

The Jennifer Handlin Advocacy Award

Since 1897, the National PTA has focused its efforts on child advocacy, initiating changes to public legislation. Each year, National PTA releases a public policy agenda, which highlights key areas where PTA can advocate for the welfare of all children. Some areas in the 2016 agenda include (but are not limited to): Family Engagement, Elementary and Secondary Education, and Child Health and Safety.

The Harford County Council of PTAs (HCCPTA) Jennifer Handlin Advocacy Award honors local units who promote the National PTA values through action. Jennifer Handlin was passionate about advocating for children and was very active in the PTA on the local, state, and national levels.

From 2001-2008 Jennifer Handlin served on the HCCPTA in various leadership positions: Vice President of Committees, Vice President of Membership, 2nd Vice President, Vice President of Legislation, and Hospitality Chair. We fondly remember Jennifer as someone who worked to ensure that all children had a voice in Harford County.

To be considered for the Jennifer Handlin Advocacy Award, a unit must complete sections A through D and return them to the HCCPTA no later than 1 February 2017. A checklist is also provided at the end of this application for your convenience. Award recipients will be honored at the HCCPTA 2017 Founder's Day Celebration.

Please send completed applications to:

Harford County Council of PTAs, Inc.
P. O. Box 435
Bel Air, MD 21014
ATTN: Awards Committee

Thank you in advance for your support to our Harford County children and families. If you have any questions about this application, please direct them to Renee DeBiase, HCCPTA Awards Committee Chair: renee.debiase@segmentedcircle.com.

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Part A: Please respond to each item in the following table.

#	<u>Verification for PTA in good standing.</u>	<u>Date Provided</u>
1	Our local unit has provided the local officer roster to MDPTA and HCCPTA.	
2	Our local unit has filed all required State Forms (Personal Property Return and either the Annual update of registration or the Exempt Organization Fundraising Notice) and provided copies to MDPTA.	
3	Our local unit has filed all required Federal 990 Forms and provided copies to MDPTA.	
4	Our local unit has paid insurance and bonding premiums to Knight Insurance Services.	
5	Our local unit has paid membership dues to HCCPTA.	
6	Our local unit has paid membership dues to MDPTA.	
7	Our local unit has conducted a financial audit and provided a copy to MDPTA.	
8	Our local unit bylaws are current (less than 3 years) and on file with MDPTA.	
9	Our local unit provided our annual financial statement to MDPTA	
10	Our local unit provided our personal property return for 2016 to MDPTA.	
11	The local unit president, member of the Board of Directors, or a delegate attended one (1) HCCPTA meeting/community event during the past 12 months.	
12	The local unit president, member of the Board of Directors, or a delegate attended one (1) HCCPTA leadership development event during the past 12 months.	

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Part B: Please respond to three (3) items in the following table.

#	<u>Local Unit Advocacy Verification</u>	<u>Date Provided</u>
1	Our local unit submitted a copy of the minutes from the general membership meeting during which the PTA budget was approved to HCCPTA.	
2	Our local unit member attended and spoke at one or more of the Board of Education Business meetings.	
3	Our local unit submitted a copy of its newsletter to HCCPTA.	
4	Our local unit participated in the Reflections Program.	
5	Our local unit membership totals increased from the previous fiscal year.	
6	At least one (1) member of our local unit attended the 2016 MD PTA convention in Silver Spring, Maryland.	

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Part C: Advocacy Efforts

Please describe your local PTA’s advocacy efforts within the past 12 months and how it has had an impact in Harford County.

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Part D: Applicant information

Name: _____

Position: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Name of PTA: _____

Checklist

- I have verified the dates/provided documentation for all Part A activities.
- I have verified the dates/provided documentation for three (3) Part B activities.
- I have included a paragraph on how PTA advocates for each child in the community in Part C.
- I have completed Part D.