

Winner Takes It All-Grants, Programs and Ohio PTA Awards



National PTA Mission and Values

PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

PTA's values

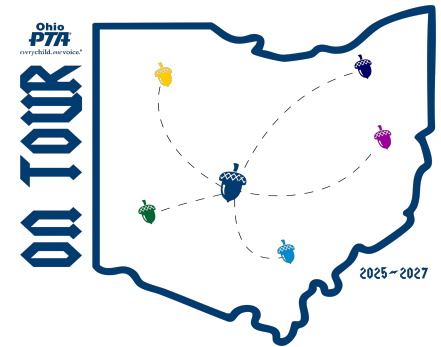
Collaboration

Commitment

Diversity

Respect

Accountability



Ohio PTA Awards

www.ohiopta.org

- Membership Awards
- Helping Hand and “T” in PTA Awards
- Health Service Award
- Ohio PTA Achievement Award
- Gold Key
- Advocacy Certificate of Excellence
- Family –School Partnership Certificate of Excellence



Ohio PTA Emmy Award

The Emmy Award has been a staple of our membership program for years, and we're excited to continue it in 2026–2027 with some important updates. This award recognizes units that achieve our monthly membership goals, keeping momentum strong all year long. Units that meet some — but not all — of the monthly targets will be celebrated with recognition on social media and a printed certificate. However, only full Emmy Award winners will be recognized at the convention. Please note: the criteria for meeting each month's goal has been updated this year, so be sure to review the new requirements carefully if your unit wants to take home an Emmy!



Ohio PTA The Golden Apple

A longtime fan favorite, the Golden Apple Award celebrates units that achieve 100% staff membership. While this award has always inspired excitement, we've also seen lots of “what about...” questions behind the scenes. To keep things clear and consistent this year: 100% staff includes all staff working in the school building full time. This does not include substitutes, part-time staff, or floaters. Golden Apple winners will be proudly recognized at convention for their commitment to building strong, united school communities.



Ohio PTA The Album Awards

The Album Awards bring a fresh, music-inspired way to celebrate membership growth! Units will complete “tracks” throughout the year by meeting key membership challenges. With each milestone reached, your unit earns album status: Gold Album for completing 3 tracks, Platinum Album for 5 tracks, and the ultimate Diamond Album for completing all 7 tracks. Gold and Platinum winners will be celebrated on social media and receive a printed certificate, while Diamond Album winners will be recognized at convention, receive one free registration to convention, and be entered to win \$100. This is your unit’s chance to release a membership hit that everyone will remember!



Ohio PTA The Legacy Award

The Legacy Award celebrates units that build on their success and prove that strong membership momentum can carry from one year to the next! Units that achieve 100% or more of their previous year's membership total will earn this special recognition. Recipients will be proudly recognized at convention and entered to win \$50.



Ohio PTA Challenges

From time to time, Ohio PTA will introduce special one-time membership challenges to keep enthusiasm high throughout the year. These challenges are a great way to engage your members, earn prizes, and have a little fun. Please note that these challenges are separate from our annual awards and will not be recognized at convention.



Ohio PTA “T” in PTA Award

The “T” in PTA Award – Honors teachers, administrators, and certified staff who exemplify the PTA mission in the service of students, families, and the community at your school. Nominees must be a certified educator and a member of your PTA/PTSA. They must be involved in and support your PTA/PTSA, have made a positive impact on the lives of children, and be dedicated to the mission of PTA (To make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children).



Ohio PTA Helping Hand Award

Helping Hands Award – Honors volunteers who exemplify the PTA mission in the service of students, families, and the community at your school. Nominees may include any member of your PTA/PTSA who goes above and beyond. They must be involved in and support your PTA/PTSA, have made a positive impact on the lives of children, and be dedicated to the mission of PTA (To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children).



Ohio PTA Awards

Health Staff Service Award – Recognizes an outstanding school health care professional dedicated to caring for and improving the lives of all children.

Ohio PTA Achievement Award – The Ohio PTA Achievement Award honors those individuals who have rendered outstanding service to children and youth. Proceeds from this award benefit the Ohio PTA Memorial Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships for graduating high school seniors across the state of Ohio.



Ohio PTA Gold Key Award

The Gold Key Program allows PTA leaders, future leaders, and those who are simply interested, to learn all they can about PTA. The three steps build on each other and allow the recipient to truly learn skills that are valued in many walks of life. The recipient earns a gold key and certificate as part of the recognition for their efforts. They are also honored at the Ohio PTA Convention.



Ohio PTA Volunteer Certificates of Excellence- Advocacy

The Ohio PTA Volunteer Certificates of Excellence were created to celebrate the efforts of our members who take part in advocacy, family, school, and community activities. The ACE requirements are: Track completed tasks on this form. When you have met the requirements, scan the QR code to complete your final application online.



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Family School Partnership

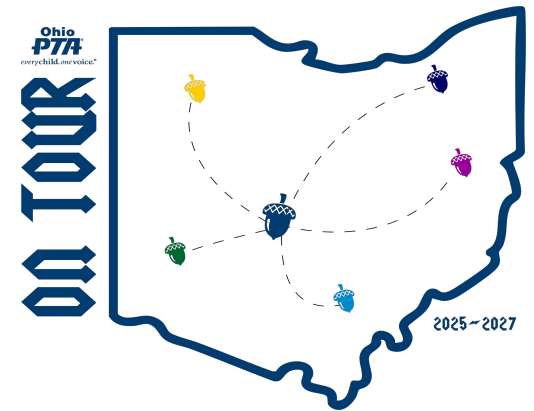
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Why choose a National PTA program for your PTA?

1. Turn key programming- templates, proven ideas
2. Options for in home, at school, tech free, real time, and self paced
3. Community of presenters
4. Low cost



National PTA Programs

National PTA Programs offer engaging, educational and fun activities for all students and their families in the areas of mental health, STEM, digital safety, healthy lifestyles and the arts.



National PTA's Program Choices

www.pta.org/programs

School of Excellence

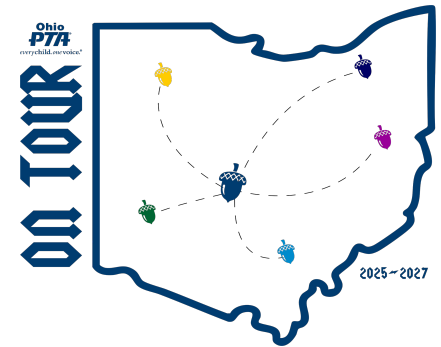
Reflections

Family Reading Experience

STEM + Families

Healthy Lifestyles

PTA Connected



School of Excellence

The School of Excellence Program aims to:

- Provide a framework for PTAs to **identify and implement best practices in family engagement** to strengthen family-school partnerships.
- **Build inclusive and welcoming school communities** where all families contribute to enriching the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.



School of Excellence

- Help PTAs **attract new, action-oriented PTA members** who want to focus on the issues that affect our children the most.
- **Provide step-by-step guidance and networking opportunities** for PTAs to gain support and feedback, identify and reach goals and earn recognition.
- **Celebrate designees** and top **Phoebe Apperson Hearst awardees** as national leaders in building effective family-school partnerships, which opens up additional honors and opportunities.
- Enrollment for the 2026-2027 program is open until October 15



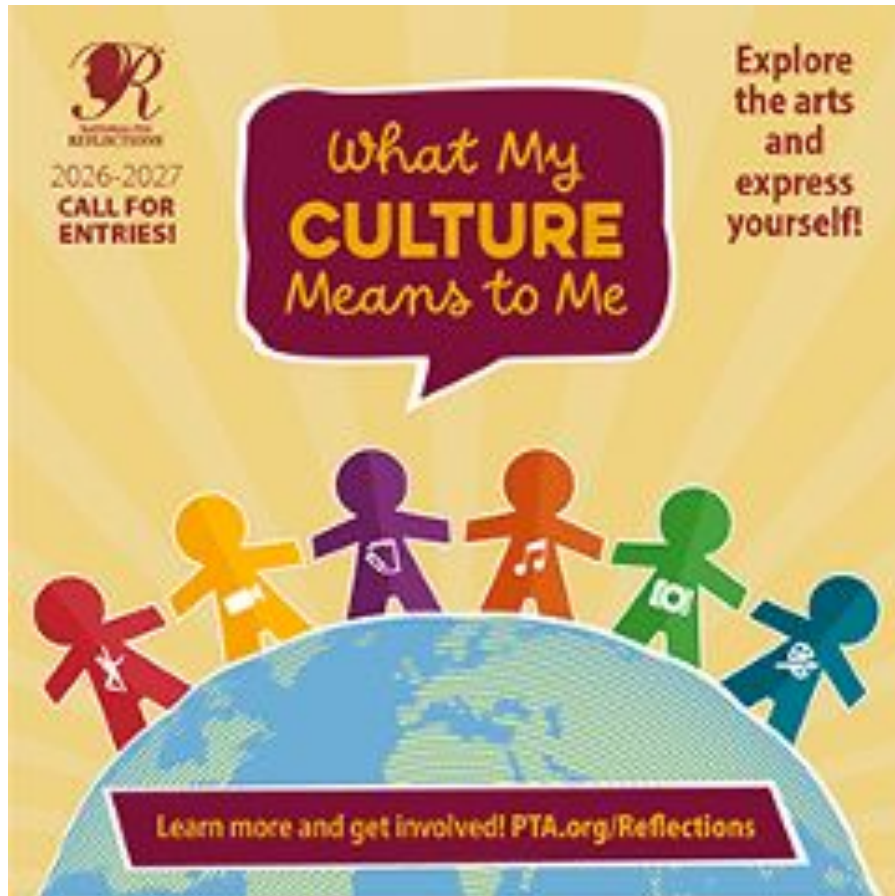
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Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme.

This 50+ year-old program helps them explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life.



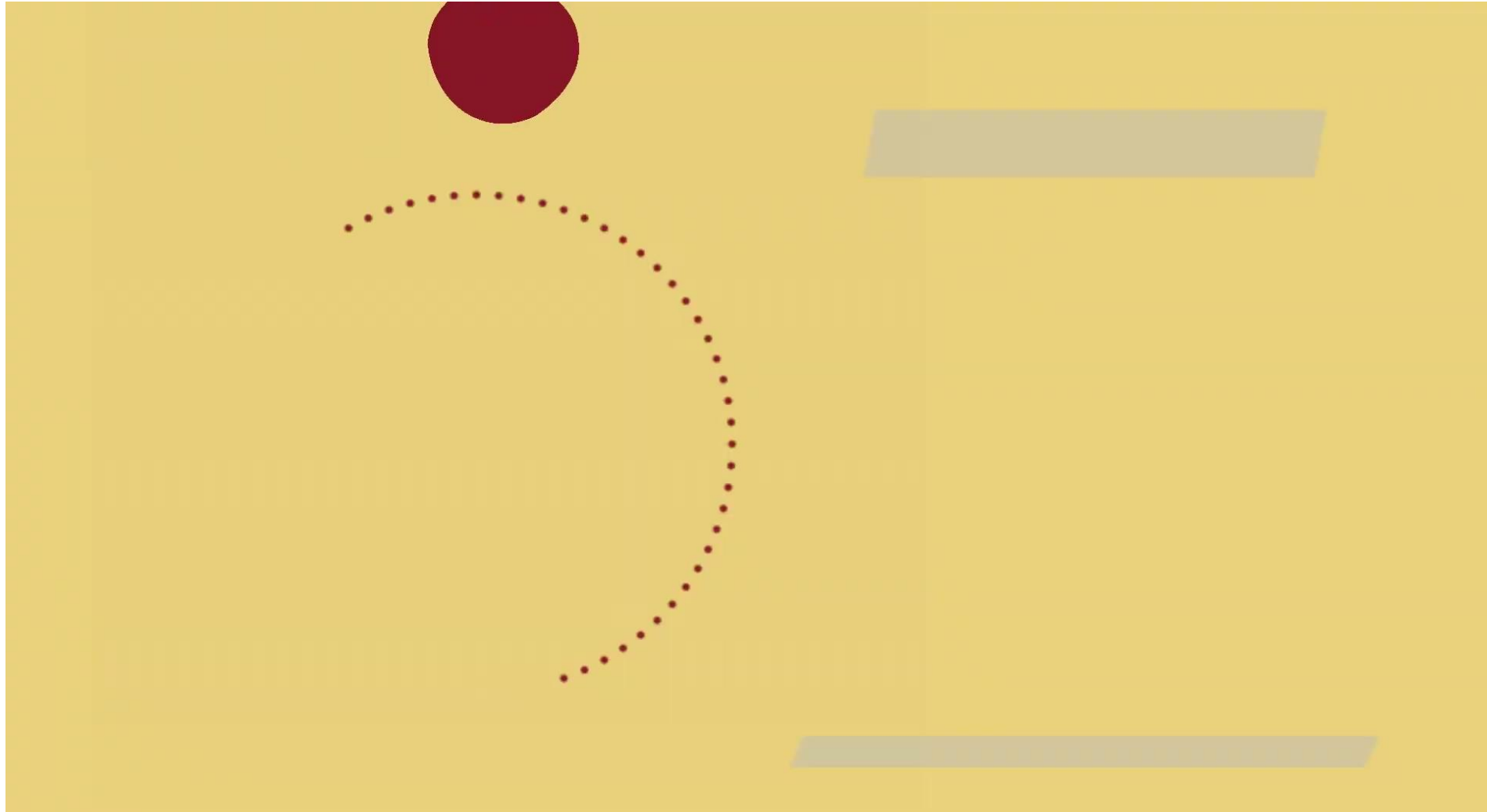
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Arts Categories

-  **Dance Choreography**
-  **Film Production**
-  **Literature**
-  **Music Composition**
-  **Photography**
-  **Visual Arts**

Reflections



Campfire Chat



Family Reading Experience

Empower PTAs with information on hosting literacy activities that improve book access and book choice and incorporate a lens of diversity and representation

Provide families with ready-to-go literacy resources

- Equip families in-need with books during this school year
- Costs: books, author visits, audio books, shipping, etc



Family Reading Experiences

Stage a Community Book Swap (en español): Make sure all families in your school community have access to high-interest book by planning a book swap. Here's a guide on how.

Stage a Virtual Bedtime Story (en español): Choose a theme that is easily replicable by families at home and invite students and parents to dress for the occasion.

Build a Library (en español): Here are a few budget-friendly children's books to keep bedtime stories from turning into nightmares for your budget.



Healthy Lifestyles

Healthy Bodies -Being physically healthy by following a healthy diet and doing regular physical activity.

- Family Tasting Nights
- Healthy Hydration
- PTA Wellness Fair
- Tobacco Prevention Campaign



Healthy Lifestyles

Healthy Minds -Proactively strengthening our mental health and social and emotional well-being

Host a PTA Healthy Minds Parent Education Session or Series: Building Social and Emotional Skills at Home and/or Building Resilience

Host a PTA Community Mental Health Education Event



Healthy Lifestyles

Healthy Earth- Supporting our planet and local communities to build the best future.

Go Green at Home! Light Bulbs, Less paper

Celebrate Earth Day Every Day 🌍✨ Nature Walk

Simple, Meaningful Eco-Friendly Actions 🌱🌿 -
plant a tree, conserve H2O



PTA Connected strives to help children act safely, responsibly and thoughtfully online.

Connected to programs that create an informed space for families and communities to discuss digital safety in a judgement-free zone, helping to establish healthy digital behaviors and well-being.

Connected with each other as we navigate and adapt together to build and grow as a digital community.

Connected to best practices, expert resources and tools that provide parents with the information they are looking for on how to have conversations with their children about living a healthy and safe life online.



Be Internet
Awesome!

Digital Families

The Smart Talk

Ready, Tech, Go!

Build Up and Belong

Create with
Kindness



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Be Internet Awesome Google and YouTube provide products and resources to choose the right experience for your family and create healthy, positive digital habits. Host a Be Internet Awesome workshop, designed to facilitate a discussion between parents and kids around how to be safer and smarter online.

Digital Families Community Events PTA Connected with Facebook Digital Community Events will serve as opportunities to empower families to have honest conversations about how they respond to real life online interactions and how they can protect each other online.

The Smart Talk PTA Connected with NortonLifeLock empowers families to have honest conversations about digital wellbeing and device usage by creating a personalized contract.



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Ready, Tech, Go! A collaboration between NPTA and AT&T, will help families, parents, and caregivers navigate through meaningful peer-to-peer discussions about screen readiness and ways to promote healthy and responsible device use for all members of the family.

Build Up and Belong NPTA has teamed up with Discord to facilitate meaningful technology discussions between teens and their parents and caregivers. Discord is committed to doing their part to create a healthier digital environment for their users and help make Discord even better for students, teachers, and educators.

Create with Kindness This program will bring **high school families** together for an open and interactive discussion with teens on their online experiences and equip families with practical information and resources to enhance online safety as teens use various digital platforms.



STEM + Families program

Access and hands-on exposure to science, technology, engineering and math to engage families and inspire students to pursue career opportunities in STEM fields.

- **STEM at Home Activities**
- **Science Festivals**
- **Engineering: Propelling Our World**
- **STEM Resources**



ToolKits for Success

Getting Started - check out [PTA.org/programs](https://pta.org/programs)

Planning

Promoting

Hosting

Celebrating Impact on your community



National PTA Grants

Throughout the year, National PTA offers **awards and grants** to honor or support PTAs as they engage families, support student success, improve the health and safety of students and families, increase access to arts education or celebrate advocacy and diversity. The application process for our opportunities is easy, and the support or recognition your PTA could receive will have a lasting impact in your work and community.

In 2024-2025, National PTA granted over \$1,000,000 to over 750 PTA.
Portal opens end of August!

<https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/Awards-Grants>

Apply!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



National PTA Diversity and Inclusion Awards

The NPTA Jan Harp Domene Diversity and Inclusion Awards honor PTAs that have put diversity and inclusion beliefs into action.

Diversity is our strength.

Collaboration must be inclusive.

Equity drives our mission.

These awards recognize PTAs that best demonstrate outstanding achievement in the areas of diversity and inclusion, as well as efforts to end discriminatory practices.

[Jan Harp Domene Diversity and Inclusion Awards | National PTA](#)



QUESTIONS????

