

## ADVOCATES IN ACTION



*Susan Lipman, President*

We are all aware that parent and family involvement in education is key to ensuring student success. PTA members know the value of being involved. We speak for every child with one voice. We make a difference in educational reform and enacting new laws that protect and benefit all children and youth. This important work begins with the efforts of the individual members in our local units.

The Advocate in Action Award provides a way for local unit PTAs and the New York State PTA to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments and involvement of individual unit members in their advocacy efforts.



Yours Truly,  
Susan Lipman  
President, NYS PTA

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Recognizing  
the advocacy  
efforts  
of PTA members  
for their  
PTA  
in their  
schools  
and  
in their  
community

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**If you can check off any 8 of the items listed here you qualify as a PTA Advocate in Action!**

To earn your certificate complete this application and return it to your PTA president.

OR

Surprise a PTA colleague, a student, a teacher, administrator or a Board of Education member by completing this for them and submit the application to your PTA president on their behalf.

**WHAT IS AN ADVOCATE IN ACTION?**

It is someone who works for change, improvement and growth.



- Is a PTA/PTSA/SEPTA member *(required)*
- Attends PTA meetings regularly
- Participated in a PTA program
- Attended Parent/Teacher conferences
- Voted in school elections
- Volunteered in your child's classroom
- Is/was a class parent or assisted in a class activity
- Served on a PTA committee
- Served as a PTA chairman
- Served as a PTA officer
- Served as an officer in student government
- Served as a youth member on your PTA, PTSA, SEPTA, PTA Council or Region PTA
- Served on a school-based committee, such as a Shared Decision Making Team, Site Based Team, school wellness or parent advisory committee
- Wrote an article for your PTA newsletter
- Wrote a letter to the editor on a PTA issue
- Wrote a letter to a Board of Education member or a local legislator regarding a school issue
- Spoke at a Board of Education meeting or at a legislative event regarding a school issue
- Recruited/mentored one or more new members
- Got a teacher, administrator or Board of Ed member to join your PTA
- Recruited/informed/involved pre-school parents

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email *(please include!)*  
*Our best way to keep you informed is via email*  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to receive Advocacy Alerts from the NYS PTA via email

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Unit Name

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School Name, if different

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Unit Code # *(if known)*

**Complete this form and return it to your PTA President. Your certificate will be mailed to your PTA president.\***

If you are not a member of a local unit please submit this form to your Region Director.

*Please do not submit this form directly to NYS PTA! Certificates cannot be mailed directly to individual members.*

\* PTA Presidents and Region Directors, please mail the forms to the NYS PTA address listed on the back of this form in an envelope marked Advocate in Action Award. Thank you.