

LOUISIANA PTA SPECIAL AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED UNIT AWARD

The **Distinguished Unit Award** recognizes units that meet the basic requirements for standard operations. All units must complete and turn-in the Local Unit Check List and Packet, requested by their District President, by October 15 of current school year. Districts will forward all qualifying units and packets to LAPTA office no later than November 15. If the packet is complete, your unit will be recognized as a Distinguished Unit at your local district award ceremony and the Louisiana State PTA Convention. See your local district president for more details.

OUTSTANDING ADVOCACY AWARD

Is your PTA making a difference advocating the PTA way?

This award is presented to an individual, local PTA unit, district PTA or council that through their dedication, leadership, and efforts positively affect children with PTA's mission and goals: To make every child's potential a reality by engaging families and communities to advocate (publicly support) for all children.

Essay

In 500 words or less tell us what you are advocating for and what you did to achieve your goal. If you helped your school, community or state by advocating this award is for you!

Format

- 500 words or less
- Font: New Times Roma or Arial – 12 point
- Double-spaced with 1" margins all sides
- 8.5" x 11" white paper only; no colored paper; single-sided
- Submit entry form and essay in clear front report folder
- Up to 3 pages of substantiating evidence (these could include newspaper articles and pictures pertaining to the event)

What to Include

- Pick one issue you or your PTA advocated to improve or change (ex. New textbooks)
- Describe how you or your PTA worked to garner support for your cause (ex. Meetings about the need for books)
- Define the outcome or describe the continuing effort
- If mentioned, fundraising should be directly related to implementing the project and should not be the primary focus of the essay

Questions? Text, call or email 504.450.6783 or laptalegislation@gmail.com

**Entries should be mailed to: First Vice President, Advocacy
LAPTA Legislation Chair
Giselle Allen
16 Kathleen Dr
Covington, LA 70433**

DEADLINE: Entries must be postmarked on or before January 15, 2018.