



## MURIEL BERK SERVICE AWARD

The kind of PTA commitment and leadership that led to the formation of the Empire State PTSA (ESPTSA) in 1979 through the work of a superb leader, Muriel Berk, then NYS PTA Membership Chair, serves as a model for us all. Her vision of how to strengthen PTA, coupled with her pursuit of this goal with consistent and constant passion, patience and persistence, continues to serve as an excellent framework for action.

Therefore, on the occasion of the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ESPTSA in November, 2014, the ***Muriel Berk Service Award*** was established and dedicated to the memory of this visionary leader so that her service will support the service of others into the future.

### **AWARD:**

The recipient of this award will receive a \$250.00 stipend to be used for NYS PTA Convention attendance expenses. The award must be utilized by the recipient for the convention immediately following the award announcement.

### **CRITERIA:**

#### **The recipient must:**

- Be a current member of ESPTSA
- Have exhibited long standing PTA service
- Have been nominated by any ESPTSA member or may self-nominate.

#### **Selection of the recipient:**

- Application shall be made through the submission of a one page statement which states, at minimum, the following criteria:

- How many previous conventions has the applicant attended?
- What positions (i.e., offices, chairmanships) has the applicant held at the unit, council and/or region level?
- Why does their service to the PTA stand as a model to others?
- The statement must be submitted to the chairman of the Muriel Berk Award Committee Idalia Sepulveda, via email [iisepulveda@yahoo.com](mailto:iisepulveda@yahoo.com) no later than September 2 of the award calendar year either by the nominee or another member.
- Applications shall then be reviewed and the Muriel Berk Award Committee will determine the final selection no later than October 12 of the same calendar year.
- Please note that, according to the availability of ESPTSA funding, this award may not be given in every year. However, notice of the availability of the award will be made to the membership annually.