

**PTA MISSION:**  
***The Overall Purpose of PTA***

- A powerful voice for all children,
- A relevant resource for families and communities, and
- A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child

**PTA PURPOSES:**  
**Historical Goals of PTA**

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community and place of worship.
- To raise the standards of home life.
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
- To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

**MEMBER SERVICES**

- National PTA Reflections
- Illinois PTA Scholarship
- Legislation and Advocacy
- Programs
- Representation
  - Illinois State Board of Education
  - Cooperating Agencies
  - Governmental Bodies
- Recognition and Awards
- Insurance
  - Liability Insurance
  - Dishonesty Program
- Annual Partnership
- Leadership Training
- State-wide conferences
- Schools of Information
- District Annual Meetings
- Annual Convention
- Local Unit Packets
- *Illinois PTA Bulletin*
- Publications

# Illinois PTA



## Cardinal PTSA

**Honor Unit**  
**Membership**  
**Application**

***Illinois PTA State Office***

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## OVER A CENTURY AGO

The National Congress of Mothers was formed in Washington, DC in February 1897. Now known as the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, the National PTA is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the United States serving 54 states and territories and over six million members. The founding of the National PTA is celebrated every year on February 17.

On May 30, 1900, the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers was formed in Evanston. As the fourth state branch to become organized, the Illinois PTA has grown to over 140,000 members.

## CHARTER RULES

1. To carry on constructive work for better parenthood, better homes, better schools, and better communities.
2. To refrain from all partisan and factional political activities.
3. To refuse consideration by the association of personal grievances.
4. To participate in the decision making process establishing school policy, recognizing that the legal responsibility to make decisions has been delegated by the people to boards of education.
5. To cooperate with the superintendent, principal, and teachers in promoting the best interest of the school and community.

## THE ILLINOIS CARDINAL PTSA

The Illinois Cardinal PTSA is a statewide honorary unit that allows individuals with an interest in the Illinois PTA to show support and to maintain contact with the Illinois PTA.

By joining the Cardinal PTSA, each member:

- pays \$20.00 dues per year
- supports the Illinois PTA Lillian E. Glover Scholarship fund through Cardinal PTSA membership dues
- receives an e-subscription to the *Illinois PTA Bulletin*
- receives visitor privileges to the Illinois PTA convention upon payment of the convention registration fee

The Illinois PTA membership year ends on June 30.

Honor unit members may become fully active members upon payment of dues to a local PTA or PTSA.

To receive legislation mailings, simply add \$7.00 to the membership fee.

## CARDINAL PTSA APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name of Applicant

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If associated with a company or association, please name the company or association:

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Address

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Email

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Phone: (       )

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Complete application form and return with check or money order **payable to the Illinois PTA for \$20.00** per person and mail both to:

**Illinois PTA  
PO Box 907  
Springfield, IL 62705.**

**NOTE: To receive all legislation mailings, add \$7.00 per person.**