

STATE PTA HONORARY SERVICE AWARDS

An **HONORARY SERVICE AWARD** (HSA) may be given to an individual or organization in special recognition of outstanding service to children and youth. This award is available by a contribution of \$30 in the name of the recipient. An HSA pin (tack back) is available at an additional cost of \$5.

A **CONTINUING SERVICE AWARD** (CSA) may be given to an individual or organization in special recognition of continued service to children and youth who may or may not have received a California State PTA Honorary Service Award. This award is available by a contribution of \$30 in the name of the recipient. A CSA pin is available for an additional cost of \$14.

The **GOLDEN OAK SERVICE AWARD** is the most prestigious PTA award in California. This award may be given to an individual or organization that has made significant contributions to the welfare of children and youth in the school or community. This award is available by a contribution of \$60 in the name of the recipient. A Golden Oak Service pin (tack back) is available at an additional cost of \$20.

The **VERY SPECIAL PERSON AWARD** (VSP) Award may be given by individuals or PTA constituent organizations to recognize an individual or group. This award is available by a contribution of \$15 or more. No certificate is available, but a VSP pin may be purchased at an additional cost of \$8.

DONATIONS may be given by PTAs/PTSAs or by individuals in tribute to a person, a group or in memoriam. The donation may be made in any amount. An acknowledgement card or certificate, as requested, will be sent when a donation of \$10.00 or more is made. Anyone or any group may donate to the HSA program fund; the fund is not limited to contributions by PTAs (Donation Form, page 300 in CA PTA Toolkit).

A person may receive more than one of any of these awards. Funds contributed to the HSA Program provide resources for the California Scholarship and Grant Programs. Scholarships provide funds to further the education of young people beyond high school and to further the professional education of those working in areas affecting children. Grants are available to assist local units, councils, districts and CA PTA commissions and committees to develop and implement parent education programs and projects.

NATIONAL PTA LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A National PTA Life Achievement Award is the highest honor from the nation's largest child advocacy organization and may be given to the special person who goes above and beyond for all children – the one who acts as a tireless advocate for children's education, health, and well-being and daily lives out his or her commitment to children. A recipient of the National PTA Life Achievement Award will receive a certificate of recognition, a congratulatory letter from the PTA national president, and a 10-karat gold lapel pin or tie tack. A sample press release will be provided for use in local media. The \$125 fee for presenting the Life Achievement Award supports the National PTA Endowment Fund and helps ensure the longevity of the association. Apply online at pta.org. Click on the PTA Programs tab at the top and scroll down to Awards Programs. Or call (800) 307-4PTA (4782) to submit your request.