

# EDUCATOR OF DISTINCTION

The Educator of Distinction Award gives the Louisiana PTA an opportunity to recognize at least 10 (ten) outstanding educators who have been nominated by their local PTA unit. A local unit must be in good standing and may submit only one entry.

The term educator is used to denote any person who formally contributes to the operation of a PTA affiliated school. This includes teachers, coordinators, librarians, assistant principals and principals. The major criterion is that this person should have made a distinguished contribution to schools and children through daily contact or instruction. This contribution should be worthy of statewide attention.

The Educators of Distinction are honored at an event in their district. The announcement of winners is made early enough so that recipients have time to make plans to attend. Letters of notification will also be sent to their school superintendent. PTA units are encouraged to recognize their winners at the local level.

## Qualifications of nominees

- **a current PTA membership card (furnish copy)**
- **a current teacher certificate**
- **at least five years' experience**
- **a position requiring daily contact with students**
- **outstanding service to children and support to the PTA**

## The application must include

- The nomination form (word processed or in black ink)
- A brief bio
  - Education background, career highlights and any personal information or achievements you would like to share. **(If selected, portions of the bio will be used for State PTA recognition)**
- A photograph of the applicant for public information purposes
- A narrative that addresses the selection criteria in the application guideline
- Supporting information
  - Include letters of recommendation from the unit president, administrators, fellow faculty members, parents and/or students.
  - A minimum of five letters, but no more than ten, and one page of picture accomplishments should be included.
  - One page of newspaper coverage of accomplishments is optional.

## Guidelines

- Word processed or typed in black ink only. Nomination form does not have to be typed.
- New Times Roman or Arial font; 12 point.

- Double-spaced with 1" margins all sides.
- 8 ½ x 11" white paper only, no colored paper; single-sided

All entries should be secured in some type of binder.

- Do not bind individual sheets in plastic sheet protectors.
- Each entry must include the original and 3 copies (a total of 4). Keep a copy for your records. Consult your district president about furnishing a copy for the district.

### **Selection of Winners**

Applicants who receive a score of 110 or higher will be honored as an Educator of Distinction to the top ten (10) or less.

### **Questions?**

If there are questions, e-mail:

**la\_office@bellsouth.net**

Entries should be mailed to:

**LA PTA State Office**

**Attn: Educator of Distinction**

**P.O. Box 4420**

**Covington, LA 70435**

**DEADLINE: ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 18,2020.**

# EDUCATOR OF DISTINCTION NOMINATION FORM 2019-2020



Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

School Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

PTA District: \_\_\_\_\_

District President: \_\_\_\_\_

District President's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By: \_\_\_\_\_

PTA Unit LUR #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

PTA President: \_\_\_\_\_

President's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be attached to each entry.**

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## Application Guidelines

*Questions must be answered by the nominated educator.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. General Information** (15 points) \_\_\_\_\_

- A. What made nominee want to enter the field of education?
- B. Detail nominee's career from beginning to present including schools, subjects and levels; showing year entered field of education.
- C. How did the nominee prepare himself/herself for a career in education?

**II. Contributions to Education** (30 points) \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Efforts in improving education or community conditions.
- B. Techniques used that result in student growth.

**III. Professional Development** (20 points) \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Professional organizations.
- B. Service on committees, commissions and task forces.

**IV. Education and Civic Service** (20 points) \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Membership in civic organizations.
- B. Contributions to local, district and state PTA.

**V. Letters of Recommendation** (25 points for content of letters.) \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Letters should be included from the PTA unit president, administrators, fellow faculty members, parents, and/or students.
- B. A minimum of five letters but no more than ten should be included.

**VI. Extras** (25 points) \_\_\_\_\_

- A. PTA membership card **2019-2020**
- B. Teaching certificate
- C. Brief bio for introduction
- D. Educator picture
- E. Newspaper, magazine or online coverage of accomplishments

**Total Points** \_\_\_\_\_