



Pennsylvania PTA Cultural Awareness in Family Engagement Mini-Grant

Application deadline: November 13, 2015

Summary: Win a \$500 grant from the PA PTA and 2 registrations, 2 tickets to the Saturday night banquet and 1 free night stay (1 room only) at the 2016 PA PTA state convention. Simply design a program that effectively engages the diverse cultures in your school and community.

Family Engagement in Education

Decades of research prove that when families are actively involved in their child's education student achievement improves, students earn higher grades and test scores, they have fewer disciplinary referrals, and schools get better as a result.

About the PA PTA Cultural Awareness in Family Engagement Mini-Grant

Purpose and Scope: The cultural awareness mini-grant aims to:

1. Increase the capacity of local PTA units to design programs that are receptive to culturally diverse families.
2. Provide incentives that foster a spirit of inclusivity and acceptance of all cultures.

Funding: Mini-grants are non-sponsored awards in the amount of \$500 with a grant period of 4 months. One mini-grant will be awarded in this round. The requested grant amount and timeline should be designed to fit the needs described in the proposal.

Eligibility: All PTA units in good standing as of October 15, 2015.

To be considered a PTA in "good standing", your PTA MUST:

- Have bylaws approved according to the procedures of the Pennsylvania PTA
- Remit your state and national dues by October 15, 2015.
- Forward a copy of your latest 990, 990N, or 990EZ as required by IRS regulations.
- Forward a copy of your 2014-2015 audit report.

Selection Process and Criteria: In this competitive process, proposals will undergo review by members of the PA PTA Family Engagement Committee.

Selection criteria include:

- Quality and feasibility of proposed program
- The direct link to at least 2 of the National PTA's Standards for Family School partnerships
- Participation from students, parents, teachers, and school staff

Application Guidelines: 1 or 2 – page proposal should include the following:

- PTA name and unit number
- Name, title, and contact information of applicant
- Principal signature and PTA president signature
- Brief description of request:
 - What do you plan to do?
 - Timeline (when is your program going to take place)?
 - What do you hope to accomplish?
 - Benefits to students, families, and school

Post Reward Requirements: Grantees will be required to submit a project and budget report at project completion and share their experiences at the 2016 PA PTA state convention.

Submissions are due by November 13, 2015 by 6:00 pm

Submissions: Submit electronically to mhess@papta.org. Applicants will be notified of award decisions by December 7, 2015.

Questions: Please contact Dawn Harrison, Family Engagement chairman, familyengagement@papta.org call at 814-825-8755.

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