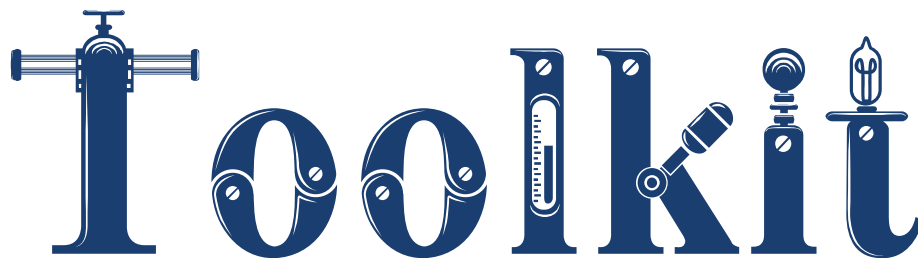


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Section 11: Awards, Grants, & Contests

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LAPTA AWARDS, GRANTS, & CONTESTS SUMMARY

Membership Awards:

August Welcome Back, Yall Award
September Jazz Up Award
October Swamp Monster Award
November Harvest Award
December wONEderland Award
January 2025 Kick Off Award
February Happy Birthday, PTA Award
March Krewe of Membership Award
All Star Award
Membership Matters Award
Golden Apple Award
Golden Magnolia Award

Contests and Reflections:

Fire Safety Poster Contest
Reflections Theme Contest
Reflections Program

Grants from LAPTA:

\$750 Literacy Grants
\$750 Healthy Minds Grants
\$500 Day of Service Grants
\$500 Creative Teacher Grants
\$500 New PTA Start Up Grants

LAPTA Awards:

LAPTA Advocacy Award for PTAs
LAPTA Advocacy Award for Students
LAPTA Joseph F. Seeley Volunteer of the Year Award
LAPTA Outstanding Newsletter Award
LAPTA Mentor-a-PTA Award

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGES

LAPTA has a goal of 10,102 members for our 102nd year in 2024–25 and we need the support of the Local PTA Units to help reach that goal! To be eligible for awards, all PTAs must have Active Affiliation status. A PTA can strategically submit dues to qualify for more awards. The qualifying PTA units will receive recognition and automatically be entered into a **monthly drawing for \$100!**

August Welcome Back, Y'all Award

Submit 25 members by August 31 plus all officers are registered at LouisianaPTA.org/register.

September Jazz Award

Jazz up the PTA with 50% or more of the previous year's PTA membership total by September 30.

October Swamp Monster Award

Don't let the Rougarou get you before submitting 31 New members by October 31.

November Harvest Award

Harvest 50 new members and file Active Affiliation Report with LAPTA by November 30.

December wONEderland Award

Achieve 100% of previous year's membership by December 31.

January 2025 Kick Off Award

Kick off the new year by submitting dues for 25 new members by January 31.

February Happy Birthday, PTA Award

Celebrate National PTA's birthday on February 17 by adding 17 new members by February 28.

March Krewe of Membership Award

Throw us a dozen new members by March 31.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

LAPTA has a goal of 10,102 members for our 102nd year in 2024–25 and we need our Local PTA Units to help reach that goal! Qualification for awards is done without application. LAPTA uses the information on the top of the Excel Local PTA Unit Membership Report emailed to office@LouisianaPTA.org by March 31. Active Affiliation is required. The annual membership awards are announced in April.

Challenge Champ Award

Earn five or more Monthly Membership Challenges

Golden Apple Award

100% membership of teachers and administrators

Membership Matters Award

Increase membership by 10% over the previous year

Golden Magnolia Award

Membership of at least 100% of student enrollment

All Star PTA Award

Reach the LAPTA membership goal at least three consecutive years.



FIRE SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

Deadline to submit to LAPTA: October 18, 2024
LAPTA Winners Announced: October 25, 2024

Submit Entries: LouisianaPTA.org/contests
Quantity Offered: Six/Grade Category



National Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12, 2024. LAPTA is doing a Safety Poster Contest where students can draw and color a Fire Safety Poster on regular 8½ X 11 white paper. The contest is open to Pre-K through Grade 6, plus Accessible Arts Category (Students of all ages with an ADA Section 504.) The 2024 theme is posted at nfpa.org/FPW by late June. LAPTA will update this information as soon as it is released at LouisianaPTA.org/contests. Look for a welcome video from the LA Fire Marshal's Office, too, that can be shared with students!

The Local PTA decides how the contest will be organized and its deadline to receive submissions. The PTA could choose to have the teachers do the contest in their classrooms, an art teacher could organize it, or it could be done at home by the students. Provide ample notice. Provide plain paper for students, or they could even draw on the back of the flyer. Check out nfpa.org/FPW for fire safety messages, activities, materials, games and apps, lesson plans, safety tip sheet, and more. Consider scheduling a fire prevention demonstration by your local fire department. Adjust your deadlines appropriately to be able to **submit winners to LAPTA by October 18, 2024.**

Deadline to submit Safety Posters to Louisiana PTA is **Friday, October 18, 2024.**
The Louisiana Fire Marshal Chief Bryan Adams will be the guest judge for LAPTA!
Louisiana PTA will announce its winners on **Friday, October 25, 2024.**

Louisiana PTA will award three Awards of Merit winners and three Awards of Excellence winners per Grade Category. The Grade Categories are Primary (Pre-K - Grade 2), Intermediate (Grades 3-6) and Accessible Arts Category (students of all ages with an ADA Section 504). LAPTA Winners will be announced on October 25, 2024.

How to Submit Local PTA Winners to LAPTA

1. When advertising the contest, make sure each student has a Media Release on file. The information needed for each winner is the PTA name, Grade Category, student name, grade, and parental name, email, and phone number. Include the theme to help students develop their idea. A good deadline for the Local PTA is October 14, 2024, although adjust as needed.
2. The Local PTA picks three winners per Grade Category to submit to LAPTA for consideration. Some PTAs will have more than one Grade Category. Ensure that all winners have signed a Media Release Form with the school and parent's name, email, and phone number. **Take a picture of the winning posters in good lighting from directly above the picture. Be careful to include all edges and corners of the drawing in the picture.**
3. Go to LouisianaPTA.org/contests or scan the QR Code. Complete the form and upload the image for each individual poster by October 18, 2024. Information you will need is PTA name, Grade Category, student name, grade, and parental name, email, and phone number. Upload images of each winning drawing.
4. The guest judge for the LAPTA entries will be Chief Bryan Adams who is the Louisiana Fire Marshal! Winners will be announced on October 25, 2024.



2026–27 REFLECTIONS THEME SEARCH

Deadline: November 18, 2024

Winners Announced: December 2, 2024

Submit Entries: LouisianaPTA.org/contests

The only thing you need to do is share the below image!

The search is on for a future Reflections theme! National PTA's Reflections art program helps students explore their own thoughts, feelings, and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence, and find a love for learning which helps them become more successful in school and in life. Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme. With this theme, students will create works of art in six categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts.

Help National PTA pick the theme that will spark fun and creativity for a future Reflections program! The student who submits the final winning entry for National PTA will receive a \$100 prize. We're looking for the most original theme ideas. This means past themes and duplicate submissions will not be considered. The past list of themes can be found at the bottom of the submission form page linked below.

The current Reflections Theme for 2024–25 is *Accepting Imperfection* by Paige Opaska from Barbara Bush Middle School PTA in Texas!

To participate, students go to LouisianaPTA.org/contests and find the Reflections Theme Search link to submit their entry directly with Louisiana PTA. They should check out the past winning themes at the bottom of the entry portal to make sure they do not duplicate past themes.

The only thing the Local PTA needs to do is share this image!

Download at LouisianaPTA.org/reflections and share digitally or as a flyer to students who directly submit their entries to LAPTA. There's no further work for the Local PTA!



**NATIONAL PTA®
REFLECTIONS®**

CALL FOR NEW THEME!

**The new theme is needed
for 2026-2027!**

Help us pick the theme idea
that will spark fun and creativity for the
National PTA Reflections Program.

Deadline: November 18, 2024



DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY FILM PRODUCTION LITERATURE MUSIC COMPOSITION PHOTOGRAPHY VISUAL ARTS

**Enter your idea at:
LouisianaPTA.org/contests
and click Reflections Theme Entry
or scan me!**



REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

Deadline: January 27, 2025

Winners Announced: March 3, 2025

National PTA has a long-standing commitment to arts education. The Reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts, which boosts student confidence and success in the arts and in life. Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art. 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. The 2024–25 Reflections theme is *Accepting Imperfection*, a theme that “allows students room to show vulnerability, a willingness to address failure and move on, promotes empathy and a pro-mental health mindset.”

Local PTA Units first register their unit at LouisianaPTA.org/reflections. The PTA chooses which of the six art categories their students will compete in. Students submit their completed works in one or all of the available categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.

Students must participate in their Grade Category: Primary (Pre-K - Grade 2), Intermediate (Grades 3-5), Middle School (Grades 6-8), High School (Grades 9-12), or Accessible Arts (students of all ages with an ADA Section 504). Students with the ADA Section 504 may enter in the Accessible Arts Division or the grade division most closely aligned to their functional abilities.

The Local PTA Unit submits their winners to LAPTA by January 27, 2025. Please set your deadlines earlier to give yourself enough time to pick your winners. All winners are submitted through an online portal. Local Units must have Active Affiliation for their students to participate.

Reflections Guidelines and Deadlines

- Local PTA Units first [pre-register with National PTA](#) to provide National PTA information on the number of Local PTA Units planning to participate.
- **REQUIRED:** Go to LouisianaPTA.org/reflections to register with LAPTA and for all details, support documentation, and links.
- The Student Entry Portal link will be shared in the fall. This is the platform LAPTA uses to accept entries.
- Zoom training and written guidance will be provided by LAPTA.
- LAPTA accepts entries in all six Arts Categories. The Local PTA Unit can decide which Arts Categories their students can enter.
- Eligible Local PTA Units can submit three entries from each Arts Category per Grade Category to LAPTA for judging at the state level. If your school has more than one Grade Category, you may submit three entries for each Grade Category. The Grade Categories are Primary (Pre-K to Grade 2), Intermediate (Grades 3-5), Middle School (Grades 6-8), High School (Grades 9-12), and Accessible Arts (all students with an ADA Section 504).
- **ENTRY DEADLINE to LAPTA is January 27, 2025**, through the online Student Entry Portal.
- There will be six LAPTA state winners per Grade Category per Arts Category announced on **March 3, 2025**. LAPTA will celebrate the winners in April 2025!
- All information and forms are available at LouisianaPTA.org/reflections.
- Questions? Email arts.education@LouisianaPTA.org.

LAPTA OUTSTANDING PTA NEWSLETTER AWARD

Application Deadline: March 31, 2025
Winners Announced: April 14, 2025



Apply at LouisianaPTA.org/awards
Quantity Offered: 3

Louisiana PTA encourages all units to communicate with their members and community in some form whether it be a printed newsletter, electronic newsletter, or email blast. A newsletter is a great way to exchange news and ideas to bring PTA members closer to each other, to the school, and to all levels of PTA. Communicating information is a vital part of our personal and professional lives, and newsletters play a major role in that process.

Newsletters should be distributed to the entire school population by electronic communication, mail, or sent home with students. PTA membership should never determine if someone receives a newsletter. The name of the communication must identify that it is published by the PTA. The nameplate helps identify the newsletter, communicate its purpose, and invite recipients to read it. Keep the newsletter interesting, accurate, timely, and easy to read. Get an editor who is organized and diligent with excellent writing skills. There is no better way to get a parent to read a newsletter than by including their child's name in it!

Judge's Rubric (130 Possible Points)

- **General Design (25 points possible):** Frequency (5 pts); simple, easy to read, clear copy, well-spaced (5 pts); accurate and timely (5 pts); interesting to students and parents (5 pts); attractive layout and space utilized for PTA needs (5 pts)
- **Regular Articles (50 points possible):** President's monthly message (10 pts); Principal's monthly message (5 pts); monthly calendar of events (5 pts); other PTA news like programs, progress or reports of current PTA events and officers (10 pts); school news like messages from superintendent, school board members, and counselors, and events such as athletics, clubs, meetings, and assemblies (10 pts); National and Louisiana PTA news (10 pts)
- **Special Feature Articles (40 points possible):** Classroom or school projects (5 pts); educational workshops for Parents/Students (5 pts); parent education articles (5 pts); special events/workshops (5 pts); student/teacher recognition (5 pts); volunteer recognition (5 pts); State/National PTA Convention (5 pts); news from other advocacy groups and individuals (5 pts)
- **Extra Credit (15 points possible):** Student photos or drawings (5 pts); table of contents (5 pts); positive features not covered in above areas (5 pts)

To Apply for the Award

1. Collect all publications from July 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, in chronological order and combine them into one PDF. Double check that the resolution and quality is high. A minimum of three publications is required. Only PTA newsletters or emails may be entered. See the Judge's Rubric for content ideas.
2. Go to LouisianaPTA.org/awards. Complete the information and upload the document to the Outstanding PTA Newsletter Award Application. The information needed is PTA Name, LUR#, school name and address, contact's information, editor's name, and total publications submitted. Winners will be announced on April 14, 2025.
3. Submit application by March 31, 2025, at LouisianaPTA.org/awards.

LAPTA ADVOCACY AWARD FOR A PTA

Application Deadline: March 31, 2025
Winners Announced: April 14, 2025



Apply at LouisianaPTA.org/awards
Quantity Offered: 2

The LAPTA Advocacy Award is available for up to two Local PTA Units. The purpose of the Advocacy Award is to recognize a PTA Unit who has worked to make a change for the betterment of children. Advocacy is the heart of PTA and should be the priority of all. Every PTA should have a year's worth of advocacy that they could submit!

There are a multitude of ways PTAs or students can advocate to make all children's potential a reality. See the LAPTA Toolkit Section 7: Advocacy for insights and suggestions.

Entry information includes Local PTA Name, LUR#, parish, PTA contact, PTA position, PTA budget totals, and documentation of the advocacy work. Describe the advocacy work. Who was involved? What was the initial plan? Did the plan change over time and how? Was the work publicized and to whom? What impact did the advocacy work have on children or who was the beneficiary of the work? Be as thorough and descriptive of the advocacy work as possible, which can be more than one project, event, or item. The format can be PDF, Word file, pictures in any format, etc. All applications will be reviewed blindly by the LAPTA Board of Directors.

Submit application by March 31, 2025, at form.jotform.com/221794928286067 or scan the QR Code.

LAPTA ADVOCACY AWARD FOR A STUDENT

Application Deadline: March 31, 2025
Winners Announced: April 14, 2025



Apply at LouisianaPTA.org/awards
Quantity Offered: 2

The LAPTA Advocacy Award is available for up to two Louisiana students who are in high school or younger. The purpose of the Advocacy Award is to recognize a student who has worked to make a change for the betterment of children. Advocacy is the heart of PTA and should be the priority of all. It's never too soon for students to get involved in advocacy work!

There are a multitude of ways students can advocate to help achieve PTA's mission which is to make all children's potential a reality. See the LAPTA Toolkit Section 7: Advocacy for insights and suggestions.

Entry information includes the student's contact information and school, parental consent, the PTA name that they are a member of, PTA's parish, detailed and complete documentation of the advocacy work, and two letters of recommendation. Describe the advocacy work. Who was involved? What was the initial plan? Did the plan change over time and how? Was the work publicized and to whom? What impact did the advocacy work have on children or who was the beneficiary of the work? Be as thorough and descriptive of the advocacy work as possible, which can be more than one project, event, or item. The format can be PDF, Word file, pictures in any format, etc. All applications will be reviewed blindly by the LAPTA Board of Directors.

Submit application by March 31, 2025, at form.jotform.com/221794928286067 or scan the QR Code.

LAPTA “JOSEPH F. SEELEY” VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Application Deadline: March 31, 2025
Winner Announced: April 14, 2025



Apply at LouisianaPTA.org/awards
Quantity Offered: 1

The volunteers across Louisiana are truly the heart of the association. Recognize and thank that special person who goes above and beyond for all children, the one who acts as a tireless advocate for children’s education, health, and well-being by honoring them with a Volunteer of the Year Award. This award recognizes one PTA volunteer who made a positive impact on the school and its children. This special person does not need to be the person who logs the most volunteer hours or is a PTA Executive Committee member. Letters of recommendation are not required but will be accepted and considered if submitted.

LAPTA's volunteer recognition award was established in 2023 to honor the memory of Joseph Francis Seeley, a consummate volunteer. His enthusiasm and dedication to all he served never waned. Joseph served as a compelling force in bringing awareness to the power of volunteering.

Recognize the very best! Think of the people the PTA might like to honor with a Volunteer of the Year Award, people who care about children and have spent their lives caring about and devoted to the service of children and youth, perhaps a PTA leader, past or present, the quiet, reliable, unassuming volunteer, an outstanding teacher who might be retiring, a senior citizen who serves as a volunteer in the school, a school crossing guard who ensures the children get to school safely for years, a police officer or juvenile protection worker, or a legislator who has worked for laws benefiting children.

Grant Questions:

1. What makes the accomplishments of this nominee more significant than all other volunteers?
2. Describe the nominee’s innovative or unique approach in performing volunteer service.
3. Describe how the nominee mobilized other volunteers or generated increased resources.
4. Describe the nominee’s ongoing involvement rather than one-time activity.
5. How many years has the nominee volunteered for PTA?
6. Upload a picture of the nominee and the optional letters of recommendation.

Other needed information is PTA name, LUR#, and contact name, nominee’s contact information, and a picture of the nominee while volunteering, advocating, or doing PTA work.

Submit application by March 31, 2025. Scan the QR Code or go to LouisianaPTA.org/awards.

MENTOR-A-PTA AWARD

Application Deadline: March 31, 2025
Winners Announced: April 14, 2025



Apply at LouisianaPTA.org/awards
Quantity Offered: 2

LAPTA offers a Mentor-a-PTA Program where a strong, healthy PTA mentors a smaller, protected, or new PTA unit (Mentee) who needs a helping hand. As we are all part of Louisiana, the success of one is the success of all. How can you reach out to others in your community and state? The focus of this program is to mentor through guidance, planning ideas, monthly check-in, and leadership support. Mentors are upbeat, positive advocates who provide tools and direction to the Mentee PTA. If there is a financial contribution, then it must be approved by the General Membership and included in the annual budget. Give the members ownership in the philanthropic work of the PTA. Other non-financial support does not need approval, but always let the membership know the good work done behind the scenes.

Award Application

The Mentor-a-PTA Award recognizes philanthropic work from one PTA to another PTA. The information needed is the PTA name and city, contact person’s name, phone, and email, and a **good description of the philanthropic work** done by the nominated PTA.

Submit application by March 31, 2025. Scan the QR Code or go to LouisianaPTA.org/awards.

NATIONAL PTA GRANTS

National PTA offers over 500 grant opportunities annually. Share with LAPTA any grants that the PTA receives so that the accomplishments can be celebrated! If you don't receive a grant the first time, apply again. Visit PTA.org, go under the *Run Your PTA* menu, and select *Award & Grant Opportunities* for more information. The deadline is usually in early Fall.

LOUISIANA PTA GRANTS

Louisiana PTA financially supports Local PTA Units that work tirelessly to help establish strong family-school partnerships in their community. LAPTA gives up to \$12,000 in grants to help engage families, support student success, improve the health and safety of students and families, increase arts education, and more. In addition to evaluating the merits of each application, we may also consider geographic and financial needs and other criteria to ensure a robust and diverse pool of grantees. To apply, see instructions for each application later in this section.

TOP GRANT WRITING TIPS

For many organizations, grant writing is the most important component of their fundraising strategy. When trying to secure funding for a nonprofit, it is important to learn how to write a strong, successful proposal. The best grant proposals are clear, organized documents that illustrate why the PTA should receive funds from the grantor.

First and foremost, know the audience by getting to know the institution offering the grant. Consider its goals, values, and objectives. Understanding these elements helps to demonstrate how and why the PTA is a good fit. Research the eligibility expectations for each specific grantor and meet the minimum requirements. Compile a list of testimonials, recommendations, data sets, and success stories to include with the application. Every grantor is different, but they all want to know their money is being used wisely.



- **Know What Grants Exist and When to Apply.** Sign up for National PTA's newsletters at PTA.org/SignUp and bookmark the grants page at PTA.org/Grants.



- **Tell a Compelling Story.** Make sure all answers work together to highlight the PTA's strengths and mission or the reason why the PTA exists.



- **Share How the Grant Would Impact the School Community.** Identify an existing need in the school community and explain how the grant will address that need.



- **Show Enthusiasm.** Say how the grant will provide an exciting opportunity for the school and PTA.



- **Answer All Parts of the Question.** Include concrete, detailed examples and explanations that expressly answer the questions asked.



- **Promote Family Engagement.** Demonstrate how this grant will help to build stronger families in the community and encourage all families to attend the event.



- **Get a Second Set of Eyes.** Ask someone to proofread the proposal for spelling, grammar, and clarity before submitting the application.

Peek, Sean. "[How to Write a Grant Application for Your Organization.](#)" *USChamber.com*, February 5, 2021.

\$750 LAPTA LITERACY GRANT APPLICATION

Application Deadline: November 22, 2024
Winners Announced: December 2, 2024

Apply at LouisianaPTA.org/grants
Quantity Offered: 4 (One/category)

The LAPTA \$750 Literacy Grant 750 helps Local PTA Units host literacy programs or purchase literary items for the school library or a teacher's classroom library. Literacy skills in Louisiana are unacceptably low, and LAPTA and National PTA are making literacy opportunities a priority for our children. For program suggestions, see PTA.org/home/programs/family-reading. One grant will be awarded per Grade Category: Primary (Pre-K - Grade 2), Intermediate (Grades 3-5), Middle School (Grades 6-8), High School (Grades 9-12). The following information is what is needed to apply.

Entry information includes Local PTA Name, LUR#, parish, mailing address, the Grade Category, PTA's gross annual income, and PTA contact's name, email, phone, and PTA position.

Requirements

- All grant funds must support age-appropriate programs for literacy skills.
- The program ideally should serve a majority of the school population.
- The funds will be used by May 23, 2025.
- Documentation of the spent funds must be emailed to Contests@LouisianaPTA.org by May 23, 2025.

Questions

1. Describe how the PTA plans to spend the funds to increase literacy for their students. Include the purchased items, goals, supplies, volunteers needed, and any other details.
2. What are the top three literacy challenges for the children in the community?
3. If the school has a library, what is the name of the school librarian?
4. How will the program be publicized to parents, families, and the community before and after the event?
5. What is the PTA's gross income for the year?

The above PTA fully understands that if it receives this grant, the money shall only be used for activities listed on the application. A written evaluation of the efforts is due to Contests@LouisianaPTA.org by May 23, 2025. The evaluation must contain all details pertaining to the use of the funds received under this grant including receipts of expenditures and any other supporting documentation. Failure to provide documentation requested as it pertains to this application may result in forfeiture of any or all grant funds and ineligibility for future grants.



Applications must be submitted online at LouisianaPTA.org/grants or scan the QR Code.



\$750 LAPTA HEALTHY MINDS GRANT APPLICATION

Application Deadline: March 31, 2025

Winners Announced: April 14, 2025

Apply at LouisianaPTA.org/grants

Quantity Offered: 4 (One/category)

The LAPTA Healthy Minds Grants encourage Local PTA Units to host mental health activities, events, or programs at their supported schools. It is important to support the mental health of all children before, during and after challenges arise and to support parents' and caregivers' mental health, too! National PTA developed the PTA Healthy Minds Program to empower families to make mental health an everyday priority.

National PTA has a Mental Health Pilot Program and Louisiana was one of only a few to implement it! Jessica Latin was named as the Louisiana Healthy Minds State Champion. She is a licensed professional counselor and is an officer for Judson Warriors PTA in Shreveport, LA. She will be empowering families with resources and tools to help them make mental health a daily priority! Follow her and learn more at PTA.org/HealthyMinds, search "Louisiana PTA Healthy Minds" on Facebook, or email Jessica at healthyminds@LouisianaPTA.org.

One grant will be awarded per Grade Category: Primary (Pre-K - Grade 2), Intermediate (Grades 3-5), Middle School (Grades 6-8), High School (Grades 9-12).

Entry information includes Local PTA Name, LUR#, parish, mailing address, the Grade Category, PTA's annual gross income, and PTA contact's name, email, phone, and PTA position.

Requirements

- All grant funds must support an age-appropriate mental health activity, event, or program.
- The program should ideally serve a majority of the school population.
- The program will occur by December 31, 2025.
- Documentation of the program must be emailed to Contests@LouisianaPTA.org by December 31, 2025.

Questions

1. What is the name of the school counselor or Mental Health Provider (MHP)?
2. What are the top three challenges for the MHP?
3. Describe the mental health program, event, or activity the PTA wants to host for their students. Include the goals, supplies, volunteers needed, and any other details.
4. What are the top three mental health challenges for children in the community?
5. How will the program be publicized to parents, families, and the community before and after the event?

The above PTA fully understands that if it receives this grant, the money shall not be used for other programs or activities except for those listed on this application form. A written evaluation of the efforts is due to Contests@LouisianaPTA.org by December 31, 2025, unless an extension has been granted by the LAPTA President. The evaluation must contain all details pertaining to the use of the funds received under this grant including receipts of expenditures and any other supporting documentation. Failure to provide documentation requested as it pertains to this application may result in forfeiture of any or all grant funds and ineligibility of future grants.



Applications must be submitted online at LouisianaPTA.org/grants or scan the QR Code.

\$500 LAPTA DAY OF SERVICE GRANT APPLICATION

Application Deadline: March 31, 2025
Winners Announced: April 14, 2025

Apply at LouisianaPTA.org/grants
Quantity Offered: 4 (One/category)

The four LAPTA Day of Service Grants encourage Local PTA Units to reach beyond the school and into the community to make a difference. Where is there a need? Who needs the PTA? February 17 is the National PTA Founders' Day. How can you continue the rich legacy of National PTA? Perhaps you could partner with other aligned nonprofits or agencies who serve populations like foster kids, food insecurity programs, the elderly, a community library, or an animal shelter. One grant will be awarded per Grade Category: Primary (Pre-K - Grade 2), Intermediate (Grades 3-5), Middle School (Grades 6-8), High School (Grades 9-12). The following information is what is needed to apply online.

Entry information includes Local PTA Name, LUR#, parish, mailing address, the Grade Category, PTA's annual gross income, and PTA contact's name, email, phone, and PTA position. Documentation of the advocacy work is uploaded, as well.

Requirements

- All grant funds must support a community outreach program.
- The school families must support the program.
- The program will occur by December 31, 2025.
- Documentation of the implemented program must be emailed to Contests@LouisianaPTA.org by December 31, 2025.

Questions

1. What are the top three community goals for the school's administration?
2. Describe the community outreach or day of service program the PTA wants to host. Include the location, goals of the event(s), supplies, volunteers needed, and any other details.
3. What are the top three challenges for the group, nonprofit, or agency that you are trying to support?
4. How will the program be publicized to parents, families, and the community before and after the event?

The above PTA fully understands that if it receives this grant, the money shall not be used for other programs or activities except for those listed on this application form. A written evaluation of the efforts is due to Contests@LouisianaPTA.org by December 31, 2025, unless an extension has been granted by the LAPTA President. The evaluation must contain all details pertaining to the use of the funds received under this grant including receipts of expenditures and any other supporting documentation. Failure to provide documentation requested as it pertains to this application may result in forfeiture of any or all grant funds and ineligibility of future grants.



Applications must be submitted online at LouisianaPTA.org/grants or scan the QR Code.



\$500 LAPTA CREATIVE TEACHER GRANT

Application Deadline: March 31, 2025
Winners Announced: April 14, 2025

Apply at LouisianaPTA.org/grants
Quantity Offered: 4

LAPTA offers Creative Teacher Grants to classroom teachers to fund creative, innovative, and fun programs or projects for students. Grants may fund instructional and classroom materials, videos, parent involvement programs, or any activity or material which supports student enjoyment, wonder, and engagement. The hope is that this grant will result in fun and enriching projects or opportunities for the students that would not otherwise have been possible.

The proposal shall be clear and logical and include a specific objective; a creative or innovative approach; clear description of instructional procedures, methods, or treatments; and emphasis on student enjoyment, wonder, and excitement. The teacher or group of teachers must be current PTA members at their school. Funds must be used by December 31, 2025.

The information needed for the online application is contact information, applicants who are current PTA members at their school, and name of proposed project, including:

1. What will the project accomplish?
2. Which and how many students will the project serve?
3. How will the project specifically benefit the students?
4. What is fun, creative, and innovative about the project?
5. What are the complete details of the project?
6. How will the project be publicized to parents, families, and the community before and after the project?
7. Further support documentation or video uploads may be included to improve the application.

The applicant fully understands that if it receives this grant, the money shall not be used for other programs or activities except for those listed on this application form. A written evaluation of the efforts is due to Contests@LouisianaPTA.org by December 31, 2025, unless an extension has been granted by the LAPTA President. The evaluation must contain all details pertaining to the use of the funds received under this grant including receipts of expenditures and any other supporting documentation. Failure to provide documentation requested as it pertains to this application may result in forfeiture of any or all grant funds and ineligibility of future grants.



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