



**BE PART ★
OF SHAPING
THE NEXT
★ 250 YEARS
OF AMERICAN
SERVICE**

250 & Beyond: Our American Story
A Nationwide Celebration of Service

April 2026 | National Volunteer Month

Washington, D.C. + Nationwide Livestream

Hosted by:

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**250 & BEYOND:
OUR AMERICAN STORY
IS MORE THAN AN
EVENT—IT IS A NATIONAL
MOMENT OF REFLECTION,
CELEBRATION, AND
RECOMMITMENT.**

**TOGETHER, WE CAN
HONOR THOSE WHO
HAVE SERVED,
UPLIFT THOSE SERVING
NOW, AND INSPIRE
GENERATIONS TO COME.**

★ **250 & BEYOND: OUR AMERICAN STORY**

is a landmark national convening honoring the past, present, and future of service in America. Timed to **National Volunteer Month** and aligned with the **United States Semiquincentennial**, this hybrid symposium will bring together thousands of Americans—students, educators, nonprofit leaders, public servants, and community members—to celebrate service as a defining element of our national identity.

Anchored in Washington, D.C., and livestreamed to classrooms and communities across the country, the event marks the continuation of a national movement launched at the 2024 National Service Symposium. That movement calls on schools, libraries, and civic institutions to create Community and Campus Museums of Service, local exhibitions that uplift the stories of everyday Americans who serve.

In April 2026, we will gather to celebrate those stories, showcase the impact of this nationwide effort, and issue a bold call to action to inspire the next 250 years of American service.

WHY THIS MOMENT ★ MATTERS

As the nation approaches its 250th anniversary, **250 & Beyond** reframes the American story, not through monuments or milestones alone, but through the lived experiences of service that bind us together across generations, geography, and political difference.

This event positions service not as something optional, but as something essential: to our democracy, our communities, and our shared future.

Sponsors and partners play a critical role in making this vision visible, accessible, and scalable—reaching young people, educators, and communities nationwide at a moment of historic reflection and renewal.



EVENT ★ GOALS



Celebrate the Past

Honor the long tradition of service that has shaped American communities: from civic action and national service to mutual aid and social innovation.



Highlight the Present

Showcase hundreds of locally-created Community and Campus Museums of Service, elevating student voices, educators, and community leaders who are telling authentic, inclusive stories of service today.



Inspire the Future

Engage the next generation through a national call-to-action—connecting service to education, careers, civic participation, and lifelong leadership.

WHO ATTENDS & WHO YOU ★ REACH



Students
(K–12, Higher Education)



Educators and
school leaders



Nonprofit and
community leaders



Volunteers and
service members



Philanthropic and
corporate partners



Civic and
government leaders



Nationwide virtual audiences, including
classrooms and community groups



This is a high-visibility, values-driven platform for sponsors committed to **civic engagement**, **education**, **workforce development**, **equity**, and **community impact**.

SPONSORSHIP ★ PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsors make it possible to:

- Provide free or low-cost access for students and educators nationwide
- Support high-quality production and livestreaming
- Underwrite exhibitions, panels, and community showcases
- Amplify stories of service through national media and digital reach

Sponsor benefits include:

- National brand visibility (in-person and livestream)
- Alignment with America’s 250th anniversary
- Direct engagement with educators, students, and civic leaders
- Recognition across event materials, toolkits, and post-event content
- Opportunities for employee engagement and community activation

	PLATINUM \$25,000	GOLD \$15,000 <i>3 available</i>	SILVER \$7,500	BRONZE \$5,000	SERVICE LEADER \$2,500 <i>Nonprofit Only</i>	FRIEND TO SERVICE \$1000 <i>Nonprofit Only</i>
Name Recognition	★	★	★	★	★	★
Social Media Recognition	★	★	★	★	★	
Tabling Opportunity <i>(optional)</i>	★	★	★		★	
Speaking Opportunity <i>(on panel or keynote – 3 available)</i>	★	★				
Comped IS National Summit 2026 Registration	★ (4 Tickets)	★ (2 Tickets)	★ (1 Ticket)	★ (1 Ticket)		
RSVPs for In-Person, Invite-Only Symposium	★ (16 RSVPs)	★ (8 RSVPs)	★ (4 RSVPs)	★ (2 RSVPs)	★ (2 RSVPs)	★ (1 RSVP)
Dedicated IS and NMCFS Newsletter/ Blog Post	★	★				
Special Event with Dr. Akilah Watkins and the Honorable Brian Baird - VIP Breakfast	★					
Livestream branding	★					

Be part of the 2026 National Service Symposium and join the 250 & Beyond movement! [Learn more at nmcs.org/250andbeyond](https://nmcs.org/250andbeyond) and independentsector.org.