**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 1st 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*.*

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| 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**

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| **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 |  |
| **Total number of points earned (minimum total required 45pts)** |  |  |

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| **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 |  |
| **Total number of points earned (minimum total required 50 pts)** |  |  |

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| **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 districtDate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(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 HearingDate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hearing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | x30 pts |  |
| Attend House or Senate HearingDate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hearing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | x10 pts |  |
| Attend Board of Education MeetingDate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | x5 pts |  |
| Speak before Board of Education on advocacy for studentsDate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | x15pts |  |
| Work on committee developing/authoring a PTA ResolutionTitle 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 |  |
| **Total number of points earned (minimum total required 100 pts)** |  |  |

\*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 1st.**