

Let's Connect

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF
THE WEST VIRGINIA PTA

CALL TO CONVENTION...

Let's follow the map to convention! WV PTA is excited for you to join us for our 103rd Annual WV PTA Convention at the Bridgeport Convention Center on Friday evening, 4/24/26, with registration beginning at 6:00 pm and Saturday, 4/25/26, from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. For registration details, scan the QR code or use the link at <https://app.givebacks.gives/2026-wv-pta-convention>.

- Following Registration on Friday, join us for our Glow and Grow network session at 7:00pm. Make sure to wear NEON attire!
- Saturday morning will begin at 8:30am with a little business before we set off on our adventures. Then we will head off into several X's on our map with engaging workshops and activities:
 - Setting the Coordinates: Building Your Officer Binder.
 - Marking Milestones: Planning a Free After School Literacy Event.
 - Reflections Luncheon, where we will be recognizing our award-winning 2025-2026 Reflection winners from across the state. We will also have our silent auction to benefit the Scholarship Fund.
 - Using the Compass: Navigating Givebacks for PTA Success.
 - Reaching the Destination: Sustaining Success and Looking Ahead.

We want to help you succeed, so please plan to join us to enhance your leadership skills at our 103rd PTA Convention.

Ponnie Piggott-Sampson, President - WV PTA

NATIONAL PTA
REFLECTIONS

Congratulations!

to our 2025-2026 State Reflections winners. They will be honored at the WV PTA convention on April 25th. Thanks to all of the following local PTAs who participated in the program this year.

Berkeley Heights PTA

Bunker Hill PTA

Eagle School Intermediate PTA

John Adams Middle School PTA

Johnson Elementary PTA

Middle Creek PTA

Mountain State PTSA

Simpson PTA

Spring Mills Primary PTA

Steenrod Elementary PTA

MAPPING THE PATH TO SUCCESS
103RD ANNUAL CONVENTION
FRIDAY, APRIL 24: 7PM - 8PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 25: 8:30AM - 5PM

SCAN TO REGISTER!

PTA: Bring a basket for our Scholarship Fund Silent Auction!

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Bridgeport Conference Center
Bridgeport, WV

I Belong!
Explore the arts and express yourself!

Learn more and get involved!
PTA.org/Reflections

PLEASE DONATE TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION!

All local units, County Councils and individual PTA members are encouraged to donate themed baskets or new items to the auction.

- Please bring your items to the convention. You may leave them at the PTA registration when you check-in.
- Please remember to label your donation with a tag or card listing your name and/or PTA school you are affiliated with and the amount of the donated item's value.
- Preview of early baskets and online auction begins 4/2/26. Watch our social media for details!



For further information, please contact the West Virginia PTA Scholarship Chair, at scholarship@westvirginiapta.org. We truly appreciate your donation!



Membership Campaign

Every new PTA member helps your school thrive, so keep reaching out during the year inviting families to join and grow your impact. Our spring membership challenge theme is "Grow with Us" and the PTA with the most memberships submitted through March 25th win a \$250 cash prize and up to 4 free convention registrations. If you did not participate this year, always check our website and social media pages next year for more contest opportunities.



Reminder...

Check your membership and remit all outstanding dues before June 1st and prior to closing your PTA books!



WV PTA again attended the 2026 Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. We attended workshops focusing on the issues that are affecting children and education. Then we headed to Capitol Hill to discuss these issues and how they impact the children of WV with our US Senators and Congressional Representatives.

Highlights of Advocacy:

- Restore Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by Co-Sponsoring S. 3281, H.R. 6088 to remove barriers to access other federal child nutrition programs;
- Restore SNAP for families to qualify their children for free school meals through direct certification and impacts to the community eligibility rates of school districts to serve free school meals to all students;
- Ensure Children's Safety Online by Passing the Senate Version of COPPA 2.0 (S. 836) and KOSA (S. 1748) to help ensure a positive and safe online experience for all children, teens and families;
- Protect Immigrant Children and Families by Co-Sponsoring the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act, S. 455, H.R. 1061 is a reasonable approach to ensuring that our schools remain safe places for all children and families that prevents immigration enforcement operations within 1,000 feet of sensitive locations like playgrounds, schools, bus stops, field trips, childcare centers and hospitals.

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Is Your PTA in Compliance?

In order to remain a local unit PTA in good standing with West Virginia PTA and National PTA, local unit PTAs must be in compliance with the standards of affiliation each year.

What will happen if my PTA is not in compliance?
If a local unit PTA is not compliant with the Standards of Affiliation, the local unit PTA may be in jeopardy of losing their tax-exempt status with the IRS and state of West Virginia.

It is easy for your PTA to be in compliance!
Listed below are the items that will ensure that your PTA is in compliance on a regular basis! Members of the West Virginia PTA Board of Managers are here to assist you to ensure that you are in compliance!

To be in good standing, a local unit must:

- Submit the Local Unit Officer Form by July 1st of each year;
- Report and pay membership dues on a monthly basis; payment of a minimum 10 members must be received by October 1st of each year;
- Submit the annual review/audit of finance records within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year;
- Submit a copy of the IRS 990 form 30 days after the submission to the IRS;
- Submit proof of general liability and bonding insurance by October 1st of each year; and
- Submit approved bylaws every three years.

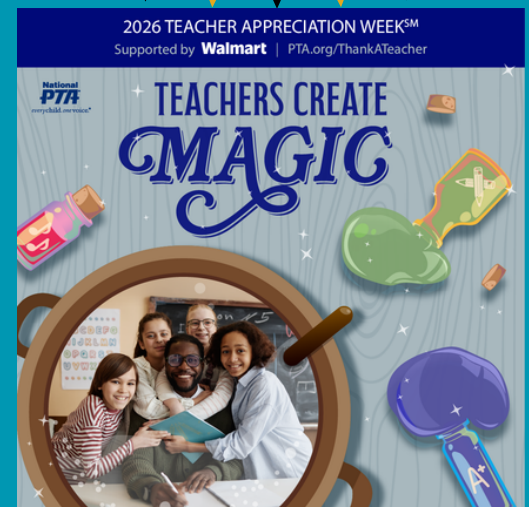
It's simple housekeeping...use this quick reference guide!

<http://westvirginiapta.org/soa-quick-reference-guide.shtml>



*Congratulations to our
2025-2026 Scholarship
Winners!*

*Gage Wolfe -
Moorefield High School
Leila McBeath -
Point Pleasant High School
Keandria Cochran -
Hedgesville High School*



May 4-8, 2026

**TIME TO
UPDATE!**

Please update your local unit officer information if electing new officers this year...

1. Submit using our online form at <https://forms.gle/RajEq1m5RZnQgSFJ8>
2. Or update in Givebacks under Compliance/Update Officers.