

**DELORIS EVANS IRVING**  
**PARENT OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**2018**

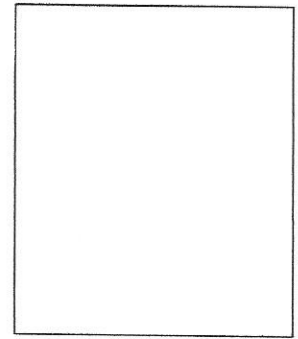
**Purpose:** To yearly recognize and honor an outstanding parent for their commitment to and active involvement in a local PTA/PTSA unit.

Mrs. Deloris Evans Irving has been and continues to be an advocate for children and education. Her children, Candi, Carmetha and Ashleigh, have always been her silent inspiration and now her grandchildren, Briannica, Trinity and Destinee, are the source that fuels her passion and tireless devotion. Mrs. Irving has spent countless volunteer hours and resources to further the goal of PTA to make every child's potential a reality. Mrs. Irving's advocacy efforts were recognized nationally by the White House (President Obama's administration) when she was named a "Champion for Change" and statewide by the Magnolia Bar Association, Inc. with the Harriet Tubman Award – to name a few.

National PTA and Mississippi PTA strongly encourage family and parental engagement. Research has proven that family and parental engagement result in improved student performance (family/parents + teachers = student success).

The application is a one page typewritten narrative explaining the nominee's contributions to the local unit, a photo of the nominee (for publicity purposes) and a brief statement of support by the local unit president. Applications will be evaluated by a three member selection committee composed of state PTA board member(s) and/or a National PTA representative(s) and Mrs. Irving (or a designee). A local unit in good standing may submit one application per school year. The nominee must be a member of the local unit.

The deadline for receipt of applications in the state office is 5:00 p.m. April 6, 2018; electronic submissions should be sent to [delorisirving@yahoo.com](mailto:delorisirving@yahoo.com) on or before 5:00 p.m. April 6, 2018. Notification of a winner will be the following week. The award will be presented at the Annual MS PTA State Convention.



Attach Photo

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Name Address

Phone Number(s)

PTA Unit Name/No

President

President's statement of support

Attach a one page typewritten narrative for the nominee