



# Local PTA Legislative Action Award

## 2009-2010

### Purpose of Award

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

### Award Criteria

- Local PTA must be in good standing with Texas PTA.
- Local PTA must have a legislative action chairman on the executive board.

#### **Bronze Level Recognition**

- Provide three legislative updates to the membership. Attach the updates and indicate methods of publication.
- Attend at least two local school board meetings and provide a report to the membership. 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 the membership, 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 the membership on the above activity. Attach the report and indicate methods of publication.
- Invite your legislators or policymakers to attend your Local 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 the membership 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.

### 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.