

## DCCPTA Award Information



The Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs believes many local units are doing outstanding work. The Council initiated an Achievement Award in 1970-1971. Over the years the Council has continued to add awards to recognize the wide variety of outstanding work being done by the local units in Duval County.

Applications for the Duval County Council awards can be found at the **DCCPTA Website: [www.dccpta.org](http://www.dccpta.org)**. Applications for Florida PTA awards can be found on their **Website: [www.floridapta.org](http://www.floridapta.org)**.

Applications for National awards will be mailed to local unit presidents: i.e. Advocates for Children Award, HIV Education Award, and the Phoebe Apperson Hearst Excellence in Education Award.

### **Criteria for Award Applications**

***These criteria must be met before awards applications will be reviewed and before automatic awards are issued:***

**1. PTAs/PTSAs must be "IN GOOD STANDING" which means:**

- Local Unit **BYLAWS** have been approved by Florida PTA every **3 years**. (Check date stamp on front page)
- Duval County Council PTA **DUES** have been paid by November 1 of the current school year.
- State & National PTA Membership **DUES** have been paid by March 31 of the current school year.

**2. Correct Usage of PTA service mark:**



Additionally, failure to use the PTA service mark correctly will keep your awards and historian book entry from being judged. You MAY NOT use periods, commas, hyphens, or lowercase letters when referring to PTA. This is in keeping with the Florida PTA and National PTA guidelines. This information may be found in the National PTA kit of materials.

**3. DEADLINES for awards applications must be met. Please note that applications can be mailed in to the Awards Chair or brought to monthly DCCPTA meetings. You do not have to wait for the final deadline to turn in award applications if you have met the criteria early.**

- **DCCPTA Deadline for ALL awards applications:**
  - **Date:** April 17, 2012 9:30am-12noon, **April DCCPTA General Meeting**
  - **Place:** Bring ID to enter School Board Building, Cline Auditorium.
  - **Note:** Awards are reviewed immediately following the April General Meeting.
  - **Deadline Exceptions noted in ( ) on following page.**
- **Florida PTA Deadlines:**
  - **Membership Awards:** in Florida PTA office by March 31.
  - **All other Awards:** in Florida PTA office by June 1.
  - **Deadline Exceptions noted in ( ) on following page.**

### **Tips for Award Winning Applications**

1. APPLY for AWARDS!
2. Please use current application forms as they are updated every year. Be sure to distribute copies of applications to your chairs (especially the History Book Chair), to be sure they are aware of the criteria necessary to qualify for these awards.
3. Read carefully and follow all directions. Applications will be rejected if directions are not followed.
4. Fill in all blanks completely.
5. Give the correct local unit name. (See your Local Unit approved Bylaws.)
6. Type your application, or print clearly.
7. Tell everything your local unit has done. Do not think that any activity is unimportant.
8. Explain everything in the most brief and simple terms.
9. Remember DEADLINES. Late applications are NOT accepted.
10. Start at beginning of year and keep a history log of everything your PTA does. This will make it much easier to fill out the application at the end of the year. You will discover that your PTA did much more during the year than you realized.
11. Be sure to include name and phone number of a contact person (usually the President).

# Duval County Council Awards

Award Applications found at the [www.dccpta.org](http://www.dccpta.org) website

**DEADLINE:** April 17, 2012, 9:30am-12noon, **April DCCPTA General Meeting** - exceptions noted in ( ) below

**LOCATION:** Duval County School Board Auditorium, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207 - **bring ID**

## Automatic Awards

100% Attendance – your PTA president or delegate is present at all DCCPTA General Meetings \*\*\*

Membership (*Dues paid by Mar 31*)

- Largest Numerical Increase over Previous Year \*\*
- 1,000 or more \*\*\*
- Membership Equal to School Enrollment\*\*\*
- Most Members \*\*
- Superintendent's -100 Members more than Previous Year \*\*\*

PTA-of-the-Year –

must apply for Local Unit Achievement to be considered \*\*

Reflections Participation \*\*\*

Teacher Supply Depot: Participation \*\*\*

Teacher Supply Depot: Most Hours \*

Vision Screening \*\*\* -only if volunteers are provided

## Awards Requiring an Application

Creative Communication Through Technology \*\*

Blood Drive \*\*\*

Health/Safety Program \*\*\*

History Book \*\*\*

Humanitarian Service \*\*\*

Local Unit Achievement \*\*\*

- qualified applications are reviewed for PTA-of-the-Year\*\*

Reading Program \*\*\*

Student Involvement \*\*\*

We're Off-on-the-Right Foot \*\*\* (*Received by Nov 1, 2011*)

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\* **Awarded to one PTA only**

\*\* **Awarded to one PTA per grade level division**

\*\*\* **Awarded to all PTAs that qualify**

## GRADE-LEVEL DIVISIONS

- **Small Elementary** (schools up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade only): **up to 750 students** per “20-day enrollment count”
- **Large Elementary** (schools up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade only): **751 students** and over per “20-day enrollment count”
- **Middle or combined Elementary/Middle** (schools with grades 6-8 **or** K-8)
- **High or combined Elementary/Middle/High** (schools with grades 9-12, 6-12, **or** K-12)

## Florida PTA Awards

Award Applications can be downloaded from [www.floridapta.org](http://www.floridapta.org)

**DEADLINES:** Membership award applications must be received by March 31<sup>st</sup>

ALL others must be received by June 1, exceptions noted in ( ) below.

### Automatic Awards

Membership -*dues paid by Mar 31*:

- 25 % Increase
- Highest % Increase
- 1,000 or more members
- 100% membership for the last 3 years
- Membership Plus

President's Achievement

President's Membership

President's Program

Star (5 Study Discussions)

### Awards Requiring an Application

Friends of the Environment

Local Unit Achievement

Mentor-A-PTA

Outstanding Principal of the Year

Promoting Communications Excellence

### Awards Requiring an Application - Continued

Program

PTSA Recognition

Safety

Student Advocate

Student Community Service

Student Involvement

Study Discussion Group

Thomas Newsletter Grant

Volunteer

Membership Awards - *dues paid by Mar 31*:

- 100% Membership
- Community Membership
- Early Bird (*due: Gold-Oct 1, Silver-Nov 1, Bronze-Dec 1*)
- Faculty Membership: 100% or Acorn
- Grandparent Membership: Silver or Gold
- Our Founders Cared