



## 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 constant passion, patience, and persistence, continues to serve as an excellent framework for action.

Therefore, on the occasion of the 35th 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 one-time stipend not to exceed \$250, to be used for attendance whether in person or virtual, at a NYS PTA event. The award may be utilized by the recipient for the NYS PTA Convention, Summer Leadership Conference or Legislative Summit within the next five years. \*\*\*

Each year, the name of the recipient of the award will be engraved on the Muriel Berk Award Plaque located in the NYS PTA Office.

### **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:*

- Why are you nominating this person for the award?
- What positions (i.e., offices, chairmanships) has the nominee held at the unit, council, region and/or state level?
- Why or how does this nominee's service to the PTA stand as a model to others?

## **HOW TO APPLY:**

1. The one-page statement must be submitted to the President of the Empire State PTSA, via email to [esptsa.president@nyspta.org](mailto:esptsa.president@nyspta.org) and in the subject line place "Muriel Berk Award", no later than **May 1** of the award calendar year either by the nominee or another member.

2. Applications shall then be reviewed by the Muriel Berk Award Committee who will determine the final selection no later than **June 1** of the same calendar year.

3. Notification of the award will be made to the recipient by the Empire State PTSA President no later than **July 1**.

4. 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.

### ***\*\*\*Proviso:***

**For the years 2021 and 2022 ONLY, any past recipient of the Muriel Berk Award who has NOT yet used their stipend, shall be entitled to use it for attendance, either virtual or in-person at/for the 2021 or 2022 Convention.**