

17th District PTA Convention News and Convention Grants!

More information can be found at www.capta.org and 17thdistrictpta.org

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It's time to start making plans for the 113th California State PTA convention to be held May 9-May 12, 2012 at the Anaheim Convention Center. The Convention Registration book will be mailed to all PTA Presidents in early January.

17th District PTA has several Convention Grants available, worth up to \$500.00, depending on how many qualifying units apply. The Convention Grants are for new and emerging leaders, and first time convention delegates. The rules are on the form and we really want you to apply for them! These grants will be sent as reimbursements to awardees, when receipts are submitted to 17th District PTA.

Sending a representative from your PTA to convention is a great way to encourage your members to be more involved in your PTA. **It is very important for the PTA President-elect** to attend convention. You might also consider sending members who considering a position on your incoming board, but don't feel they are qualified. Convention workshops provide training and support to future leaders.

The due date for Advance Registration at the lowest rate is March 31, 2012.

Please **send in your registration directly to California State PTA** as soon as possible! Registration can be done online at www.capta.org, the post office, or onsite in Anaheim. Many PTA boards don't yet know who their 2012-13 officers will be. Don't let this stop you from enjoying the Early Registration Fee savings, at \$199.00 from February 1 to March 31. On-line registration is the preferred method for convention registration. Mail-in registrations runs February 1 to April 15. Registering between April 1 and April 30, 2012, will cost \$239.00 per full-time delegate. After April 30, registration will need to be done on-site, and will cost \$259.00, plus workshop availability may be limited. All delegates will be able to pick up their convention tote bags and lanyards when they come to convention.

Convention housing: The Anaheim Hilton Resort & Spa is the official convention headquarters hotel. You can **begin making reservations February 1, 2012 online.** The **Anaheim Hilton Resort & Spa** is offering a discounted rate to all convention delegates and is holding a large block of rooms just for the California State PTA. The California State PTA knows convention attendees have a choice when it comes to staying in convention area hotels; however, staying at the convention hotels helps the California State PTA meet its contractual obligations for this and future conventions.

The 17th District PTA will be planning a Thursday evening dinner for all our district delegates to gather at a nearby restaurant or catered venue and meet members from other 17th District units. This is a great time to share events and issues from your school with your neighbors.

Please consider sending a student (age 12 to 18 years) to convention! There will be special events and student workshops designed by the Student State PTA Board Members. This is a wonderful opportunity to give our students a voice and train our future leaders!

California 17th District

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2012 Convention Delegate Scholarship Application for PTA/PTSA Units and Councils

17th District PTA is offering convention scholarships worth up to \$500

- Applicant must be a member of a PTA/PTSA in good standing
- Applicant must be a PTA/PTSA an emerging leader or first-time delegate in need of financial assistance.
- A delegate to the California State PTA Convention represents the PTA.
- When elected as a delegate, the individual has the responsibility to attend all meetings and assigned conferences.
- Recipient must be elected by the PTA/PTSA general membership as a delegate authorized to represent the association.
- This scholarship can only be used to subsidize convention expenses for registration, housing, meals, and transportation.
- **The unit or council PTA must be included with this application copies of the following to 17th District PTA:** 2010-2011 end of year Annual Financial Report, Audit and tax return (if applicable), and 2011-2012 Budget.
- **Applicant must attach a copy of their current PTA membership card** to this application.
- **Scholarship checks will be sent to the delegate's PTA unit to give reimbursement.**

The recipient of this scholarship agrees to:

BEFORE CONVENTION:

- Review all registration materials and select appropriate conferences.
- Discuss any proposed bylaws amendments, resolutions, and legislation platform with the local association.
- Attend convention orientation held by council or district PTA to receive the latest information and to meet the other delegates from the area.

WHILE AT CONVENTION:

- Attend briefings/hearings for proposed resolutions and bylaws amendments.
- **Attend all general meetings – arrive before the starting time and stay until the end.**
- Attend all conferences as enrolled – arrive before the starting time and stay until the end. If a conference is not what was expected, delegates may attend another conference on a space-available basis.
- Visit the exhibit hall to gather information to share with association.
- Visit the PTA Store to purchase PTA supplies and special mementos of convention.

AFTER CONVENTION:

- Prepare a report giving the outcome of the business proposed, information gathered from the conferences, benefits derived from convention, skills obtained, and how the leadership training will be used to strengthen PTA involvement at their unit or council.
- **Failure to submit this report will remove the association for scholarship eligibility the following year. Report must be submitted to your unit and/or council; and to the 17th District PTA by June 15, 2012.**
- Encourage representation at future conventions.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION
OF THE DELEGATE GRANT APPLICATION TO 17TH DISTRICT PTA
Friday, March 16, 2012**

**Submit forms to:
Lorene Lederer, 17th District PTA
1st Vice President, Programs and Convention
797 Cedar Street • San Carlos, CA 94070
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Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____
E-mail _____
Name of PTA/PTSA _____
Name of President of PTA/PTSA _____
PTA Council (if in council) _____

Describe why your PTA/PTSA unit/council should be considered for a convention scholarship:

Describe how the unit/council PTA/PTSA plans to use the information and training received at convention:

Describe the types of programs your unit/council PTA/PTSA provide to the members and children you serve:

By submitting this application my association and I agree to all terms and conditions associated with this scholarship.

Delegate signature and date: _____

Association President signature and date: _____

Attach additional pages if more space is required.

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