

Dear Oregon PTA/PTSA Delegates,

Please help Oregon PTA recognize our amazing leaders, community members and our students! We know each unit has their own unsung heroes and how best can we show them our appreciation? Give them a huge shout out via our Awards program at our annual conference and convention.

Oregon PTA is proud to announce that we are accepting applications for the following categories:

- LUV (Local Unit Volunteer for every unit)
- Service Awards-Individual, Unit or Council, Student (6 available)
- Plus Awards – Community Advocate/Staff/Teacher (3 available)
- Membership (Bright Idea/Outstanding Flyer/100% Teachers + Principal/50% School Board)

Do you have a teacher to brag about or an outstanding membership flyer? An amazing admin or janitor? Who's that person you call when you're desperate for help? What about a student who worked outside the box or an amazing program/project that everyone is still talking about? A Leader who goes above and beyond? This is the perfect opportunity to shine a light on them! Any member of the PTA can submit an application (except only one LUV award per unit). All Award descriptions and rules can be found online at <https://www.oregonpta.org/programs/oregon-pta-awards>.

The Oregon PTA Awards committee will review the applications and make selections. We have included 4 applications which cover 14 types of awards to apply for! Must be a Unit in Good Standing at the time the awards are given. Selections will be made prior to the Oregon PTA Conference and Convention and you will be notified if your Nominee has been selected. This will enable you to make arrangements to have them attend the Celebration Dinner on April 18, 2020 to be formally recognized. Also if you'd like to join our awards committee for the following year, please reach out!

The due date for applications this year is March 15, 2020. Please send/email nominations to: Oregon PTA Awards 3108 SE 50th Ave. Suite A Portland, OR 97206. Fax 503-234-6024 or email to office@oregonpta.org. For questions/assistance please reach out to Jaimie Clary, Oregon PTA –Region 1 director and Awards Committee Chair at region1@oregonpta.org or Diane membership@oregonpta.org.

This year's Oregon PTA Conference and Convention will be April 18-19, 2020 at the Holiday Inn Portland South - Wilsonville. We hope everyone can join us!

Sincerely,

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Oregon PTA VP of Programs
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Attachments: Awards Applications & Descriptions

Current Oregon PTA Awards – Applications due March 15, 2020

Local Unit Volunteer (LUV): The Local Unit Volunteer (LUV) Award is designed to recognize the importance of volunteers and the services they provide within their local PTAs. The recipient of this award should have demonstrated exceptional service to your PTA and be a member of your PTA. Each PTA may give only one LUV Award each year. In considering an individual for recognition, consider the following: Has the person demonstrated an ability to communicate and work with others? Does the person uphold the Mission and Values of PTA? Has the he/she been responsible for providing services, projects, or ideas to your PTA? Is he/she respected and admired by other members? Has the person been willing to offer assistance and support to other PTA committees and members? Is the person willing to accept and fulfill responsibilities?

Oregon PTA Service Awards:

Unit of Excellence: Presented to the local unit which exemplifies Oregon PTA mission and values. Must be a unit in good standing by November 30th. Units may nominate themselves or each council president or region director may nominate one unit for consideration.

Champion for Children: Awarded to an individual at a local unit who has done exceptional work in advocating for children through service in their area. They do not have to be a PTA member.

Communications: This award recognizes a local unit or council PTA/PTSA for excellence in communicating with PTA members and the larger community using a newsletter (email or print), social media, and/or a website.

Program of the Year: This award will be presented to the local unit which submits an outstanding program or project which focuses on one or more of the following areas: Parent Involvement, Education, Health and Safety, Cultural or Performing Arts or Community Service.

Student Service: (K-5), (6-8), (9-12): Awarded to K-12 grade students or student groups who make an important contribution to their community; including community projects, charity work, and advocacy. Each unit/council may submit one nominee for each of the following grade level categories using the Service Awards Application. Oregon PTA Board members may also submit one nominee per grade level category. Elementary - Grades K-5
➤ Intermediate - Grades 6-8 ➤ High School - Grades 9-12

Local Leader of the Year: Awarded to an outstanding local unit or council board member who has shown exceptional leadership skills and integrity in contributing to the unit's success.

Oregon PTA Plus Awards:

Advocate for Children: To recognize individuals who demonstrate a commitment to the Mission and Values of PTA by strengthening and encouraging advocacy for all children. Criteria: Selection is based on the nominees': Actions that show commitment to the Mission and Values of PTA. Active efforts showing dedication to advocating for children and youth, whether it be in the home, the school, their community, or at the state or national level. Nominees can be (but not limited to): Local/Council PTA/PTSA members, School Board members, City Council members, Mayors, superintendents, the governor, etc.

Classified Staff Hero of the Year: This award is given to a classified staff member who goes above and beyond their job description in order to promote the mission and values of PTA and makes a true difference at their school. Nomination requires Classified Staff Hero of the Year Application completed by a PTA leader, plus recommendations from a principal, student, and a fellow staff member. Local units or councils may submit one nominee. Oregon PTA board members may also submit nominations.

Teacher of the Year: This award is given to the teacher who goes above and beyond their job description in order to promote the mission and values of PTA and makes a true difference at their school. Nomination requires Teacher of the Year Application completed by a PTA leader, plus recommendations from a principal, student, fellow staff member, community member, and parent. Local units or councils may submit one nominee. Oregon PTA board members may also submit nominations.

Membership Campaign Awards*:

Membership Bright Idea: Attach a paragraph or two which describes your successful membership campaign idea. Describe how it was creative, inclusive, and unique. What specific features made it outstanding? How many new members did it bring on board?

Outstanding Membership Flyer: Attach a copy, as it was originally distributed. Include the means of distribution, the target audience(s), and circulation date(s).

100% of Teachers and the Principal: All teachers, as well as the principal of the school are paid members as of March 1. Attach a copy of your school's staff roster along with your unit's membership roster. Highlight all teachers and the principal on both lists.

50% of School Board Members: At least half of the members of your School Board are members of your unit as of March 1. Attach a copy of your School Board member roster along with your unit's membership roster. Highlight the School Board members on the latter.

*Time sensitive awards do not require an application, therefore are not listed here.

All award recipients will receive recognition at the Oregon PTA Annual Conference and Convention.

OREGON PTA LUV AWARD NOTIFICATION

(All units may submit one LUV award recipient)

LUV Award - Local Unit Volunteer of the Year Award: Every PTA should give a LUV Award to a volunteer each year! The Oregon PTA Local Unit Volunteer (LUV) Award is designed to recognize the importance of volunteers and the services they provide within their local PTAs. The recipient of this award should demonstrate exceptional service to your PTA and be a member of your PTA. Each PTA may give only one LUV Award each year. The LUV Award Notification Form shall be submitted to Oregon PTA BY THE DUE DATE.

The recipient of this award should have demonstrated exceptional service to your PTA and be a member of your PTA. Each PTA may give only one LUV Award each year. In considering an individual for recognition, consider the following:

- Demonstrated an ability to communicate and work with others?
- Uphold the Mission and Values of PTA?
- Been responsible for providing services, projects, or ideas to your PTA?
- Respected and admired by other members?
- Been willing to offer assistance and support to other PTA committees and members?
- Willing to accept and fulfill responsibilities?

Award Presentation: LUV recipients will be presented with a certificate, ribbon, and pin during the Oregon PTA Conference and Convention. The awards will be mailed to those not able to attend.

Name _____

Unit _____

The recipient will _____ or will not _____ attend the Oregon PTA Conference and Convention.

I have attached a brief paragraph explaining why this person is being honored.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

By Local Unit PTA President or Secretary

Must be submitted BY THE DUE DATE. Mail, fax, or email to: Oregon PTA 3108 A SE 50th Ave Portland, OR 97206 FAX: 503-234-6024 Email: office@oregonpta.org

OREGON PTA Service Awards Application

(Individual, Group, Unit or Council Awards)

Name of Candidate _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

PTA affiliation (Unit & Region) _____

Unit President name _____ Nominee current position _____

Are any of you attending Convention? _____

Please check one per application:

____ Unit of Excellence
(Unit - exemplifies the mission and values of PTA)

____ Program of the Year
(Unit - outstanding Program/Project in a focused area)

____ Champion for Children
(Individual - exceptional advocacy via service in your area)

____ Student Service (K5, 6-8, 9-12)
(Individual or group - important community contribution)

____ Communications
(Unit/Council - outreach via communications)

____ Local Leader of the Year
(Individual - exceptional leadership and unit contribution)

Please include a paragraph in your own words detailing the candidate's dedication and commitment, citing specific examples:

Name/phone/email of the person nominating plus another PTA Member who supports the nomination:

Please feel free to attach any helpful or additional information. If Award descriptions and rules are not attached, you can find them at visit <https://www.oregonpta.org/programs/oregon-pta-awards>.

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OREGON PTA Plus Awards Application

(Advocate, Staff & Teacher Awards)

Name of Candidate _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

PTA affiliation (Unit & Region) _____ Nominee current position _____

Are any of you attending Convention? _____

Please check one per application:

_____ Advocate for Children
(Individual - exceptional advocacy work for all children)

_____ *Classified Staff Hero of the Year
(Individual - above and beyond their job description)

_____ **Teacher of the Year
(Individual - exceptional advocacy work for all children)

Please attach extra questions/recommendations for the following as described:

*Classified Staff Hero (pick one: Student or Fellow staff member); How does this nominee go above and beyond to support students/other staff members? (Or Principal): How does this nominee support other staff members? Is her/she a team player? What has this nominee done above and beyond the call of duty? Include examples and 3 recommendations (Principal/Student/Staff)

**Teacher of the Year (pick one: Student, staff, community member, parent or principal): How does this teacher support, involve, encourage, promote involvement etc. Include examples and 3 recommendations (Principal/Student/Staff).

Please include a paragraph in your own words detailing the candidate's dedication and commitment, citing specific examples:

Name/phone/email of the person nominating plus another PTA Member who supports the nomination:

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OREGON PTA Membership Award Application

(Bright Idea/Flyer/100%/50%)

Name of Candidate/Unit _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

PTA affiliation (Unit & Region) _____ Total # of unit members _____

Name of Membership chair _____

Are any of you attending Convention? _____

Please check one per application:

____ Membership Bright Idea (Individual)

____ 100% Teachers and the Principal

____ Outstanding Membership Flyer (Unit)

____ 50% School Board Members

Please include a paragraph in your own words detailing the candidate/unit's work, citing specific examples:

Name/phone/email of the person nominating:

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