

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 by the Tennessee PTA no later than February 15th .
- Any submitting local unit or council PTA must in good standing as defined by TNPTA bylaws.
- A descriptive narrative in addition 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 during the annual Tennessee PTA meeting.

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
must be received in the Tennessee PTA no later than Feb.15 th**

Tennessee PTA
5006 Jim Jones Lane
Knoxville, TN 37931

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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