

Frequently Asked Questions

General Program Information

Question	Answer
What is the Leadership Service Award?	The Leadership Service Award recognizes PTA members who demonstrate outstanding leadership through service roles, presentations, training, and participation in PTA events.
Who can apply?	Any current PTA member who has held a leadership position for at least 8 months.
Is there a cost to participate?	No. The program is free to join.
How does the points system work?	You earn points for leadership roles, training, presentations, and event participation. Points accumulate over time, allowing you to advance through the Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Crystal levels.
Do I need to complete the award in one year?	No. You may take as many years as you need to advance through the levels. However, points can only be claimed for activities completed within the past five years, including the current PTA fiscal year.
What are the award levels?	• Bronze: 75 points + PTA and the Law + 1 of: Region Conference, August Leadership Launch, Advocacy Event (such as Legislative Assembly or Focus Day), or WSPTA Convention • Silver: Bronze Award + 150 points + Council/Region role + 2 of: Region Conference, August Leadership Launch, Advocacy Event (such as Legislative Assembly or Focus Day), or WSPTA Convention • Gold: Silver Award + 300 points + WSPTA Standards presentation + Leadership Conference • Crystal: Gold Award + 400 points + WSPTA committee + Advocacy with decision-maker
I have applied for this award in previous years. Do I need to create a new account?	Yes. WSPTA has moved to a new online application system. All applicants, including those who applied in prior years, must set up a new account to apply. Login issues: email support@wastatepta.org. Note: Archived data from the previous system remains accessible for reference during scoring.
When is the deadline?	Applications must be submitted online by March 11, 2027, at 5:00 PM.
Who do I contact with questions?	Program questions: LeadershipServiceAward@wastatepta.org Technical/website issues: support@wastatepta.org

Application Process & History

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How do I apply?	Complete the online application form on the WSPTA Leadership Service Award page. https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/LeadershipServiceAward2027 This is a new online application system, all applicants, including returning users, must create a new account to apply.
How do I track my activities?	Enter activities directly into the online application as you go, or keep a running log (Google Sheets, Excel, or a binder) throughout the year and enter everything at once.
I earned an award last year. Do I re-enter all my past activities, or just the new ones?	Only add new activities completed since your last application. Judges have access to archived information from the previous system and will check your prior level and points before reviewing your new entries.
How does the "5-year window" work if I've been working on my award a long time?	You may take unlimited years to advance through the levels. However, points claimed on the current application must come from activities completed within the past five years.
What happens to points from 6 years ago still on my old form?	You do not need to delete them. Judges automatically exclude points outside the eligible 5-year window, just focus on entering new activities.
Does the application import my points from last year?	No. Because this is a new online application system, it does not import points from previous years or from the prior system. Enter all activities completed since you last applied. Archived data from previous years will be available for judges to see during scoring.

Roles, Positions & Points

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Can I include PTA work from another state?	Yes. PTA leadership and training completed in another state still qualifies for points.
I hold a short-season committee position (e.g., Book Fair). Does it count for "Leadership Position" points?	Yes. You are typically appointed to that role for the full PTA fiscal year, so you can claim the corresponding points as long as you fulfill the role's duties. The 8-month rule mainly applies to Board/Officer positions.
Is the limit of 3 committee chair positions a total limit for all my volunteering?	No, the limit is 3 committee chair positions per PTA, and it resets for each separate PTA organization you serve. • Different schools: 3 chair roles at your Elementary PTA + 3 different chair roles at your Middle School PTA, both count in full. • Different levels: 3 chair roles at a Local PTA + 3 chair roles at Council/State PTA in the same year, both count.
I'm covering multiple vacant board positions plus my elected role. Can I claim points for all of them?	• Board members: multiple positions on the same board generally earn points for only one position (usually the highest value). • Committee chairs: maximum of 3 chair positions per year, per PTA.
I've held the same position 3 years in a row. Do I list it once?	No. Record each year separately, so you receive credit for every year of service.
What if I chaired more than three committees? Do I lose those points?	No. Record the additional roles as "Committee Member" instead of "Chair" so you still receive credit.

Training, Events & Advocacy

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What trainings count for points?	Only trainings hosted by PTA (local, council, region, state, or National PTA). Outside trainings do not qualify.
What counts as "Advocacy" for the Crystal Level requirement?	Advocacy must involve a speaking or lead role with a decision-maker (school board, city council, legislator, etc.) on a member-approved WSPTA issue. • Acceptable: testimony, a presentation, or leading a meeting/town hall/coffee chat where you actively educate the decision-maker. • Not acceptable: simply attending a meeting or rally without a speaking role.
Does "Focus Day" count as my Crystal Advocacy requirement?	Not automatically. Focus Day earns 6 Training points on its own. It only counts toward Crystal Advocacy (a separate, 3-point category) if you have a specific decision-maker interaction on a WSPTA platform issue during the event.
I attended WSPTA Convention. Do I get points for every class I sat in on?	Generally no, attending counts once for the whole event. Exception: "PTA and the Law" can be claimed separately if taken at the convention. The same rule applies to Legislative Assembly and August Leadership Launch.
What qualifies as a "WSPTA Standards presentation" for Gold?	Presentations managed by the Leadership Director that teach a WSPTA-approved curriculum (e.g., "Roles and Responsibilities") at the local, council, region, or state level, distinct from simply giving a report at a meeting.
Do pre-recorded trainings or webinars count for points?	Yes. WSPTA webinars, recorded classes, and "Thrive" sessions count as training points if PTA-hosted. See the "Training Points" table for exact values.
Who do I contact with eligibility questions?	Email LeadershipServiceAward@wastatepta.org .

Troubleshooting

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I can't click "Next" because I haven't attended a future event yet. What do I do?	Mark "No" for now if the event hasn't happened. You can log back in and update your answer to "Yes" closer to the deadline once you've attended.
The website links seem broken or outdated. Who do I contact?	Email support@wastatepta.org and LeadershipServiceAward@wastatepta.org