

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Citizenship Award is presented each year at State Convention to honor PTA/PTSA's for outstanding effort in promoting an awareness of citizenship among their memberships and the students of their schools. The number of awards presented will vary based on the number of units that submit reports.

For a project to be counted and reported in this competition, it must be planned, promoted and completed by the PTA unit. This means it is a project approved by the PTA membership at a general meeting. The teachers at most schools work to incorporate the teaching of citizenship with their other lessons. We are pleased with the teachers' efforts, but reporting of their efforts is not what we are looking for on this report.

We are looking for information on the "extra" efforts done by the PTA unit. In the judging of these reports, both the number and quality of the projects will be evaluated. Originality and innovation are also major factors. An example of an extra effort might be a special PTA program with a citizenship as the theme for the program, a special Arbor Day program, or an assembly stressing patriotism. Special projects might include beautification efforts of the school grounds or another area where the whole community benefits from the efforts. Repeat-type activities such as Student of the Month or presentations of colors at each PTA meeting only count as one activity.

REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING

1. Mail two (2) copies of your report to the State Office:
Mississippi PTA
P.O. Box 1937
Jackson, MS 39215-1937
2. Report must be POSTMARKED by **March 24** or earlier.
3. The report must be in narrative form and should include who was involved (the whole school, the 3rd grade class, parents only, etc.) and an evaluation of the projects.
4. The report must be no longer than two (2) typewritten pages. It must be double-spaced.
5. On a separate cover sheet of paper, the following information must be provided:
 - a. PTA/PTSA's name
 - b. Name of person preparing report
 - c. Total number of students in that school
 - d. Number of people involved in the projects
 - e. Signature of PTA Unit President