

## Call for 2022 Annual Meeting

Official Call to CONVENTION

Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers

Hereby calls upon its membership to send duly accredited delegates to the

### 109th Convention & Annual Meeting

At East Brainerd Elementary School

7660 Goodwin Rd

Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421

Hotel Accommodations  
Hampton Inn & Suites  
2014 Hamilton PI Blvd, Chattanooga

*Dwight Hunter*, Tennessee PTA President

*Theresa Shaw*, Tennessee PTA Secretary

***Footprints Worth Following to PTA! April 23-24, 2022***

### Upcoming Events and Deadlines

February 13-19 [Heart to Heart Reading Week](#)  
February 14-18 [Take Your Family to School Week](#)  
February 17 [Founders' Day and 125th Anniversary](#)  
*Celebrate 125 Years of PTA on Feb. 17!*

March 17 [Awards Deadline.](#)  
*Forms must be in State Office by or before March 17.*

March 29: [Complete pre-registration deadline.](#)  
*Complete pre-registration and payment in State Office.*

April 23 & 24 Convention & Annual Meeting,  
Chattanooga.

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## Message from the President

PTA started as the idea of one woman named Alice McLellan Birney. In 1897, she along with Phoebe Apperson Hearst founded the National Congress of Mothers. According to Birney, the goal of the organization was to unite the forces of home, school, and community in recognizing "the supreme importance of the child." As we look back at the footsteps Alice took and her goals, we have a new opportunity to add our footprints to follow PTA at this year's convention.

We have had many amazing leaders over the years who added their footsteps to the PTA path including Selena Sloan Butler who founded the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, local leaders such as Mrs. G. H. Robertson, the first president of Tennessee PTA; Mrs. J. F. Trimble, first president of the Tennessee Colored Congress of Parents and Teachers; Nashville born Lois Jean White, the first African American President of the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA); Billy Davis the first male president of Tennessee PTA to name just a few.

Through a grant from the Gates Foundation, this year's Convention & Annual Meeting will be very different! First, the [registration cost](#) is **very low!** Secondly, you will be given opportunities to add your footsteps by sharing your input on issues around the Tennessee PTA—Gates grant focuses.

We have planned workshops, celebrations, and business meetings. There will be networking opportunities with other PTA leaders. Convention also gives you a chance to visit with exhibitors, attend the Awards Dinner, and see the amazing talents of our students at the Student Awards Ceremony. Convention is an excellent training opportunity and a worthwhile and **legitimate** expense for your PTA/PTSA.

Don't miss your opportunity to join us for convention. Mail your completed registration form, together with your check made out to the Tennessee PTA, to the State Office no later than March 29, 2022. You can also pay at our MemberHub store and email completed registration form. Find more information from the [Delegate Registration Packet](#).

Thank you for all you do. Together we will make a difference in the lives of the children, families and their communities in Tennessee.

Dwight Hunter  
President, Tennessee PTA

# *Apply for Unit Awards*

*Be celebrated at the 2022 State Convention!*

**New Deadline: In State Office on or before Thursday, March 17, 2022**

## **Certificates for Local Units**

Leadership Achievement Report

Units in Good Standing and Complete 15 Items on Checklist

300 Hours of Literacy

Self-certified 300 hours of reading among PTA members at home and at school

300 Hours of Power

Self-certified 300 hours of volunteerism from men in PTA meetings and events

## **Outstanding Awards for Local and Council Units**

Advocacy Award

Recognition for the best outstanding achievement in advocacy.

Diversity & Inclusion Award

Recognition for the best demonstrated achievement in the areas of diversity, inclusion and cultural sensitivity.

Mary Jo Clark Award

Recognition for the best demonstrated outstanding achievement to recruit, mentor, and develop volunteers and encourage family engagement.

## **Outstanding Awards Nominated by Units**

Outstanding Administrator Award

Outstanding Legislator Award

Outstanding School Board Award

Outstanding Teacher Award

Outstanding Local or Council Unit Award

**Find the links to these award applications at [www.tnpta.org](http://www.tnpta.org) or go directly to**

**<https://tnpta.org/index.php/other-local-unit-forms/>**

*The Board of Directors changed the 2022 deadline for all awards to March 17th.*

## **Individual Award: Lois Jean White Award**

Nominate someone for the Lois Jean White Award for **Outstanding PTA Leadership**. Find more about the award at

**<https://tnpta.org/index.php/lois-jean-white-award/>**

**Congratulations to our  
Gold Membership Increase Awardees!  
Units listed in alphabetical order**

**Gold Certificate Status At Least a 20% Increase in Membership!**

Alpine Crest Elementary School PTA  
Amherst Elementary School PTA  
Apsion Elementary School PTA  
Arlington High School PTSA  
Arlington Middle School PTA  
Bailey Station Elementary School PTA  
Battle Academy PTA  
Bearden Middle School PTA  
Big Ridge Elementary PTA  
Bonny Kate Elementary School  
Cedar Bluff Elementary PTA  
Chattanooga School for Liberal Arts PTA  
Cherokee Elementary School PTA  
Christenberry Elementary School PTA  
Collierville Elementary PTA  
Corryton Elementary School PTA  
Crosswind Elementary School PTA  
Daisy Elementary School PTA  
Donelson Elementary PTA  
East Brainerd Elementary School PTA  
East Hamilton Middle School PTA  
Emerald Academy PTSA  
Fairmount Elementary School PTA  
Frayser Community PTSA  
Gap Creek Elementary PTA  
Germantown Elementary PTA  
Gibbs Elementary PTA  
Glenn Martin Elementary PTA  
Granbery School PTA  
Grandview Elementary PTA  
Halls Middle School PTA  
Hixson High School PTSA  
Indian Trail Middle School PTA  
Inglewood Elementary PTA  
Jonesborough Elementary PTA  
Karns Elementary School PTA  
JL & N STEM Academy PTSA  
Liberty Bell Middle School PTSA  
Lookout Mountain Elementary PTA

**Congratulations!**

Lookout Valley Elementary PTA  
Mary Hughes PTSA  
Miller Perry Elementary PTA  
Montgomery Central Elementary PTA  
Mt. Juliet Montessori Academy PTA  
North Hamilton County Elementary School PTA  
Pi Beta Phi Elementary School PTA  
Powell Elementary PTA  
Powell Middle PTSA  
Rock Spring Elementary School PTA  
Rosebank Elementary PTA  
Ruby Major Elementary School PTA  
Sale Creek Middle/High PTSA  
Schilling Farms Elementary PTA  
Sequoyah High School PTSA  
Smith Spring Elementary School PTA  
South Side Elementary School PTA  
Spring Hill Elementary PTA  
Sterchi Elementary PTA  
Tara Oaks Elementary School PTA  
Thrasher Elementary School PTA  
Vance Middle School PTA  
West Collierville Middle School PTA  
Westwood High PTSA

# Congratulations to our Units that have Achieved Silver and Bronze Status!

## **Silver Certificate Status At Least a 10% Increase in Membership!**

A L Lotts Elementary School PTA  
Ball Camp Elementary PTA  
Bordeaux-North Nashville Community PTA  
Hunter Middle School PTA  
Knox County Schools Teacher Supply Depot PTA  
Mountain View Elementary School PTA  
Oakmont Elementary PTA  
Ooltewah Elementary PTA  
Robertsville Middle School PTSA  
Science Hill High School PTSA  
West Hills Elementary PTA

## **Bronze Certificate Status At Least a 5% Increase in Membership!**

Arlington Elementary School PTA  
Creekside Elementary PTA  
Lakeland Elementary School PTA  
Norman Binkley PTA  
Tennessee At Large Local (TALL) Unit PTA

**Congratulations to all of our units listed for a membership increase of at least 5 percent or more!**

## **Summary of Changes since December Newsletter**

**28 new units listed as Gold Status!**

**5 new units listed as Silver Status!**

**3 new units listed as Bronze Status!**

# **Awesome!**

## Tennessee PTA Board of Directors

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Interested in [applying](#) for a state board position or to serve on a state committee? Contact Dwight Hunter at [dhunter@tnpta.org](mailto:dhunter@tnpta.org)

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