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UTAH PTA LEADERSHIP AWARD

L.E.A.P. Award Information

Leadership, Excellence, and Partnersshipping (L.E.A.P.)

Leadership is often defined as “the art of getting or inspiring people to do something.” It is not the same as management, which is associated with accomplishing a task in an effective and efficient manner. A leader must often use different leadership styles, depending on the situation and group. People skills are a basic necessity in good leadership. A successful leader will involve everyone in the group in any decision-making that will affect them.

It is the desire of Utah PTA to recognize our committed volunteers. Within the membership of Utah PTA are leaders who steadfastly serve in various PTA positions and volunteer thousands of hours for the benefit of the children of Utah.

You can nominate any PTA leader for a L.E.A.P. Award. Here are a few facts:

- ♦ A person can complete one, two, or even three levels in one year.
- ♦ Someone else (like a president) can fill out applications for other people.
- ♦ All LEAP Awardees will be recognized in the Leadership Convention program and with a LEAP pin with level indicator.
- ♦ Many regions and councils also recognize awardees at spring trainings.
- ♦ Any PTA board member can complete any level of the L.E.A.P. Awards. Nominate a vice president, chairman, and committee member today.

The application is now an online form. The link to the application for the L.E.A.P. Award is on our website at: utahpta.org/leadership-excellence-partnersshipping-leap-awards

Utah PTA recognizes our committed volunteers with our L.E.A.P. Award



UTAH PTA GOLD STAR AWARDS

The Utah PTA Gold Star Awards were created to recognize the outstanding PTA and PTSA units in our state. Utah PTA designates PTA/PTSA units that have done all of the required items and the additional elective activities (about 20 items total) as Utah PTA Gold Star PTAs and PTSAs. There are four levels: Local PTA, Local PTSA, Council PTA/PTSA, and region PTA.

If you follow best practices for running your PTA/PTSA and if your PTA/PTSA is in good standing, you will most likely qualify for this award. We recognize that it may also be overwhelming to know how to do everything that needs to be done to be a PTA/PTSA in good standing. The award requirements are designed to help PTA/PTSA leaders know the items they can focus on to fulfill their roles in helping their students and their school communities.

Each Utah PTA Gold Star Designee will receive a framed certificate to display in their school and will be recognized and celebrated at Utah PTA Leadership Convention. We will also highlight designees throughout the coming year as we promote the program.

All local PTAs, PTSAs, councils, and regions should apply! Each level has its own set of requirements. Each level's requirements and online application will be announced at the beginning of the school year. Information will be available online and through your region director.

All requirements, the online application and other tips can be found at: utahpta.org/Gold-Star-Leadership-Awards.



UTAH PTA AWARDS APPOINTEE

To run a successful Awards Program, it is recommended that each local PTA and each council and region PTA have an Awards appointee. This position should be appointed by the PTA president, council president, or region director.

Awards Appointee duties at the local level

- ♦ Attend Utah PTA Leadership Convention training.
- ♦ Review all awards available.
- ♦ Set up a committee to choose nominations.
- ♦ Interview candidates.
- ♦ Choose winners.
- ♦ Write the awards applications for submission.
- ♦ Honor winners at local level awards ceremony. This can also include some creative awards that you could give from your local PTA only.
- ♦ Submit your winners to the council level by the council due date.

Awards Appointee duties at the council level

- ♦ Attend Utah PTA Leadership Convention training.
- ♦ Encourage all local PTAs to have an awards appointee.
- ♦ Train local awards appointees and encourage active participation.
- ♦ Remind local PTAs regularly of council awards due date.
- ♦ Encourage every school to participate.
- ♦ Set up a committee to review all awards submitted to council.
- ♦ Review awards.
- ♦ Choose winners.
- ♦ Honor winners at council awards ceremony or council meeting.
This can also include some creative awards that you could give on the council level.
- ♦ Submit winners to region by the region due date.

Awards Appointee duties at the region level

- ♦ Attend Utah PTA Leadership Convention training.
- ♦ Train all council awards appointees and encourage active participation.
- ♦ Set up a committee to review all award submissions to region.
- ♦ Choose region winners.
- ♦ Honor all region winners.
- ♦ Submit winners to Utah PTA by the due date.

AWARDS APPOINTEE TIME LINE

MAY

- ♦ Have end-of-year recognition for your PTA board, etc.
- ♦ Attend convention and any other trainings
- ♦ Form awards committee for next year
- ♦ Have training for committee
- ♦ Review awards with committee and have them begin to think about nominations for next year
- ♦ Plan awards program for your school and PTA board

JUNE-JULY-AUGUST

- ♦ Have a writing workshop to learn how to write awards applications
- ♦ Review award applications from previous years at the Utah PTA office
- ♦ Advertise to parents, teachers, and community council members to submit applications for awards at utahpta.org/awards-information

SEPTEMBER

- ♦ Give reports each month at your PTA board meeting on:
 - People chosen for different awards
 - Outstanding volunteers spotlighted each month
 - Recognition given each month
- ♦ Start taking nominations for your local awards recognitions

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

- ♦ Review the awards categories and choose awards recipients and begin the award application process
- ♦ Enlist the help of teachers, members of the PTA board, community council or parents to help with the award application process

DECEMBER

- ♦ Awards applications open online

JANUARY-FEBRUARY

- ♦ Submit your awards online for council review
- ♦ Council advances awards to Region
- ♦ Region reviews awards to submit to State

MARCH

- ♦ Region winners due to Utah PTA

APRIL-MAY

- ♦ State winners will be announced on the Utah PTA Awards website.
- ♦ Award winners recognized at the region level
- ♦ Award winners recognized at the State Convention

UTAH PTA AWARDS

Purpose

The Utah PTA Awards Program is designed to offer greater opportunities for recognizing those who devote their time and energy on behalf of children. This program is our opportunity to give our heartfelt and genuine thanks to PTA volunteers.

Recognition is a key factor in any successful organization as well as a key factor in retaining quality volunteers. Awards and recognition are a necessary priority in PTA at all levels. You will find that awards and recognition will provide your PTA with many great benefits.

Utah PTA is here to help assist you and your school in providing opportunities to recognize greatness at your school. While there are endless ways this can be done, we are happy to provide you with this meaningful opportunity.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

LOCAL PTA

Local PTAs will submit award nominations online at utahpta.org/utah-pta-awards. Local PTAs should honor local winners. Conducting a local awards program is optional, but we have found that local PTAs who also conduct their own awards and recognitions add extra meaning for volunteers who are being recognized. This allows you to honor awards recipients within the school and community who selected them.

COUNCIL PTA

Councils will select winners in each award category. Councils should honor council winners. The council winners will be advanced to the region where region level winners will be selected. Regions will determine the number of council winners that can be sent onto the region level.

REGION PTA

Regions will select one winner in each of the award categories to advance to state (for larger regions with associate directors they can select one additional winner per associate in each category).

AWARDS OVERVIEW

Utah PTA Awards

UTAH PTA ADVOCACY AWARD

This award is given to a **local PTA** or individual for excellence in their efforts to support and speak on behalf of children and youth.

UTAH PTA DEVELOPMENT AWARD

This award is given to a **local PTA** for excellence in program and/or leadership development. This award is encouraged for programs in schools that are in the first five years of their program – developing and improving the program. *Remember, this is for a program not an individual.*

UTAH PTA ENGAGEMENT AWARD

This award is given to a local PTA for excellence in the area of engagement. This can include engaging the community, businesses, faculty, parents, etc. *Remember, this is for a program not an individual.*

UTAH PTA OUTSTANDING ELEMENTARY EDUCATOR

This award recognizes a professional educator currently working with students in grades preschool to 5th or 6th Grade (depending if 6th Grade is in your elementary or secondary school). State winners will be selected based on their relationship with students, parents, PTA, and the community.

UTAH PTA OUTSTANDING SECONDARY EDUCATOR

This award recognizes a professional educator currently working with students in grades 5th or 6th grade (depending if 6th grade is in your elementary or secondary school) to 12th Grade. State winners will be selected based on their relationship with students, parents, PTA, and the community.

UTAH PTA OUTSTANDING SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR AWARD

To recognize an outstanding school administrator currently working with students on an elementary or secondary level. This can include assistant principals.

UTAH PTA OUTSTANDING SUPPORT STAFF

This award recognizes any school support staff (custodians, secretaries, lunchroom staff, bus drivers, aides, etc.) currently working in schools in grades preschool to 12th grade. State winners will be selected based on their relationship with students, parents, PTA, and the community.

UTAH PTA OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD

This award is given to a volunteer who renders volunteer service to children through the education system and is making a positive difference. Nominees will be considered on the basis of quality of volunteer commitment.

UTAH PTA SPIRIT OF INCLUSIVITY

This award recognizes an outstanding PTA/individual who has organized an inclusivity event/activity using the PTA National Standards for Family School Partnerships. Examples: Welcoming families into the school community; communicating effectively; supporting student success; speaking up for every child; sharing power and collaborating with community; involving minority parents in PTA. If an individual, they must be a member of the PTA and exemplify the PTA Purpose and Mission.

UTAH PTA SPIRIT OF PTA AWARD

This award recognizes an outstanding volunteer who has given consistent and outstanding service through PTA. This person must be a member of the PTA and exemplify the PTA Purposes and Mission.

AWARDS Q AND A

General Questions

Q: HOW MANY CATEGORIES ARE THERE FOR AWARDS?

A: There are 10 different categories: Volunteer, Spirit of PTA, Administrator, Elementary and Secondary Educator, Support Staff, Inclusivity, Advocacy, Engagement, Development.

Q: HOW MANY AWARDS CAN EACH SCHOOL SUBMIT?

A: Each school can submit one award per category except for the educator categories. You may do one of the two based on what level of school you are.

Q: HOW DOES A SCHOOL CHOOSE WHO TO NOMINATE FOR THE AWARDS?

A: There are a few different factors that you will want to take into consideration.

- ♦ The first one is, do you have someone that is willing to write the award(s)?
- ♦ If you have more than one name submitted for a specific category then it is best to discuss the names among your board and make a decision together.
- ♦ Take into consideration the details of the person or program. Remember there is always the next year.

Q: WHO CAN WRITE THE AWARDS?

A: Anyone can. If you have an awards chair it is great to start with them and see which ones they would like to write. It is always best to have someone who knows the program or the individual well. They are able to put a lot of details and specifics in the award. There might be someone who just reaches out to the PTA and asks if there is a certain type of an award to nominate someone they think is doing great things. If you don't have anyone entered for that specific award it is a great way to get others involved.

Q: WHAT ARE THE LEVELS THE AWARDS GO THROUGH?

A: There are four levels for the awards (this may vary a little bit depending on your area):

- ♦ **Local:** Each school can submit awards.
- ♦ **Council:** Generally a council is made up of around eight to ten schools (in many areas schools that feed into a specific high school). Each council can only submit so many onto to region. This varies depending on the area.
- ♦ **Region:** This is generally a district area. Each region can submit one per category unless they are a larger district, then they can submit two to state.
- ♦ **State:** This is the final place your awards will be submitted. State will award a set amount per category state wide. This varies a little bit each year, but generally two to five per category.

AWARDS Q AND A

Specific Questions

Q: WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH AWARD?

A: Generally speaking, each award requires an impact statement and supplemental materials. Several awards also require a letter of recommendation.

Q: HOW IMPORTANT IS THE SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL?

A: Supplemental materials are a key feature of each award submission. These materials give the judges a greater insight in the individual or project being nominated. Supplemental materials help create a more complete picture of the recipient through pictures, programs, letters, etc. Using it will allow you to build a stronger presentation.

Q: WHAT THINGS SHOULD I CONSIDER FOR SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL?

A: First and foremost, a photo of the nominee(s) should be included as part of the supplemental materials, with each individual identified. After a photo, the options are endless. Letters of recommendation, pictures, time lines, programs, articles, etc. are all great options to consider during the award writing process. These materials help to create a connection for judges and help differentiate all of the outstanding submissions received.

Q: HOW MANY TOTAL SHEETS CAN THE SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL BE?

A: Supplementary materials for each award is limited to three pages. These pages can be creatively set up and contain more than one piece of information. We want to keep all of the awards the same as far as how much can be submitted.

Q: WHAT THINGS ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WHEN JUDGING THE AWARDS?

A: Each award submitted has the opportunity to win. Awards are judged on a content rubric by a qualified panel. Judges are looking for awards that have met all of the application requirements and show a clear connection between the individual or program being nominated and the PTA.

FINAL THOUGHTS

GENERAL ITEMS

- ♦ Prior to submitting an award online, thoroughly check to ensure that all requirements have been met and all materials have been uploaded.
- ♦ When completing the application process online, you will be asked to indicate if you would like the PTA president, the award writer, the principal, or the nominee notified first if the nominee wins at state.

SPECIFIC ITEMS

- ♦ Remember to write about the program and its impact on students and the school.
- ♦ Spirit of Inclusivity can be about a person or a program.
- ♦ The Outstanding Administrator award can recognize principals and assistant principals.

THE PROCESS FOR NOTIFICATION OF STATE WINNERS

- ♦ Region directors will be notified of winners from their region by the last week of March.
- ♦ The person designated on the application as who to contact for an award winner will be notified the last week of March. It is up to this person to inform administrators, PTA boards, etc. of the winner.
- ♦ On the first of April, all the state award winners' names will be listed on the PTA awards website and winners will be notified.
- ♦ Award winners will be recognized at the Utah PTA Convention in May.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

- ♦ utahpta.org/utah-pta-awards
- ♦ Your council/region generally has someone that can answer questions or help you.
- ♦ If you can't find the answers on the website or through your locals, councils, or regions you are welcome to contact the state awards specialist at awards@utahpta.org.

WRITING AWARDS

Get Started as Soon as Possible:

Meet with your board and your administrator and select a candidate at the beginning of the school year.

Know Your Subject:

Meet with your candidate. Interview them, have them write down every program they have been involved in, not only with the school, but within the community, and other extracurricular activities. The more material you have to work with, the better your award will be.

Follow the Rules:

The applications are clear about what the requirements and the technical requirements are. Make sure you complete the application. Remember to include a picture of the nominee.

Writing the Impact Statement:

An impact statement is short but powerful. Don't be afraid to use big words, words with emotions, words that describe.

Example: Terri spends a lot of time at our school and has started many programs OR Terri gives freely of her excitement, passion, time, and energy to the programs at our school and has pioneered many of the existing programs that are in place today.

Use Quotes:

Get quotes from parents, students, peers, and administrators. They are very powerful in the context of the award.

Get Recommendations:

You can use letters of recommendations as part of your supplementary materials. It's nice to get the letter of recommendation and quotes from a variety of sources.

Supplementary Materials:

Supplementary materials are required, but there is a minimum and a maximum for all of the awards. It's best to maximize the information, pictures, programs, etc. Be creative and utilize your space.

Most Important – HAVE FUN!

If you implement these simple tips, use one or two of them – whatever you would like, include the things that are requested on the cover sheets and have fun writing the awards and learning about the fantastic people and programs you have in your schools – your awards will do well.

UTAH PTA AWARD SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

More information on Utah PTA awards as well as access to the online submission forms can be found at utahpta.org/utah-pta-awards.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL AWARDS:

- ◆ Local PTA is in good standing
- ◆ If the application is for an individual, they must be a member of PTA and exemplify the PTA Purpose and Mission
- ◆ Impact statement
- ◆ Supplementary material:
 - ◆ Up to three pages of supplementary materials is allowed.
 - ◆ Photograph of the nominee(s)
 - ◆ Each supplementary item should be no more than one page long
 - ◆ These materials may include photographs, articles, letters, program materials, or other items

SPECIFIC AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Several awards, in addition to the general requirements, must include a letter of recommendation from a constituent. This letter of recommendation can be written by an administrator, community council member, teacher, district personnel, or even a school board member.

WHAT IS AN IMPACT STATEMENT?

An impact statement is a brief statement that describes the significance of a project. It is used to inform and convince stakeholders, in this case the Utah PTA, and provide justification for recognition. An impact statement should be kept simple and specific and should speak directly to the intended audience.

An impact statement should include:

- ◆ A clear description of the person, project or initiative.
- ◆ A statement of action.
- ◆ An explanation of the impact.
- ◆ Who benefits (individuals, organizations, community) and in what ways
- ◆ A list of people involved in the project, if applicable.

ADVOCACY

The advocacy award is designed to recognize those in our PTA's who are reaching out to the community to advocate for our students and schools. This includes:

- ♦ Legislative activities; community council engagement, or meet the candidate nights.
- ♦ Business sponsorships, spirit nights, STEM nights, etc.
- ♦ Reaching out to the school board, positive involvement with school administrators.
- ♦ Increasing membership through community activities and engagement.

DEVELOPMENT

The development award is designed to recognize those in our PTA's who are developing new programs and projects to support students and schools. This includes:

- ♦ Developing student leadership
- ♦ Developing leadership connections with school board members
- ♦ Creating relationships with parents and the community
- ♦ Curriculum enrichment
- ♦ Programs that fall under health, safety, family and community, the arts

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement award is designed to recognize those in our PTA's who are reaching out to engage students and the community.

- ♦ Parental involvement and membership recruitment
- ♦ Student engagement in PTA activities
- ♦ Community engagement
- ♦ Representational engagement

OUTSTANDING ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATOR

The outstanding educator awards (separate for elementary and secondary) are designed to recognize the outstanding teachers in Utah schools. These teachers not only excel in the classroom but also support the PTA efforts inside and outside of the classroom.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

The outstanding administrator award is designed to recognize outstanding principals and vice principals in our local schools. These individuals do any number of the following:

- ♦ Accessible to students, parent, teachers and the PTA board
- ♦ Aware of and support participation of parents in the school
- ♦ Recognizes the diverse needs of students
- ♦ Facilitates partnerships between parents and teachers

- ♦ Acts as an active member of the PTA Executive Committee and encourages teachers to join and support PTA
- ♦ Listens to concerns of students, parents, and teachers and finds positive resolutions
- ♦ Creates a school environment that supports fun, learning and continued progress to improve the school

OUTSTANDING SUPPORT STAFF

The outstanding support staff award goes to a member of the staff at a particular school. This includes secretaries, custodians, counselors, school psychologists, aides, etc. These individuals have a strong relationship with students, parents, faculty and the PTA.

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER

The outstanding volunteer award is designed to recognize the PTA volunteer who “does it all”. This individual has an immense impact on the school, community and students.

SPIRIT OF INCLUSIVITY

The spirit of inclusivity award is designed to recognize an individual who organizes an activity or program that seeks to reach and involve minority parents, leaders and organizations in the community.

SPIRIT OF PTA

The spirit of PTA award is designed to recognize an outstanding PTA volunteer. The nominee must have at least two years of service in PTA and exemplify the mission and purpose of PTA. This individual should be an example of leadership with an impressive track record of positive impact on students and schools.



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Arts Education & Supplies Grants

Funds to be used in the 2024-25 school year

What is the Utah PTA Arts Education Grant?

It is a fund that supports local PTA efforts for arts education activities in their school. Funds are granted one dollar for each dollar (1:1) contributed by the Local PTA unit. Amount determined by the Utah PTA Arts Education Grant Committee.

Who is eligible to apply for Utah PTA Arts Education Grant?

Any Local PTA/PTSA with bylaws and membership in good standing.

What may the grant be used for?

The creation or enhancement of an existing PTA arts program or project. Musical scores, instruments, theater rights, props, scenery, and costuming, etc. Expertise to support student performances and productions. Any other art program needs. You are only limited by your imagination.

How do we apply?

Fill out and submit a Utah PTA Arts Education grant application. Application may be found online at www.utahpta.org/arts-education-supplies-grant.

When is it due?

Applications are due on March 1.

Who awards the funding?

The Utah PTA Arts Education Grant Committee comprised of parents, educators and community leaders award the grants.

When will the funds be awarded?

Funds will be available July 1 for the upcoming fiscal year.

What else is required?

The arts program must be developed and facilitated by the PTA in cooperation with the school administration.

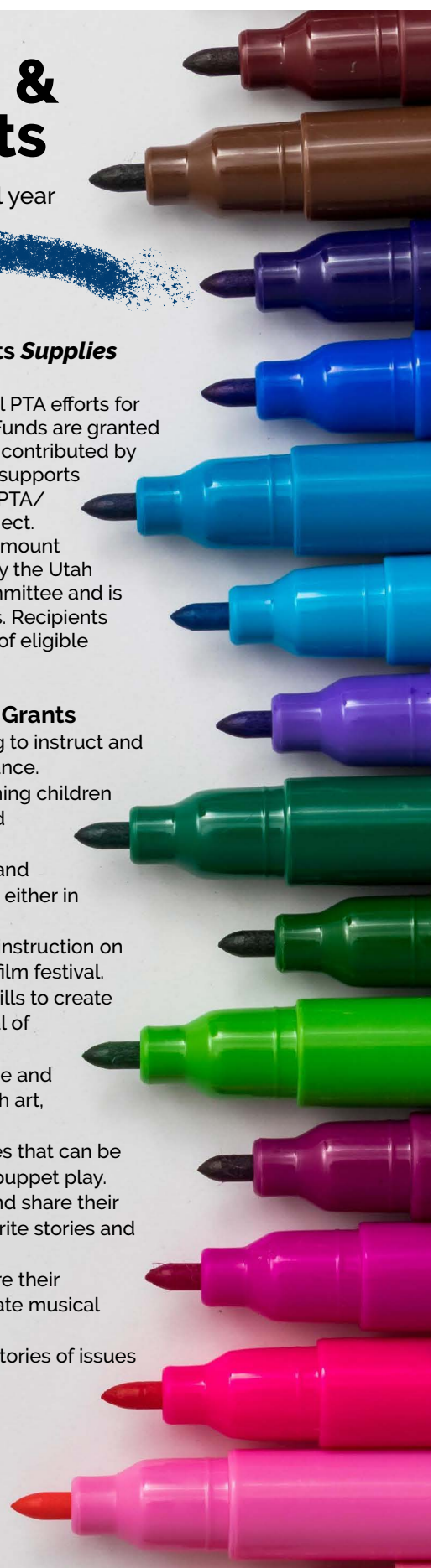
PTAs must submit a final report form as soon as the arts program is finished or no later than June 1.

What is the Utah PTA Arts Supplies Grant?

It is a fund that supports Local PTA efforts for arts activities in their school. Funds are granted one dollar for each dollar (1:1) contributed by the Local PTA unit. This grant supports the supplies needed to run a PTA/PTSA art program and/or project. This is a separate grant. The amount of each grant is determined by the Utah PTA Arts Education Grant committee and is dependent on available funds. Recipients are determined by a drawing of eligible applicants.

Ideas for Arts Education Grants

- ⇒ A dance instructor coming to instruct and teach children areas of dance.
- ⇒ A bookmaking artist teaching children the art of bookmaking and making their own book.
- ⇒ Learn the skills of poetry and carry out a poetry contest either in writing or out loud.
- ⇒ Invite film makers to give instruction on how film is made. Have a film festival.
- ⇒ Visual artists can teach skills to create a school project. (i.e. mural of students art)
- ⇒ Have cultural groups come and teach their culture through art, dance, and music.
- ⇒ Have students write stories that can be carried out on stage or a puppet play.
- ⇒ Have storytellers come and share their expertise. Students can write stories and do the same.
- ⇒ Invite music artists to share their music. Have students create musical instruments.
- ⇒ Create comic or cartoon stories of issues facing children today.



Why does art matter?

1. Art promotes creativity – The world needs more and better thinkers
2. Art encourages neural connections – employs all of the senses
3. Art builds fine motor skills
4. Scribbling is a precursor to writing
5. Art develops problem-solving abilities – making choices, confidence, flexible thinkers
6. Art helps kids understand themselves and their world
7. Art helps kids connect

- The Artful Parent | www.artfulparent.com -



Art matters because it illustrates the human experience—the wonder of it, the bewilderment of it, the whimsy of it, and so much more. We would not be connected so deeply without the existence of art.

- Kathleen Dinsmore

The arts matter because they allow us to express ourselves and illustrate the world around us in a different light, helping us to gain understanding, build communities, and give hope.

- Kelli Rogowski

The arts matter because they allow an individual a platform to express their unique creativity to/with the world.

- Monica Waters



Art is, the works of our hands and feet, the thoughts and innovations coming from our mind, and the inspiration coming from our spirit and our soul. It is how we survive.

- Deborah Washington



The arts matter because they allow you to experience different ways of seeing and thinking about life.

- Don Ball

The arts matter because we matter, and our stories matter. We are moving miracles, walking creators engaging in a cosmic dance. The art we express is timeless.

- Mohammed Sherif



Art Resources for Utah Schools:

Utah Department of Arts and Museums (UDAM)
artsandmuseums.utah.gov

Utah State Office of Education (USOE)
www.schools.utah.gov

Professional Outreach in Schools (POPS)
popsutah.org

Salt Lake City Arts Council
saltlakearts.org

Art Works For Kids
www.artworksforkids.org

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Thank you for your interest in the Utah PTA Arts Education Grant. Applications are due March 1st and grants will be awarded up to \$500 of 1:1 matchings funds. Grant funds may be used by PTAs to collaborate with the community to create and/or increase the access to meaningful art experiences.

PLANNING YOUR PROGRAM

Please note that you are applying for money to be used in the following academic year. Successful applicants will be informed in May and two-thirds of the money will be disbursed July 1st with the final third disbursed upon completion of the project and a final report given. As you plan, please involve your president-elect or other ongoing PTA officers who will implement the plans the next year. Please pick an area that relates best. These areas include Dance, Theatre, Music, Visual Art, Media Arts, and Literary Arts. Remember this is to be a PTA project, not a school project, nor an equipment purchase, nor funds for the purpose of solely purchasing art supplies.

As you plan your program and budget, you may find useful information on the Utah Arts & Museums website. Their website is: <https://heritage.utah.gov/utah-division-of-arts-museums>. Here you can find a wealth of information about artists, usual salaries and also other grants for which you may wish to apply.

AREAS FOR GRANT CONSIDERATION:

Consideration may overlap multiple areas. Most ideas below could support creating in various Reflections categories.

Dance: Funds could be used to fund dance instructors and presenters, education of dance history, dance within the area to promote community engagement, education activities including choreography and performance, and dance projects of all sizes.

Visual Arts: Funds could be used for painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking, drawing, craft, and public art. It should demonstrate exceptional artistic exploration and meaningful thought to create a project either individually or on a larger school scale. Funds should not be intended to purchase instructional supplies and materials.

Theatre: Funds could be used for the production or presentation of traditional or classical repertoire, new plays and musicals, showcases, artist residencies, work for young audiences, experimental work, community-based work, outdoor historical dramas, and puberty.

Music: Funds could be used to bring the power of music into the lives of children through the exploration of music through artists, engagement of music directly with students, music and movement, cultural music experiences, unconventional forms of music, composition, vocalization, and musical improvisation.

Media Arts: Funds could be used to support the development, production, and distribution of projects that demonstrate media as art. Media arts includes screen-based projects presented via film, radio, audio, video, and internet, interactive and mobile technologies, video games, and transmedia storytelling.

Literary Arts: Funds could be used to support students to write, revise, edit, publish and perform their own creative writing. This could include presenters to exhibit such media as Poetry Out Loud or storytelling, and then have students expound on this new knowledge through oral presentation.



UTAH PTA ARTS EDUCATION GRANT

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FILL OUT THE APPLICATION

Please fill out the application form as completely as you can. The available funds are limited and there needs to be a clear understanding of what your PTA would like to achieve. We will use the information on the first page to contact you about the grant as necessary. Applications will not be considered if incomplete or matching funds are not obtained.

When filling out the budget summary, please include ALL monies you plan to spend, not only the money you are requesting from the grant.

Attach a letter of support from the school administration concerning the planned art project. Up to \$500.00 is available per school year with a one-to-one match.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Two-thirds of the grant amount will be paid out July 1st. The remainder will be paid after the Utah PTA receives a brief evaluation and report of the completed program. The form for the evaluation and report will be sent with the initial payment.

If you have suggestions for streamlining the application and disbursement process, please share them with us. Send suggestions to kids@utahpta.org and be sure to include "Arts Grant" in the subject line.

The Utah PTA Arts Education Fund receives funds from donors. You can help by contributing to the fund. Donations can be sent to: Utah PTA, 5192 S. Greenpine Drive, Murray, UT 84123-4604.

We wish you all the best as you plan and implement arts programs for our Utah children.

UTAH PTA ARTS EDUCATION FUND GRANT CHECKLIST

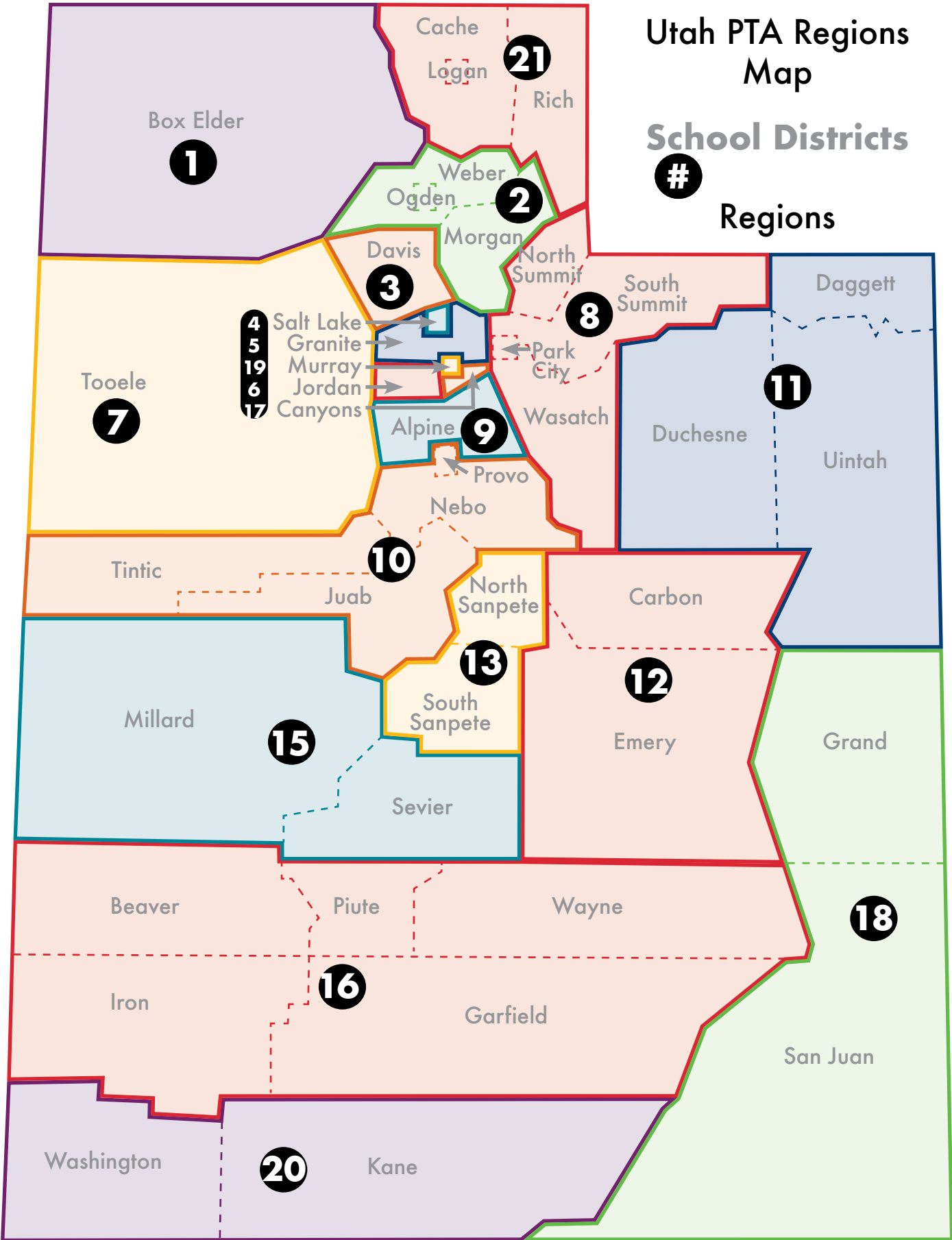
Please be sure the following items are submitted with your application:

- Contact Information (Lines 1-19)
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- Signature Form
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