



Council PTA Legislative Action Award

2009-2010

Purpose of Award

In memory of past National and Texas PTA President Shirley Igo, this award encourages Council PTAs to advocate at various levels for the enactment of legislation on behalf of Texas children and families.

Award Criteria

- Council PTA must have a legislative action chairman on the executive board.

Bronze Level Recognition

- Provide three legislative updates to Local PTAs. Attach the updates and indicate methods of publication.
- Attend at least two local school board meetings and provide a report to Local PTAs. Attach the reports and indicate methods of publication.
- Encourage advocacy and grassroots actions to promote the welfare of children and youth (*i.e., organize a group to attend Texas PTA Day at the Capitol in February, or organize a letter-writing campaign to support Texas PTA legislative priorities, etc.*).

Silver Level Recognition

- Complete all bronze level requirements as detailed above.
- Provide three additional legislative updates to Local PTAs, for a total of six. Attach the updates and indicate methods of publication.
- Participate in one of the following activities:
 - Attend two additional school board meetings, for a total of four.
 - Attend one city council meeting promoting advocacy and awareness.
 - Visit with your local legislators promoting Texas PTA priorities.
- Provide a report to Local PTAs on the above activity. Attach the report and indicate methods of publication.
- Invite your legislators or policymakers to attend your Council PTA regular meeting. Attach letter of invitation, any responses and outcomes.

Gold Level Recognition

- Complete all bronze and silver level requirements as detailed above.
- Provide two additional legislative updates to your membership, for a total of eight. Attach the updates and indicate methods of publication.
- Host a candidate forum or legislative issue event (*i.e., school board candidates forum during election, host district or regional representatives during a boundary election, etc.*). Provide a report to Local PTAs on the above activity. Attach the report and indicate methods of publication.
- Submit a position or resolution to Texas PTA for consideration at the annual convention. Attach the proposed position or resolution and date submitted.
- Represent the Council PTA on a subcommittee of Texas PTA Legislative Action Committee. (contact Texas PTA Legislative Action Chairman for opportunities)

Award Submission

- This award will be submitted electronically via the Texas PTA Web site no later than **May 15, 2010**.
- Award submission forms will be available beginning April 1, 2010.