteers, volunteer leaders, and community and corporate partners for their exceptional work over a 12-month period. These award and recognition programs offer an opportunity to appreciate those who make an extraordinary difference in the Greater Boston community.

The Emerging Leader Service Award Criteria

The Emerging Leader Service Award, issued by the Newton Chinese Language School, recognizes volunteers who meet specific service hour requirements over a 12-month period. Awards are presented at three levels of recognition: **Gold, Silver, and Bronze**. Recipients receive a certificate along with a congratulatory letter from the Principle of NCLS and the chairman of the Board. We are working on obtaining endorsements from the Newton mayor and other top leaders in Massachusetts.

Hours served from September 1st, 2025, through August 31st, 2026, will be considered.

Age Group	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime Achievement Award
Kids (5–10 years old)	26–49 hours	50–74 hours	75+ hours	4,000+ hours
Teens (11–15)	50–74 hours	75–99 hours	100+ hours	4,000+ hours
Young Adults (16–25)	100–174 hours	175–249 hours	250+ hours	4,000+ hours

- **NCLS Account & Orientation:** Volunteers must have an NCLS account and have completed the New Volunteer Orientation to qualify.
- **Service Hours Requirement:** Volunteers must have completed at least **30%** of their service hours for the service year through NCLS.
- **Local Service:** The majority of service hours should be completed locally, benefiting the Greater Boston area.
- **Citizenship Requirements:** Recipients must be United States citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of the United States.
- **Awarded Hours:** Awards are issued based on volunteer service hours served within a 12-month period or over the course of a lifetime.
- **Volunteer Service Only:** Awards are issued solely for volunteer service; additional participation with the organization (e.g., charitable support) is not considered.
- **Exclusions:** Court-ordered community service does not qualify for the award.



牛顿中文学校“新锐领袖义工奖”申请指导原则

牛顿中文学校拥有为志愿者验证义工服务时间并颁发奖章的机构。其目的是鼓励人们，特别是年轻一代踊跃参与社区活动，积极为社区义务服务，共同创造美好的学习、工作和生活环境。

牛顿中文学校美国“新锐领袖义工奖”的评审及颁奖工作是在校长领导下，由校行政及董事会专人负责，按标准进行审核后，正式颁发奖章。整个过程本着公平、公开、公正的原则，以保障该评审及颁奖工作健康有序地发展。评审工作每年进行一次，秋季学期开学后开始申请，约十月底截止。

本校在读五岁以上的学生和成人志愿者（系美国公民或绿卡持有者）皆可申请。如报名的志愿者在12个月内（去年9月1日—今年8月31日）达到以下表中要求的 service 时间，并满足本校的申请条件，牛顿中文学校将为该志愿者申报相应年龄的新锐领袖义工奖（年龄的计算以申请人当年的3月31日年龄为准）。学校将对获奖者进行表彰，并授予证书和奖章。

不同年龄组服务时间要求:

年龄组	铜	银	金	终身成就奖
幼年(5-10)	26-49	50-74	75+	4,000+
少年(11-15)	50-74	75-99	100+	4,000+
青年(16-25)	100-174	175-249	250+	4,000+

申请条件:

1. 在牛顿中文学校服务的时间必须满足下列条件之一:

◆ 超过申请总时数的三分之一

◆ 超过三十个小时

2. 所有提交的服务时间, 必须有相应的证明文件:

❖ 在牛顿中文学校的服务时间: 由校行政相关负责人、支教小组负责人、活动委员会负责人、家长会会长及参与学校相关活动的教师验证, 并出具带有签名的证明文件;

❖ 牛顿中文学校以外的服务时间: 申请人需提供带有签名的官方证明文件。

牛顿中文学校义工活动包括:

1. 学生助教: 所有不拿薪水的助教工作;

2. 校行政实习生: 参与学校的管理工作;

3. 家长会活动:协助学校各项活动的工作;
4. 演出活动:学校感恩节、春节联欢会、才艺表演;
5. 支教活动:募捐、义卖、义务辅导等;
6. 学校的特别项目:参与设计或制作等;
7. 学校组织参与的社区活动:Newton Serve Day、牛顿市文化节、龙舟节等。

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