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## **America 250: Connecting Coins With the Land(s) They Represent**

*A National Volunteer Project for Students K-12*

In honor of the United States' semiquincentennial celebration, the American Numismatic Association (ANA) is inviting K-12 students to celebrate history through hands-on service. The initiative encourages young collectors to volunteer in national, state, and local parks, as well as community conservation efforts, in exchange for coins and other numismatic prizes. Through this experience, students make a meaningful impact while discovering how the designs and symbols on U.S. coins reflect the landscapes, wildlife, and historic places they help protect. The project is titled *America 250: Connecting Coins with the Land(s) They Represent*.

Through this program, students document their volunteer hours and write short reflections linking their service to coins, giving tangible context to the designs they collect. The full step-by-step process, along with available volunteer opportunities and a list of great prizes, is available at [money.org/america250-project](http://money.org/america250-project).

Based on a generous donation from an anonymous donor, the proceeds will go to fund awards and prizes for volunteer efforts. Participants can volunteer for a minimum of two hours to earn prizes, up to 25 hours to earn the top prize—an America 250 silver bar (one troy ounce). Other prizes include uncirculated National Parks quarters, a *Parks in Your Pocket* book, an American Revolution Bicentennial medal, a U.S. silver half dollar commemorative, and more.

### **Volunteer opportunities can be found with:**

- National Park Service – Volunteers support the National Park Service in its mission to preserve and protect our national parks. Volunteer opportunities are available nationwide including in U.S. Territories.
- The Izaak Walton League of America – An organization focused on promoting community-based conservation and volunteer science while advocating for strong state and national policies to protect our air, water and wildlife.

- The Nature Conservancy – Volunteers help to restore the earth with a shared vision to build healthy, more resilient and equitable lands, waters, and communities.
- Trout Unlimited – Their goal is to bring people together across the country to care for our rivers and help make our water cleaner and our communities healthier.
- State Parks – State Park searches and state wildlife searches will often provide different opportunities to volunteer for park preservation.
- City and/or County Parks and Recreation – Many local Parks and Recreation Departments will have volunteer options.
- National Archives – Rather than volunteering on-site, parks and public knowledge can be supported by transcribing or tagging old documents.

To learn more about the project and get involved with volunteering, visit [money.org/america250-project](https://money.org/america250-project). To qualify for prizes, parent permission and a pre-approval form for the volunteer work are required. For additional questions, contact ANA Education Director Christian Strayhorn at [cstrayhorn@money.org](mailto:cstrayhorn@money.org).

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The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging the study and collection of coins and related items. The ANA helps its members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of educational and outreach programs, to include its museum, library, publications, conventions and webinars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit [money.org](https://money.org).