## LAPTA "JOSEPH F. SEELEY" VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Application Deadline: March 31, 2025 Winner Announced: April 14, 2025



Apply at <u>LouisianaPTA.org/awards</u>

Quantity Offered: 1

The volunteers across Louisiana are truly the heart of the association. Recognize and thank that special person who goes above and beyond for all children, the one who acts as a tireless advocate for children's education, health, and well-being by honoring them with a Volunteer of the Year Award. This award recognizes one PTA volunteer who made a positive impact on the school and its children. This special person does not need to be the person who logs the most volunteer hours or is a PTA Executive Committee member. Letters of recommendation are not required but will be accepted and considered if submitted.

LAPTA's volunteer recognition award was established in 2023 to honor the memory of Joseph Francis Seeley, a consummate volunteer. His enthusiasm and dedication to all he served never waned. Joseph served as a compelling force in bringing awareness to the power of volunteering.

Recognize the very best! Think of the people the PTA might like to honor with a Volunteer of the Year Award, people who care about children and have spent their lives caring about and devoted to the service of children and youth, perhaps a PTA leader, past or present, the quiet, reliable, unassuming volunteer, an outstanding teacher who might be retiring, a senior citizen who serves as a volunteer in the school, a school crossing guard who ensures the children get to school safely for years, a police officer or juvenile protection worker, or a legislator who has worked for laws benefiting children.

## **Grant Questions:**

- 1. What makes the accomplishments of this nominee more significant than all other volunteers?
- 2. Describe the nominee's innovative or unique approach in performing volunteer service.
- 3. Describe how the nominee mobilized other volunteers or generated increased resources.
- 4. Describe the nominee's ongoing involvement rather than one-time activity.
- 5. How many years has the nominee volunteered for PTA?
- 6. Upload a picture of the nominee and the optional letters of recommendation.

Other needed information is PTA name, LUR#, and contact name, nominee's contact information, and a picture of the nominee while volunteering, advocating, or doing PTA work.

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## **MENTOR-A-PTA AWARD**

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Quantity Offered: 2

LAPTA offers a Mentor-a-PTA Program where a strong, healthy PTA mentors a smaller, protected, or new PTA unit (Mentee) who needs a helping hand. As we are all part of Louisiana, the success of one is the success of all. How can you reach out to others in your community and state? The focus of this program is to mentor through guidance, planning ideas, monthly check-in, and leadership support. Mentors are upbeat, positive advocates who provide tools and direction to the Mentee PTA. If there is a financial contribution, then it must be approved by the General Membership and included in the annual budget. Give the members ownership in the philanthropic work of the PTA. Other non-financial support does not need approval, but always let the membership know the good work done behind the scenes.

## **Award Application**

The Mentor-a-PTA Award recognizes philanthropic work from one PTA to another PTA. The information needed is the PTA name and city, contact person's name, phone, and email, and a **good description of the philanthropic work** done by the nominated PTA.

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