

Awards Committee: Available Awards

West Gates Promotional Awards:

Awards from the West Gates Avenue PTA to thank those who have gone above and beyond in their service to West Gates.

Pride of West Gates: To recognize a PTA member/Committee member who promotes parent/family involvement through programs at West Gates.

Award of Gratitude: To recognize a PTA member/Teacher who performed an exemplary task as part of a committee or team, with children's positive outcome as the focus.

Certificate of Appreciation: To recognize any parent or community member who assisted a committee, extending themselves to aide the committee whenever they were able. The recipient does not have to be a PTA member.

Green Thumb Award: To recognize a PTA member for his/her dedication to the beautification/decoration/organization of our school through living plants.

West Gates Guardian Angel Award: To recognize a parent/employee who watches over the students during school hours, during a special event, or any school sponsored event off premises, who shows concern for the welfare and well being of students and displays compassion and caring.

Heart of Our School Award: To recognize an all-around PTA member/Teacher whose encouraging and positive presence has enhanced the team/committee they served (usually nominated by committee members).

Clean Sweep Award: To recognize any individual (usually given to custodial staff) for jobs well done after all our "special" nights, for going and above and beyond to be helpful outside the normal scope of their responsibilities.

Spirit of a Child Award: To recognize a PTA committee member who personifies the spirit of the event they are promoting (i.e. PARP, Pumpkin Pick, Halloween Party, Founders Day, etc.).

Golden Book Award: To recognize any individual for promoting Reading, Literature, Language Arts, and/or oral and written communication.

NYS PTA Promotional Awards:

Awards from the National, NYS or Regional PTA, with specific application criteria and deadlines.

Leadership Award in Honor of Jane Skrzypek: To recognize an outstanding leader in our PTA who, by his or her actions, inspires others to volunteer and assume leadership positions. To be eligible the nominee must be a member of a PTA, volunteer through the PTA, volunteer above and beyond the scope of his/her PTA position, and exhibit leadership qualities that encourage others to participate and volunteer. Members of the NYS PTA Board of Managers are **not** eligible for this award.

Advocate in Action Award: To recognize and celebrate the accomplishments and involvement of individual PTA unit members in their advocacy efforts. Members can self-nominate. A brochure and application form is available for anyone who wishes to self-nominate or nominate another PTA member.

Distinguished Service Award: To recognize outstanding contributions to the welfare of children and youth or to a PTA organization. To be eligible the nominee must be a PTA member who has been awarded a State Honorary Life Membership. The award is given to PTA officers or members who have served faithfully, but is reserved chiefly for those who have devoted exemplary service to the maintenance and growth of the PTA. Service to children and youth may encompass work within the community and/or school.

NYS PTA Honorary Life Award: To recognize an individual for his or her contributions to the welfare of children and youth. The nominee need not be a member of PTA, and need not be well-known beyond their own area of service.

National PTA Life Achievement Award: The highest honor from the nation's largest child advocacy organization to the person who daily lives out his or her commitment to children by acting as a tireless advocate for children's education, health and well-being.