

Best Practices Checklist

Based on the WSPTA "Standards of Excellence" Award Criteria

- Our PTA is child-focused and responsive to our members.**
 - Clearly defined goals have been established by our PTA and approved by the Board of Directors and/or membership.
 - Programs and activities were developed to address those goals.
 - Regular communication was provided to members concerning PTA issues and activities.
 - Our PTA determined our members' needs.
 - Our membership campaign is ongoing and welcomes all who seek to join and participate.
 - Meetings are held to address the needs of the membership and conduct the business of the association.
 - Our volunteers are recognized.
 - Our PTA identifies an outstanding volunteer in our community and honors him/her with a Golden Acorn Award annually.
 - Our PTA considers whether to honor one or more outstanding staff member(s) in our community by presenting an Outstanding Educator Award annually.
 - Our PTA identifies an outstanding child advocate in our community and honors him/her with an Outstanding Advocate Award annually.

- Our PTA practices fiscal and fiduciary responsibility.**
 - Our PTA's budget was approved by the membership.
 - A financial review was conducted of last year's books and records.
 - Monthly financial reports are made to the board of directors and general membership.
 - Our PTA's standing rules were updated and approved by the membership.
 - The Nominating Committee was elected by the membership.
 - Our PTA's officers were elected by the membership.
 - Our PTA purchased insurance.
 - Our PTA's board of directors held regular meetings.

- Our PTA leaders are knowledgeable, involved and well-trained.**
 - Our PTA leaders attended a Region Conference or received person-to person training from a service delivery team member.
 - Our PTA leaders attended PTA and the Law.
 - Our PTA leaders attended Legislative Assembly.
 - Our PTA leaders attended the last State PTA Convention.
 - Our PTA leaders will attend the next State PTA Convention.
 - Our PTA has a process to evaluate the current year's goals, programs, and activities.
 - Our PTA shares information received from State and National PTA with our members.
 - Our PTA has a process to pass materials and records on to next year's officers and committee chairs.
 - Our PTA networks with others:
 - Council PTAs: by regular attendance and participation at council meetings and events.
 - Non-Council PTAs: by working with other PTAs and similar volunteer and service organizations.