



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

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The following forms are due to Kentucky PTA:

- [Scholarship applications](#)
- [Christa McAuliffe Rising Star applications](#)
- [Self-Esteem Award applications](#)

This is also the deadline for sending dues to [District](#), [State](#) and [National](#) PTA.

February 15 - 19, 2016

[Take Your Family to School Week](#)

A Message from Kentucky PTA President

This is a busy month for PTA. As we celebrate Founders Day this February, it is important to remember why we continue to build on the dreams and vision of our founding mothers for a better world for our children.



Cherie Dimar

PTA Take Your Family to School Week takes place in February. I hope all PTAs and schools are planning to invite family members of each student to visit the school, to observe the daily routines of the students. We need to emphasize the benefits that parental and community involvement in our schools has on student achievement.

During this legislative session, the Kentucky PTA legislative team will be monitoring issues important to health, safety, and education of all children in Kentucky. You will be receiving Advocacy Alerts as issues arise.

This is also the time to apply for scholarships for students, teachers and parent members. Please take time to apply for some of the awards so you can recognize the important contributions that various people have made throughout the year.

This is a good time of year to evaluate the first part of the school year and plan for the remainder of the



February 17, 2016

National PTA [Founders' Day](#)



March 15, 2016

Kentucky PTA Awards application deadline is March 15. To learn more, refer to your [Leaders' Notebook](#). Would you like to recognize a special person who has given outstanding service to children or youth? Check out the [Kentucky PTA Honorary Life Recognition](#).

Have questions? Contact Veralyn Eyermann, Awards Chairperson, veralyn@roadrunner.com.

March 21, 2016

The 2016 Kentucky Project Unify Youth Leadership Summit; register at soky.vsyshost.com



May 14, 2016

Student Recognition Program

June 30 - July 3, 2016

[National PTA Convention](#),
Orlando, Florida

July 15 - 16, 2016

Save the Date!

year. Sometimes PTA budgets need to be amended about now. You have either had a very successful fundraiser that you underestimated or one that didn't turn out so well. Don't forget that your general membership needs to vote on any necessary budget adjustments. Now is the time to review the nomination and election process that is included in your bylaws.

Kentucky PTA is here to help you, so don't hesitate to contact us. Once again, thank you for all you do for the children of Kentucky!

A Message from National PTA President

In PTA, it seems like we often celebrate two "new years" to re-energize and create a buzz around our spring activities and programs.



Laura Bay

The first "new year" is the back-to-school season, when we're excited and ready with goals and work plans to engage the families in our school communities in PTA. We welcome everyone and come together to make the school and community a better place for all kids. We host engaging events, build membership and launch programs to make our PTA the best ever! This is one of the best parts of being in PTA - the start of the school year when every plan is new and ready to be rolled out. [\[Read more\]](#)

Membership Corner

I hope your "New Year, New Opportunity" membership drive is going well. Kentucky PTA has exciting news! We are having a NEW Membership Challenge from February 1 - March 15, called "16 in 16."

For every 16 memberships you send in to Kentucky PTA during this time period your name will be added to a drawing for a FREE registration to the 2016 Kentucky PTA Convention in July. We will draw a PTA and a PTSA leader, so send in your membership dues so you can have your name in an exciting drawing to attend this great convention. [\[For more great ideas read on!\]](#)

July 15-16, 2016 is the Kentucky PTA Convention at Chancey Elementary School, 4301 Murphy Lane, in Louisville.

Download a [registration form](#) and register before June 15 for a discounted rate. [Grant applications](#) for the Kentucky PTA Convention are due June 1.



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Advocacy

Now is time to take action on many bills that will be coming through our Legislative Session in Kentucky. There are several ways to do this.



If you go to lrc.ky.gov, you will find all the bills that have been introduced, listed by headings and/or by legislator. KY PTA is especially interested in any bill that relates to children. For example: Appropriations and Revenue, Juvenile Justice, Health and Welfare, and Education).

[Read more](#) about ways you can advocate for our schools, families and communities.

URGENT ALERT

Please call your legislators today in Frankfort. In Governor Bevin's budget request, he is asking every cabinet to cut their cost to 4.5% starting now and then an additional 4.5% for next year's budget. Our Family Resource/Youth Service Centers will be affected by these cuts. They serve in the Cabinet of Health and Family Services, not the Department of Education.

Our legislators need to hear from us how valuable and important it is to have our Family Resource Youth Service Center Coordinators. They are very important to our parents and their children. They help stop the social barriers that students have in trying to learn. They facilitate getting the students clothing, eye glasses, transportation, and many other barriers that would keep our students from coming to school or learning. They are the main staple in many of our children's lives.

Call your legislator today. Urge her/him to not cut our Family Resource Youth Service Centers.

Grant and Award Opportunities

Apply now for the Mary Lou Anderson Reflections Arts Enhancement Grant for the 2016-17 school year.



The grant provides matching dollar funding to local PTAs to support in-school and after-school arts enhancement programs within their communities. [Apply online](#). The application deadline is Friday, March 11.



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National PTA is now accepting applications for the 2016 **Jan Harp Domene** (pictured left) **Diversity and Inclusion Award**.

This award recognizes PTAs that best demonstrate outstanding achievement in the areas of diversity and inclusion, and efforts to end discriminatory practices.

You can download the application [here](#).
The application deadline is Friday, March 18.

Financial News

If you have financial questions concerning the 990 filing with the IRS, insurance, financial review forms, the KDE Redbook or any other finance-related items, please contact your district president/contact or the Kentucky PTA Treasurer, Brian Wampler, bwampler68@gmail.com.

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