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National PTA Awards

Phoebe Apperson Award: The Phoebe Apperson Hearst Award for innovation in family engagement, named after National PTA co-founder Phoebe Apperson Hearst, recognizes and celebrates achievement in building effective family-school partnerships. The awards are presented to PTAs that have earned the National PTA School of Excellence designation and demonstrated outstanding success engaging families in student success and school improvements. This award is the highest honor National PTA presents for effective family engagement.

Jan Harp Domene Diversity and Inclusion Award: The purpose of the Jan Harp Domene Diversity and Inclusion Award is to recognize PTAs that are dedicated to the needs of all families represented in their schools. The award acknowledges PTAs for developing practices which are inclusive and equal for all families and result in positive change.

National PTA School of Excellence Certification: This program provides schools with tools to assess and enhance their commitment to parent involvement based on PTA's National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs. After completing the assessment process and submitting an application, a school which meets the parent involvement standards and provides supporting documentation becomes certified as a Parent Involvement School of Excellence. Other schools can use the assessment process to develop a blueprint for improving their parent involvement practices and policies.

*More information may be found on National PTA awards and programs at www.pta.org.

Oregon PTA Awards

Honorary Life Achievement Award: The Honorary Life Achievement Award is one of the highest honors a PTA unit or council can bestow upon an individual. The honored person is usually someone who has served as an advocate for children in such areas as education, health, safety, or legislation. The honoree need not be a member of a local unit, or be well known beyond their own area of service. There is a \$25 application fee, which is given to the Oregon PTA Teacher Education Scholarship (TES) Fund. A Life Achievement pin is also available for an additional \$25. The Life Achievement Award application is available through the Oregon PTA Office.

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 March 1st.

The notification form is on the following page.

Local Unit Volunteer of the Year Award

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?

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

LUV Award notification Form

_____ PTA is proud to inform you

_____ has been selected by our association to receive the LUV Award. 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: _____
Local PTA President or Secretary

Deadline for notification is March 1st. Mail, fax, or email to:

Oregon PTA
3108 A SE 50th Ave
Portland, OR 97206
FAX: 503-234-6024
Email: office@oregonpta.org

Advocate for Children Award:

- Purpose:** 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 will be judged solely on their own efforts, and will not be held in comparison to other nominees.
- Eligibility:** Nominees can be (but not limited to):
- Local/Council PTA/PTSA members
 - School Board members
 - City Council members
 - Mayors, superintendents, the governor, etc
- Submission Guidelines:** Nominations must consist of:
- Award nomination form (see attached)
 - Nominating letter (not more than 1 page, front and back) detailing the nominee's dedication and commitment to child advocacy, citing specific examples (newsletter or newspaper articles concerning the nominee may also be included)
 - Name and phone number of one other PTA member, signifying their support of this candidate
 - Nominations must come from a local PTA, council PTA, or Oregon PTA
 - Self-nominations will not be accepted
- Submission Deadline:** March 1st
- Award:** The recipient will receive an engraved plaque, which, if recipient is present, will be presented at the Oregon PTA Conference and Convention.
- Note:** The Oregon PTA Awards Committee shall choose the recipient(s) of this award from among the nominations received by the due date. Although the committee may receive nominations, a recipient is not necessarily guaranteed each year.



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Advocate for Children Award Nomination Form

Name of Candidate _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Telephone _____
Email Address _____

Will this person be attending the Oregon PTA Annual Conference and Convention?

Yes _____ No _____

Category PTA Member _____ Non-PTA Member _____

Your Name _____
Telephone _____
Email Address _____

Will you be attending the upcoming Oregon PTA Convention?

Yes _____ No _____

Name & phone number of another PTA member that supports this candidate

_____ Name _____ Phone Number _____

Please attach a nominating letter detailing the candidate's dedication and commitment, citing specific examples.

Send this form and your nominating letter to:

Oregon PTA
Attn.: Awards Committee
3108 A SE 50th Ave
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Leadership Awards

Unit or Council in Good Standing: Units or councils which complete all of the Unit in Good Standing requirements by November 30th will receive a certificate and recognition during their region meeting at the Oregon PTA Conference and Convention. No application necessary.

Note: Unit in Good Standing Checklist can be found in Chapter One, page eight of this manual.

Unit of Excellence Award: 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. One winner will be selected by the Oregon PTA Awards Committee and will be recognized at the Oregon PTA Annual Conference and Convention.

The nomination form can be found on the following page.



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Unit of Excellence Award Nomination Application

Units may nominate themselves or be nominated by a council president or region director.

Unit Information:

Unit Name: _____

Region: _____

Unit President: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Will someone from this PTA unit attend the Oregon PTA Annual Conference and Convention?

Yes No

Why should this unit be considered for this award? Attach additional pages as needed.

Person Submitting Application:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

PTA Position: _____

Email: _____

Send this form and any additional pages to:

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Membership Awards

Every PTA is a potential recipient of the membership awards in this section. All qualifying units will be recognized at the Oregon PTA Conference and Convention.

The following awards require no application. The Oregon PTA Membership Committee will track each PTA's membership progress and prepare awards for your unit on your behalf.

- **Early Bird** - Enter first membership list online and remit fees to the Oregon PTA office by September 30th.
- **Membership Stability** - Maintain membership numbers at least equal to last year's membership by March 1st.
- **State President's Challenge** -
 - ✓ Attain Unit in Good Standing requirements by November 30th
 - ✓ Maintain or increase membership over the previous year's total by March 1st
 - ✓ Submit membership lists and fees for the months September through February
- **Bronze Award** - Increase paid membership by 25% over the previous year's total membership by March 1st.
- **Silver Award** - Increase paid membership by 50% over the previous year's total membership by March 1st.
- **Gold Award** - Increase paid membership by 75% over the previous year's total membership by March 1st.
- **Platinum Award** - Increase paid membership by 100% over the previous year's total membership by March 1st.

Membership Campaign Awards: The following awards require an application with the Oregon PTA Membership Awards Application Cover Sheet found on the following page. Winners for each category will be recognized at the annual Oregon PTA Conference and Convention.

- **Membership Chair** - Attach a paragraph or two describing how your membership chair has conducted their membership campaign in an outstanding manner. Include such things as creativity and inclusiveness.
- **Outstanding Membership Flyer** - Attach a copy, as it was originally distributed. Include the means of distribution, the target audience(s), and circulation date.
- **100% of Teachers and the Principal**- All teachers, as well as the principal of the school associated with the local unit. Attach a copy of your school staff roster, along with your unit membership roster. Highlight all teachers and the principal on both lists.



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Oregon PTA Membership Awards - Application Cover Sheet

Fill out one cover sheet for each award applied for. Applications must be received in the Oregon PTA Office by March 1st. Attach appropriate documentation (lists, descriptions, etc) to this completed form.

Local Unit/Council Name: _____ Region: _____

Total Number of Members: _____ Membership Chair: _____

For which award are you applying?

_____ Outstanding Membership Flyer

_____ Membership Chair Award

_____ 100% Teachers and Principal

PTA President: _____ Phone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name of Person Applying: _____ Position: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Please list all documents attached:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Local Unit President's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Service Awards

All Service Award nominations should be submitted using the Service Award Application on the following page. All award recipients will receive recognition at the Oregon PTA Annual Conference and Convention.

Student Service Awards: 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. One winner will be selected by the Oregon PTA Awards Committee for each age level.

- Elementary - Grades K-5
- Intermediate - Grades 6-8
- High School - Grades 9-12

Champion for Children Award: 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. Each local unit or council may submit one nominee using the Service Award Application.

Local Leader of the Year Award: 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. Each local unit or council may submit one nominee using the Service Award Application.

Service Award Application is on the following page.

Service Award Application

Units may submit a nomination in each category. A separate application is required for each award nominee.

Check One	Award Category
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Service Award Elementary (Grades K-5)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Service Award Intermediate (Grades 6-8)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Service Award High School (Grades 9-12)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Champion for Children
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Leader of the Year

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

School or PTA: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Will nominee attend the Annual Oregon PTA Leadership Conference and Convention? Yes
 No

Is your nominee a PTA member?

Why are you nominating this person(s) for this award? (Attach additional pages as needed)

_____ Contact Submitting

Application: Name: _____

PTA Position: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

PTA Unit Name: _____ Region: _____

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Additional Awards

All award recipients will receive recognition at the Oregon PTA Annual Conference and Convention. Each unit may submit one nomination in each category. Submit a separate application for each nominee.

Communications Award: 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 Award: 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
- Community Service

Communications and Program Award Application is on the following page.



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Communications and Program Award Application

Units may submit one application in each category.
A separate application is required for each category.

Check One	Award Category
<input type="checkbox"/>	Communications Award
<input type="checkbox"/>	Program or Project of the Year Award

Unit Information:

Unit Name: _____ Region _____

Unit President: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Will someone from this PTA attend the Annual Oregon PTA Leadership Conference and Convention?

Yes _____ No _____

Why should this unit be considered for this award? (Attach additional pages as needed)

Individual Submitting the Application:

Name: _____ PTA Position: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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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. The winner will be selected by the Oregon PTA Awards Committee. The recipient will receive recognition at the Oregon PTA Annual Conference and Convention.

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. The winner will be selected by the Oregon PTA Awards Committee. The recipient will receive recognition at the Oregon PTA Annual Conference and Convention.

Application and recommendation forms are on the following pages.



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Oregon PTA Classified Staff Hero of the Year Award Application Cover Sheet

Purpose: To recognize a classified staff member who does an exceptional job of supporting PTA and makes a true difference at their school.

Submission: PTA leader must complete this application cover sheet and the following required recommendations. Make multiple copies of the recommendation form as needed.

- A student recommendation
- A fellow staff member recommendation
- A principal recommendation

Selection: The Oregon PTA Awards Committee will review all nominations and will select the Oregon PTA Classified Staff Hero of the Year.

Application Information:

Nominee Information:

Full Name: _____ School: _____

Position: _____ Email: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Contact Submitting Information:

Name: _____ Position: _____ PTA

Unit: _____ Region # _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Oregon PTA Classified Staff Hero of the Year Recommendation Form

Staff Member Name: _____

School: _____

Check one and complete the section below to answer the questions.

Check One	Type	Question
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student	How does this nominee go above and beyond to support students?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fellow Staff Member	How does this nominee go above and beyond to support other staff members?
<input type="checkbox"/>	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?

Answer the above questions in 100 words or less: (Continue on another page if necessary.)

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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Oregon PTA Teacher of the Year Award - Application Cover Sheet

Purpose: To recognize the teacher who does an exceptional job of supporting PTA and makes a true difference at their school.

Submission: PTA leader must complete this application cover sheet and the following required recommendations. Make multiple copies of the recommendation form as needed.

- A student recommendation
- A fellow staff member recommendation
- Community member recommendation
- Parent recommendation
- A principal recommendation

Selection: The Oregon PTA Awards Committee will review all nominations and will select the Oregon PTA Teacher of the Year.

Application Information:

Nominee Information:

Full Name: _____ School: _____

Position: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

Contact Submitting Information:

Name: _____ Position: _____ PTA

Unit: _____ Region # _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Teacher: _____

School: _____

Check one and complete the section below to answer the questions.

Check One	Type	Question
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student	How does this teacher support students? What process does this teacher have in place that allows students to be involved in their own education?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Staff	How does this teacher support the staff? What process is in place that allows staff to be involved? How is the staff encouraged and supported to reach school goals?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Member	How does this teacher promote community involvement and participation? What process is in place that allows the community to be involved?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent	How does this teacher support parent involvement? Are parents welcome in the school? What process is in place that allows parents to be involved?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Principal	How does this teacher support fellow staff members? Is her/she a team player? What process is in place that allows other teachers, parents, and students to be involved?

Answer the above questions in 100 words or less: (Continue on another page if necessary.)

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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