

**The California State PTA has reformatted the award formerly known as the My PTA/PTSA Award to reflect the new realities facing local units and councils. This awards program recognizes the achievements of local units and councils in familiar and new categories.**

To be eligible for the PTA Spotlight Award, a unit must be in good standing, have current bylaws, and have qualified for the Chairman's Club in the year that it applies for the award.

This application allows applicants to qualify for consideration in multiple categories. With one application, units and councils have the opportunity to submit for any or all of the following categories:

- **Leadership Development Award**
- **Student Support and Achievement Award**
- **Environmental Award**
- **Family Involvement Award**
- **Membership and Outreach Award**
- **Collaboration Award**
- **Advocacy Award**

The winners will be announced at the State PTA Board of Managers meeting in March. Winners will receive two registrations to the California State PTA Convention, and will participate in a convention workshop on the Spotlight Award. Awards will be presented on stage at the California State PTA Convention. Other expenses are the responsibility of the winning unit, council, or attendee.

All applications must be signed by your council and district president and received in the California State PTA office by February 1. **Therefore, applications are due to CUCPTSA President Lisa Scharmann by January 11, 2010.** Facsimiles or e-mailed applications will not be accepted.

To apply, complete the PTA Spotlight Award application. Applications are included in the council presidents' binders and are also available online at [cucptsa.com](http://cucptsa.com). Click on "PTA Forms" under "Quick Links" in the upper right hand corner. Awards are the first item on the list.

A brief narrative, answering all the questions listed on the application, should be prepared for each category entered. If applying for all categories, page 1 should be titled "Leadership Development Award" and all questions on the application should then be answered, with numbered responses. The next title would be "Student Support and Achievement Award," and all questions should be numbered and answered. Continue on for each category.

More information and application hints are available at the CAPTA web site, [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org).

