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ILLINOIS AWARDS AND RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

A Life Member:

It is an honor to be designated a Life Member of the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers. The local unit, council, district, region or individual bestowing this honor acknowledges that the recipient has given meritorious and dedicated service to the promotion of the welfare of children and youth.

The Meaning of a Life Membership:

A Life Membership is honorary. The recipient will receive: a certificate; a Life Member pin; visitor privileges at the annual convention; and other courtesies. A Life Membership does not carry the right to vote or hold office. The recipient must pay dues to a local PTA unit for these privileges.

The Selection of a Life Member:

A Life Member should be conscientiously selected by a committee. Life Memberships should be awarded only to outstanding and deserving individuals. Life Memberships are awarded to show appreciation for the recipient's accomplishments in furthering PTA objectives.

How to Purchase a Life Membership

The cost of a Life Membership is \$75.00*. Each recipient will receive a certificate and Life Membership pin. The name of the recipient to whom the certificate is being issued **MUST** accompany the remittance. Life Membership certificates cannot be issued at a later date. When requesting a Life Membership, please print the recipient's name, as it is to appear on the certificate and address, the name of the group or person making the gift, the date of presentation and the name and address of the person to whom the Life Membership is to be mailed. Make check payable to *Illinois PTA Scholarship Fund* and mail to the state office. To insure delivery, requests for Life Memberships should be placed **at least three (3) weeks prior** to the presentation date. A Life Member is entitled to wear a Life Member pin. The pin is an outline of the State of Illinois in dark blue enamel, detailed in gold.

Book of Recognition:

Another award of appreciation is the Book of Recognition, which also benefits the Scholarship Fund. Recipients receive a certificate, and his/her name is inscribed in the official book at the Illinois PTA State Office. The Book of Recognition certificate is black and gold on white. The cost of a Book of Recognition Award is \$30*. Make check payable to the *Illinois PTA Scholarship Fund* and mail to the state office. Please allow sufficient time for processing in order to have the certificate for presentation date.

The recipient of this award is entitled to wear the Book of Recognition pin, which is an outline of an open book rolled in gold. The pin is not included in the Award cost, but must be ordered by separate request from the state office. *Please refer to the current price list when ordering.* * To insure delivery, requests for a Book of Recognition should be placed **at least three (3) weeks prior** to presentation date.

(*Note: Proceeds from the purchase of a Book of Recognition pin are credited to the General Fund.)

Achievement Award:

This award is presented when a region, district, council, local unit or individual wishes to recognize a student, family member, teacher or community member for outstanding service.

The cost of the award is \$20.00*. When requesting this award, provide the name of the recipient, the recipient's city, the date of presentation, the local unit name and address. Make check payable to the *Illinois PTA Scholarship Fund* and mail to the state office **at least three (3) weeks prior** to presentation date.

Distinguished Service Scroll:

This award is presented when a region, district, council, local unit or individual wishes to recognize a parent, teacher, student or community leader for his/her leadership and/or significant service to the PTA/PTSA. The cost of each Distinguished Service Scroll is \$10.00*. Make check payable to the *Illinois PTA Scholarship Fund* and mail to the state office **at least three (3) weeks prior** to presentation date.

Educator of the Year Award

Each year a local unit or council may honor one professional educator, administrator or other staff member who has demonstrated outstanding service to children and youth, by presenting him/her with the Educator of the Year Award. Each recipient will receive a full-sized certificate and an Educator of the Year pin. The cost of this award, including the certificate and pin, is \$50.00*. The proceeds from this award benefit the Illinois PTA Scholarship Fund. When requesting this award, provide the name of the recipient, the local unit or council, and the year of the award. Make the check payable to *Illinois PTA Scholarship Fund* and mail to the state office. To insure delivery, request for this award should be made **three (3) weeks prior** to the presentation date.

T.H.A.N.K.S. Award (To Honor And Notice Kindness and Service)

This award offers the opportunity for any individual (i.e. student, community member, school staff, volunteer) to recognize, or be recognized for, acts of service. Recipients receive a personalized card, suitable for display, which describes the act being recognized. Make check payable to the *Illinois PTA Scholarship Fund* and mail to the state office **at least three (3) weeks prior** to presentation date.

Certificate of Recognition Cards (packet of 5)

These cards can be used for recognition of student and adult group activities such as sports, drama, essay, poetry or spelling contents, volunteers, room representatives and crossing guards. Make check payable to the *Illinois PTA Scholarship Fund* and mail to the state office **at least three (3) weeks prior** to presentation date.

Scholarship Gift Cards (packet of 8)

Scholarship Gift Cards may be used for many occasions, such as birthdays, graduations, expressions of sympathy and recovery from illness. Make check payable to the *Illinois PTA Scholarship Fund* and mail to the state office **at least three (3) weeks prior** to presentation date.

In Memoriam Card

The In Memoriam Card was introduced at the 1980 Convention. It is an attractive card, which may be used as an expression of sympathy to bereaved families. Make check payable to the *Illinois PTA Scholarship Fund* and mail to the state office **at least three (3) weeks prior** to presentation date.

Illinois PTA Note Cards (packet of 5)

Illinois PTA cards are ivory, with black print inside. The blue Illinois PTA seal is embossed on the front. These cards are often used as invitations, thank you notes and personal message cards. Make check payable to the *Illinois PTA Scholarship Fund* and mail to the state office **at least three (3) weeks prior** to presentation date. When ordering any of the previous items from the Illinois PTA State Office, please refer to the current price list on the order forms in this folder or visit us online at www.illinoispta.org

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