Description and Nomination Requirements

2021 Outstanding Youth Advocate of the Year Award

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Advocacy is the cornerstone of National PTA’s mission, and advocates at every level and age play an integral role in PTA’s efforts. The involvement of our nation’s youth is particularly important, as youth both provide a fresh perspective and develop skills to be the leaders of tomorrow.

National PTA presents an annual award to one young person who exemplifies the qualities of creativity, leadership, and dedication, and has positively affected policy or change in his or her school or community in a way that aligns with PTA’s mission and goals. The youth individual must be a member of a PTA or PTSA. The person chosen to receive this award will be recognized at the 2021 Virtual Legislative Conference during our annual advocacy awards ceremony.

Nomination Requirements:

The Outstanding Youth Advocate of the Year Award will be presented to a youth individual (defined as someone under 18, or still in high school at the time of nomination). The nominee must also be a current PTA member whose unit/council/district/state is in good standing. Additionally, the nominee’s advocacy efforts must have taken place within the last year and documentation of these efforts must be provided. Nominations will be reviewed by the Legislation Committee and the National PTA President. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Nominees may self-apply for consideration and please note PTA leaders may be contacted. To submit a nomination, please fill out this form. Applications must be started and completed in one session. There is no save functionality.

Complete nomination forms must include:

- Contact and PTA membership information for both the nominee and submitting unit;
- A brief narrative for each short answer question concerning the nominee’s advocacy on behalf of PTA;
- At least one reference with a letter of recommendation (3 maximum)
- Documentation of advocacy efforts, such as Op-Eds and Letters-to-the Editor written by nominee, awards received, blog posts, etc.

The deadline for nomination is January 4, 2021 at 11:59 PM EST. Please contact National PTA Vice President of Advocacy at vjohnson@pta.org and/or the National PTA Government Affairs team govtaffairs@pta.org with any questions or concerns about the award process or nomination form. Award winners will be notified by the end of January 2021.