

HONORING OUR MEMBERS

NYS PTA 2020 SUMMER TRAINING

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WHY ARE AWARDS IMPORTANT?

It is important to recognize volunteers, students and community members.

- Awards make people feel noticed and appreciated.
- They can bring the community together to celebrate.
- They highlight important work that your PTA does.
- They inspire others to join in your mission.

Awards can be a great way to honor or remember members who have made a difference in your PTA.

- Awards can be created to honor and/or remember members who made a difference.
- The awards can focus on an area that the member had worked in during his/her PTA time.

DUTIES OF AN AWARD CHAIRPERSON

Inform membership about awards and grant opportunities

- Ask to be a set part of the PTA meeting agenda or at a PTA event so you can give an updates and reminders on awards
- Work with Unit President to include Award information on emails that are sent out to members
- Work with the Publicity/Website/Social Media chairs to get award information on the website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
- Create flyers to be handed out PTA events

Learn more about Awards opportunities

- Attend Region, State and National workshops, webinars and conference calls

Contact your Region or State Counterparts

- Work with Region/State Counterparts. They are there to assist you and support you. You do not have to do this job alone!

NYS PTA AWARDS

Units must be in good standing to receive awards or grants

- Unit has at least 25 members
- 25 members paid for by October 31st
- Insurance is paid and paperwork is completed
- Unit files 990 form with the IRS annually and maintains
NOT Revoked status with the IRS
(excludes units who have notified the State office that Reinstatement is in process)
- Bylaws are approved by New York State PTA every three years



WHO CAN RECEIVE AWARDS?

- Students
- Teachers
- Leaders
- Members

STUDENT AWARD

Jenkins Memorial Scholarship for Teacher Education

- Assists outstanding students with funding for preparation for the teaching profession.
- A \$3,000 scholarship distributed over 4 years.
- For HS seniors who are pursuing a teaching career and plan to attend a SUNY college or a two-year community college followed by transfer to a SUNY college.
- Deadline postmarked by December 15th to NYS PTA Office.

STUDENT AWARD

Youth Humanitarian Award in Memory of Stanley Marcus

- For a junior or senior who best exemplifies the humanitarian principles of Stanley Marcus, who is remembered for his humanitarian work and dedication to youth through zealous volunteer community service.
- An engraved plaque and a monetary award of \$250.00 is awarded to the State Winner. Each region winner receives an engraved plaque.
- Deadline postmarked by January 31st to the Region Director

STUDENT AWARD

Susanne Smoller Commitment to Advocacy Youth Award

- The Susanne Smoller Commitment to Advocacy Youth Award will be given to one high school senior to encourage them to pursue post-secondary education or training and to continue their active engagement in advocacy in the areas of HIV/AIDS, the LGBTQ+ community, mental health, social justice or substance use.
- The award recipient will receive a \$500 monetary award, plus an invitation to attend the NYS PTA Legislative Summit and Lobby Day, with costs covered for themselves and one parent/guardian, including meals, registration fees, and lodging for one night (if hotel room desired).
- Deadline to apply online is November 15th.

TEACHER AWARD

Teacher Fellowship for Graduate Study in Memory of Richard Gazzola

- Award encourages excellent teachers to stay in the classroom by providing an opportunity improve teaching skills, update professional knowledge and expand professional perspectives.
- A \$3,000 fellowship.
- For a full-time teacher with a master's degree who has completed at least one year of teaching in a New York State public school.
- Deadline postmarked by June 15th to NYS PTA Office.

TEACHER AWARD

Innovative Teacher Grant

- It is awarded to worthy projects that significantly influence student learning. Grants may aim to introduce something new or provide enhancements to a current program, and project should be inclusive; not limited to a subset of students within a class or grade level.
- Applicants must be a PK-12 classroom teacher or special area teacher in a NYS public school or BOCES
- Each NYS PTA/PTSA/SEPTA (in good standing) may submit grant applications.
- All students with a NYS PTA/PTSA/SEPTA in their school or district may also submit grant applications.
- **Funds can be used for things such as:** enrichment of curriculum, experiential or hands-on learning, or innovative programs which will directly or indirectly benefit students.
- **Examples:** Building a classroom library; fostering a home–school partnership; improving reading and writing in authentic literacy contexts; bringing arts into the classroom; hands on science programming; mindfulness and mental health initiatives.
- **Grants will be awarded at \$200, and funds must be spent on the items proposed in the original application.**

LEADERSHIP AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AWARDS

Leadership Award in Honor of Jane Skrzypek

- Award recognizes an outstanding leader in your PTA who inspires others to volunteer and assume leadership positions.
- Deadline postmarked to your Region Director by June 15th.
- Each region may submit one nominee to the State.

Family Engagement Award in Honor of Jami-Beth Knapp

- Award honors an individual or group of individuals that continue the work and dedication of Jami-Beth Knapp in family engagement.
- Recipients receive an engraved clock and an invitation with a guest to the NYS PTA Banquet held Saturday night at the NYS PTA Annual Convention.
- Deadline to apply online is May 15th.

NYS PTA ONGOING AWARDS

Honorary Life Membership

- Award recognizes individuals for their contributions to the welfare of children and youth.
- Award is a congratulatory card and an Honorary Life Membership card and pin.
- Fee is \$55.00.
- Application needs to be in the NYS PTA office 4 weeks before presentation

NYS PTA ONGOING AWARDS

Distinguish Service Award

- Award recognizes outstanding contributions to the welfare of children and youth, or to a PTA association.
- Recipient receives a certificate and a Distinguished Service pin.
- Recipient must have previously received Honorary Life Membership
- Fee is \$75.00.
- Application needs to be in the NYS PTA office 4 weeks before presentation

NYS PTA ONGOING AWARDS

Advocate in Action Award

- Acknowledges the involvement of PTA members in their children's education as well as their PTA.
- Award is a certificate that can be framed.
- If the certificate is mailed, there is a \$1.00 fee.

Community Service Award

- Recognizes groups of individuals for their dedication and achievement to the children and youth of NYS.
- Award is 8" x 10" wooden plaque.
- Fee is \$75.00.

NYS PTA ONGOING AWARDS

Diamond Award and Golden Oak Award

- Both awards honor your most dedicated volunteers.
- The proceeds from award fees are dedicated to leadership development throughout the state.
- Both awards feature personalized engravings with the name of the Award recipient and the signature of the NYS PTA President.
- The Diamond Award is a tabletop glass sculpture. \$250.00 fee
- The Golden Oak Award is a wooden plaque. \$150.00 fee
- Allow 6 weeks for delivery.

NYS PTA ONGOING AWARDS

Founder's Day Award

- This award can be used to welcome new members or in honor of a special PTA friend.
- This award is in honor of Founder's Day. NYS PTA was founded on February 17, 1897.
- The half of the proceeds from award fees go to NYS PTA for Leadership Development and the other half to National PTA to support Programs.
- This award can be given year around.

Pick A Reading Partner (P.A.R.P) Award

- This award is given to a unit that illustrates a great theme, encourages literacy, educates families through collaborative reading and literacy activities.
- The State Award winner receive two tickets and accommodations to NYS PTA Convention were they will receive their award during the PARP presentation.
- Deadline is June 15th to the Region Director.
- Region winner will advance to State, deadline is July 15.

NYS PTA PROGRAMS AWARDS

Reflections Award

- **NYS PTA Award of Excellence and Award of Merit**
 - Units submit their Reflections winners to their Regions. Check website for drop off dates and Region chair contacts.
 - Regions send their winners to NYS PTA on January 14, 2021.
- **Reflections Theme Search**
 - Students submit their theme ideas to NYS PTA office.
 - Deadline is October 23, 2020 postmarked to NYS PTA office.
 - Winners receive a cash prize and their theme will be used for the following year's Reflection theme.

NYS PTA PROGRAMS AWARDS

The Early Bird Award

- Register and pay dues for 60% of your state membership goal to earn this award.
- Be entered into a drawing to win a prize.
- Deadline is September 30th.

Watch for more membership awards to be announced!

NYS PTA MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

NATIONAL PTA AWARDS

Phoebe Apperson Hearst Award

- Award recognizes and celebrates achievements in building effective family-school partnerships.
- This award is presented to PTAs that have earned the National PTA School of Excellence designation and have demonstrated outstanding success engaging families in student success and school improvements.
- Award is open from May 1st – October 1st, 2020.
- Winner receives \$2,000 grant for their school travel for two to the National PTA Convention and Expo, two tickets to National PTA Awards & Reflections and a trophy presented on stage at Convention.
- Merit Awardees will receive \$500 grants for their schools.

Life Achievement Award

- The highest honor from the nation's largest child advocacy organization to the person who daily lives out their commitment to children.
- Winner receives a certificate of recognition, a congratulatory letter from the National PTA President and an elegant 10-Karat gold lapel pin or tie tack.
- The fee of \$125.00 goes to support the National PTA Endowment Fund and National PTA endeavors. Award is available all year long.

AWARDS DEADLINES CALENDAR

September

30th – The Early Bird Award

October

1st – National PTA - Phoebe Apperson Hearst Awards

23rd -Reflections Theme Search

November

15th –Susanne Smoller Commitment to Advocacy Youth Award

December

15th –Jenkins Memorial Scholarship for Teacher Education

January

14th –Region Reflections Submission to NYS PTA

31st – Youth Humanitarian Award in Memory of Stanley Marcus

March

1st – NYS PTA Award of Excellence Winners Submitted to National PTA

31st– National PTA - Jan Harp Domene Award

May

15th – Family Engagement Award in Honor of Jami-Beth Knapp

June

15th – Leadership Award in Honor in Jane Skrzypek

15th – Pick A Reading Partner Award

15th – Teacher Fellowship for Graduate Study in Memory of Richard Gazzola

All other awards are open through out the PTA Year.

NYS PTA Awards Advocate in Action Award, Honorary Life Membership, Distinguished Service Award, Golden Oak Award, Diamond Award and Founders Day Award.

National PTA Awards – PTA Lifetime Achievement Awards

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QUESTIONS?