



**Missouri PTA Advocacy through Legislation (AtLAW)**  
**Individual Award**

Send to: Missouri PTA Office, 2101 Burlington Street, Columbia, MO 65202-1945

PTA's foundation is built upon the legislative advocacy efforts of its' founders, Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Alice McLellan Birney. These two women founded PTA at a time when women did not have the right to vote and social activism was not popular. PTA's work in legislation has resulted in the creation of Kindergarten classes, Child labor laws, Juvenile Justice system, and School Safety. This Award is for an individual who exemplifies the spirit of PTA through their PTA advocacy in legislation efforts.

To earn the Award, an individual must achieve the minimum number of points for each of the three sections (Attended training, inform others on legislative issues, and Take action – advocacy) within a one-year time frame. The time frame begins with the date of the first item accomplished from any of the three sections. All awards are presented during the Missouri PTA annual convention. After the minimum number of points is achieved for each section, submit the application by March 1<sup>st</sup> to be honored at the convention that year. Some items are worth a set number of points while others have a point multiplier value. For example, writing an elected official has a point multiplier value of x10. Each written correspondence is multiplied by 10 to achieve the total number of points.

**Mandatory requirements for this award.**

Active participation in the JC/DC Member to Member network is mandatory for this award.

The completed application form with supporting documentation (newsletters, programs, minutes, letters, copies of e-mails) must be to the MOPTA office and postmarked on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>.



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Council or Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

**Part A**

**Actively participated in the JC/DC Member to Member Network.**   
**This is a mandatory requirement for eligibility.**

**Part B**

**Attend Training**

	Points	Total
Missouri PTA annual convention Date: _____	25 pts	
National PTA Convention Date: _____	25 pts	
Missouri PTA Advocacy Training Date: _____	15 pts	
School of Information Date: _____	5 pts	
Regional/Leadership Conference Date: _____	15 pts	
National Advocacy Training Date: _____	15 pts	
National Advocacy E-learning (provide copy of certificate)	5 pts	
National Resolution E-learning (provide copy of certificate)	5 pts	
Attended a Resolution Briefing Date: _____	5 pts	
<b>Total number of points earned (minimum total required 45pts)</b>		

**Inform Others on Legislative Issues**

	Points	Total
Serve as Unit/Council Legislative Chair School year: _____	10 pts	
Total number of articles included in newsletters (include copies of newsletter)	x5 pts	
Total number of letters to the editor (include copies of published letters)	x5 pts	
Give a legislative report at PTA meeting (include copy of meeting minutes)	x5 pts	
Total number of phone calls to elected officials Date _____ Elected official _____ Date _____ Elected official _____	x10 pts	
Writing letters to elected officials*. Include copies of letter/postcards	x10 pts	
Communications from elected officials* pertaining to PTA issues and sent to the Legislative Department (copy of letter, e-mail or other correspondence or notes from phone conversation)	x5 pts	
<b>Total number of points earned (minimum total required 50 pts)</b>		

**Take Action—Advocacy**

	Points	Total
Attended a Missouri PTA Kids First Town Hall Meeting. Date: _____ Location: _____	50 pts	
Attended Missouri Child Advocacy Day Date: _____	15 pts	
Attend a Legislative Forum* in your House/Senate district Date: _____ (Forums must have one or more elected officials* in attendance)	x10 pts	
Attend a Candidate/Political Forum (Forums must have one or more elected officials* in attendance) Dates _____	x10 pts	
Attend a Political Issue Meeting* or Town Hall* (Forums must have one or more elected officials* in attendance) Date: _____ Description: _____	x10 pts	
Host an elected official* at your school Name of elected official: _____ Date: _____	x15 pts	
Personal visit to elected official* Name of official _____ Name of official _____ Name of official _____ Name of official _____	x10 pts	
Testify before House or Senate Hearing Date _____ Hearing _____	x30 pts	
Attend House or Senate Hearing Date _____ Hearing _____	x10 pts	
Attend Board of Education Meeting Date _____ Date _____ Date _____	x5 pts	
Speak before Board of Education on advocacy for students Date _____ Date _____ Date _____	x15pts	
Work on committee developing/authoring a PTA Resolution Title of Resolution: _____	25 pts	
Take part in a Voter Registration at your unit/council Date: _____	15pts	
Take part in a Mock Election at your unit Date: _____	15pts	
<b>Total number of points earned (minimum total required 100 pts)</b>		

\*Elected officials include any state or federal elected position, e.g.:  
State Representative or Senator, U.S. Congressman or Senator, Governor, etc.

**NOTE:** Subject matter must pertain to issues important to children and youth. The applicant in any communication/contact, whether written or oral, must take the position held by National PTA and Missouri PTA. The completed application form with supporting documentation (newsletters, programs, minutes, letters, copies of e-mails) must be to the MOPTA office and **postmarked on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>**.