

# 17<sup>th</sup> District PTA Convention News and Scholarships!

*More information can be found at [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org) and [17thdistrictpta.org](http://17thdistrictpta.org)*

It's time to start making plans for the 111<sup>th</sup> California State PTA convention to be held April 29 to May 2, 2010 at the Sacramento Convention Center. The Convention Registration book was mailed to every PTA Presidents in early January.

17<sup>th</sup> District PTA has several scholarships available, worth up to \$500.00, depending on how many qualifying units apply. Scholarships are for new and emerging leaders, and first time convention delegates. The rules are on the form and we really want you to apply for them! These scholarships will be sent as reimbursements to awardees, when receipts are submitted to 17<sup>th</sup> District PTA.

Sending a representative from your PTA to convention is a great way to encourage your members to be more involved in your PTA. **It is very important for the PTA President-elect** to attend convention. You might also consider sending members who considering a position on your incoming board, but don't feel they are qualified. Convention conferences provide training and support to future leaders.

**The due date for Advance Registration at the lowest rate is March 31, 2010. Same as last year!** Please **send in your registration directly to California State PTA** as soon as possible! Registration can be done online at [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org), post office, or onsite in Sacramento. Many PTA boards don't yet know who their 2010-11 officers will be. Don't let this stop you from enjoying the Early Registration Fee savings, at \$140.00 for one full-time delegate. This year, with registering before March 31, the workshop/conference tickets will be mailed to each delegate before convention. Delegate names and conference selection can be changed when checking in at the Convention Center. Registering between April 1 and April 16, 2010, will cost \$180.00 per full-time delegate, and the tickets will need to be picked up onsite. After April 16, registration will need to be done on-site, and will cost \$200.00, plus workshop availability may be limited. All delegates will be able to pick up their tote bags and lanyards when they come to convention. You can also purchase Promo Packs – Convention T-shirt or sweatshirt plus convention lapel pin also a 5 piece Ribbon Pack (ribbon pack will not be available at convention.).

**Convention housing:** The **Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel** is the **official convention headquarters hotel**. You can **begin making reservations through the Sacramento Convention Visitors Bureau on February 2, 2010 at 8:00 AM**. The **Sheraton Grand Sacramento** is offering a discounted rate to all convention delegates and is holding a large block of rooms just for the California State PTA. The **Hyatt Regency, Residence Inn @ Capitol Park, Citizen Hotel, Holiday Inn Express, and Clarion Hotel Mansion Inn** will all have blocks of rooms at discounted rates for PTA convention delegates. California State PTA knows convention attendees have a choice when it comes to staying in convention area hotels; however, staying at the one of the convention hotels helps the California State PTA meet its contractual obligations for this and future conventions.

The **17<sup>th</sup> District PTA** will be planning a Saturday evening dinner for all our district delegates to gather at a nearby restaurant or catered venue and meet members from other 17<sup>th</sup> District units. This is a great time to share events and issues from your school with your neighbors. Look for information to follow in the next issue of the *Seventeena*.

**Please consider sending a student (age 12 to 18 years) to convention.** There will be special Student Delegate Ice Cream Social, orientation, and student conferences designed by Student State PTA Board Members. This is a wonderful opportunity to give our students a voice and train our future leaders!

Sara Otus-Green, 17<sup>th</sup> District PTA, 1st Vice President, Programs and Convention

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## 2010 Convention Delegate Scholarship Application for PTA/PTSA Units and Councils

### 17<sup>th</sup> District PTA is offering convention scholarships worth up to \$500

- Applicant must be a member of a PTA/PTSA in good standing
- Applicant must be a PTA/PTSA an emerging leader or first-time delegate in need of financial assistance.
- A delegate to the California State PTA Convention represents the PTA. When elected as a delegate, the individual has the responsibility to attend all meetings and assigned conferences.
- Recipient must be elected by the PTA/PTSA general membership as a delegate authorized to represent the association.
- This scholarship can only be used to subsidize convention expenses for registration, housing, meals, and transportation.
- **The unit or council PTA must included with this application copies of the following to 17th District PTA:** 2008-09 end of year Annual Financial Report, Audit and tax return (if applicable), and 2009-10 Budget.
- **Applicant must attach a copy of their current PTA membership card** to this application.
- **Scholarship checks will be sent to the delegate's PTA unit to give reimbursement.**

**The recipient of this scholarship agrees to:**

#### **BEFORE CONVENTION:**

- Review all registration materials and select appropriate conferences.
- Discuss any proposed bylaws amendments, resolutions, and legislation platform with the local association.
- Attend convention orientation held by council or district PTA to receive the latest information and to meet the other delegates from the area.

#### **WHILE AT CONVENTION:**

- Attend briefings/hearings for proposed resolutions and bylaws amendments.
- **Attend all general meetings – arrive before the starting time and stay until the end.**
- Attend all conferences as enrolled – arrive before the starting time and stay until the end. If a conference is not what was expected, delegates may attend another conference on a space-available basis.
- Visit the exhibit hall to gather information to share with association.
- Visit the PTA Store to purchase PTA supplies and special mementos of convention.

#### **AFTER CONVENTION:**

- Prepare a report giving the outcome of the business proposed, information gathered from the conferences, benefits derived from convention, skills obtained, and how the leadership training will be used to strengthen PTA involvement at their unit or council.
- **Failure to submit this report will remove the association for scholarship eligibility the following year. Report must be submitted to your unit and/or council; and to the 17<sup>th</sup> District PTA by June 15, 2010.**
- Encourage representation at future conventions.

## **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TO 17<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT PTA Thursday, March 25, 2010**

Submit forms to:

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**Delegate Scholarship Application for PTA/PTSA Units and Councils**  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of PTA/PTSA \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of President of PTA/PTSA \_\_\_\_\_  
PTA Council (if in council) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe why your PTA/PTSA unit/council should be considered for a convention scholarship:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Describe how the unit/council PTA/PTSA plans to use the information and training received at convention:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the types of programs your unit/council PTA/PTSA provide to the members and children you serve:  
\_\_\_\_\_

By submitting this application my association and I agree to all terms and conditions associated with this scholarship.

Delegate signature and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Association President signature and date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Attach additional pages if more space is required.*

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