



## NYS PTA Susanne Smoller Commitment to Advocacy Youth Award

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

-Margaret Mead



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 application for this prestigious award is open to senior students:

1. Who are on track to graduate by August 2022 from a New York State high school/BOCES where there is a PTA/PTSA/SEPTA unit in good standing (a centralized PTA unit with a high school component is acceptable);
2. Who have post-secondary and/or career aspirations; and
3. Who demonstrate a commitment to and active engagement in advocacy related to issues of HIV/AIDS, the LGBTQ+ community, mental health, social justice or substance use.

This application, including at least one letter of recommendation, must be printed, mailed and postmarked by November 15, 2021, for this coming year's award, to be awarded February 2022.

Please mail all required material to: NYS PTA, One Wembley Court, Albany, NY 12205.

**NOTE:** Submitted online forms cannot be considered unless the required application and supporting documents are received via regular mail.

**Susanne Smoller Commitment to Advocacy Youth Award Application 2021-2022**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Student Telephone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Student Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different than student) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Telephone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

School of Record \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor Email \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person providing statement or letter of recommendation:  
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Email address for person providing letter of recommendation:  
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Phone number for person providing letter of recommendation:  
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PTA Name affiliated with your school (add unit code if known):  
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Please share your post-secondary or career aspirations.

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Please indicate if student/guardian will opt-out of having the applicant's photo, name or school disclosed from the media information stated above.

Approved to use photo, name or school

Opt-out