The Tennessee PTA Diversity and Inclusion award recognizes units and councils that best demonstrate outstanding achievement in the areas of diversity, inclusion and cultural sensitivity.

Inclusion involves the school and community coming together in planning and participating in PTA programs and activities. Embracing different viewpoints is key to building a robust and meaningful PTA presence in your community. When all aspects of the community are represented, all voices will be heard, and PTA will be an effective voice for all children.

**Award Criteria**

- Application forms must be complete and received in the Tennessee PTA office no later than March 1st.
- Any submitting local unit or council PTA must be in good standing as defined by TNPTA bylaws.
- A descriptive narrative with a limit of 500 words must be included which describes the following:
  - The efforts made to build a more diverse PTA membership and/or board that is inclusive and reflective of its community.
  - The program(s) and practices that focused on (i) promoting the elimination of bias, prejudice and misunderstanding and (ii) promoting support, inclusion and understanding within your community. Include information on activities conducted, target audience, and actions the PTA took to address the issue(s).
  - The efforts made to become acquainted with diverse community groups/leaders in the community and to collaborate with them to increase parent, family and community engagement.
  - The efforts to educate your PTA members and/or leaders to the needs, cultural beliefs, traditions and family structures of the population served.
  - The outcomes and impact of your efforts including the evaluation methods. Describe how your PTA plans to continue to promote and sustain these efforts. Share evidence of the impact (qualitative and quantitative) that these programs and practices have had on your PTA, school and/or community.

**Winners will:**

- Receive recognition and a certificate at the annual Tennessee PTA convention,
- have their name included in the convention program,
- and, have an article describing their entry published in an edition of Tennessee PTA Bulletin.
Award Category
(Non-school based PTAs should choose the category that most closely reflects their focus.)

☐ Elementary    ☐ Middle and High School    ☐ Council/Community

Name of PTA/Council ____________________________________________

National Unit ID of PTA/Council ________________________________

Name of PTA President __________________________________________

Name of Person Submitting Application ____________________________

Address ______________________________________________________

Email _________________________________________________________

Phone Number ________________________________________________

This application plus the descriptive narrative
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Received Date ___________________________  ☐ Narrative Included

Good Standing Status

Number of Members Submitted as of March 1 _________________________

Date of Bylaws Approval ________________________________

☐ 990 Submitted

☐ Audit Submitted