

2019

# Parent Leadership Awards

*Many Talents.*

*One Purpose.*

*Student Success.*



The Georgia Parent Leadership Awards are annual awards that recognize parents for their outstanding leadership in creating a foundation of support for student achievement and success.

The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) and the Georgia Parent Teacher Association (GA PTA) established this award to recognize parents across Georgia who utilize their various skills and talents to strengthen our schools and positively impact the lives of our children. The award also hopes to inspire all parents to use their unique talents, no matter how big or small, to lead the way in building positive outcomes for all children.

## *The Many Skills and Talents of Our Parents*

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Parents can exhibit their leadership through any or all of the following National Standards for Family-School Partnerships as developed by the national Parent-Teacher Association (PTA).

### **1. Welcoming All Families**

Welcomes all families into the school, recruits others to be a part of the life of the school, participates in school events and activities, and connects to what students are learning and doing in class.

### **2. Communicating Effectively**

Engages in regular, two-way, meaningful communication about student learning and other events in the school community.

### **3. Supporting Student Success**

Collaborates to support students' learning and healthy development both at home and at school, and takes advantage of regular opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and skills to do so effectively.

### **4. Speaking Up For Every Child**

Empowers others to be advocates for their own and other children to ensure that students are treated fairly and have access to learning opportunities that will support their success.

### **5. Sharing Power**

Participates in decision-making that affects children and families and informs, influences, and creates policies, practices, and programs within the school or educational community.

### **6. Collaborating With The Community**

Collaborates with community members to connect students, families, and staff to expanded learning opportunities, community services, and civic participation.

## Eligibility

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To be considered for the Georgia Parent Leadership Awards, the nominee must:

1. Be a parent, which includes any caregiver who assumes the responsibility for nurturing and caring for a child's entire well-being consisting of educational, emotional, spiritual, and physical health.
2. Be nominated by a Georgia public school where at least one of their children currently attends.
3. Not be an employee of the Georgia Public School System (which includes anyone who is paid by a school or a school system with the exception of substitute teachers), the GaDOE, or a member of the GA PTA Board of Directors.
4. Not be a previous award winner.

## Criteria

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To qualify for the award, the nominee shall:

- Exemplify leadership and dedication to impact family engagement in education.
- Have had a significant impact on public education at the school, district, or state level by engaging in one or more of the PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships while serving as a volunteer.

## Selection

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The GaDOE and the GA PTA will begin accepting nominations for the Georgia Parent Leadership Awards on January 19, 2019. A panel made up of GaDOE staff and GA PTA board members will serve as judges. Winners will be determined solely by nominations. Judges will review all completed nominations and select up to six parent leadership winners.

Parent winners, along with their nominator, will be notified no later than May 1, 2019 and will be honored at GA PTA's Convention Leadership Training (CLT) on June 8, 2019. In addition, parent winners will be asked to serve as members of a focus group on successful family engagement practices with GA PTA.

## Nomination Deadline

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Completed nomination packets must be received by **March 8, 2019** to Kristen Baker, Georgia Department of Education, by e-mail at [krbaker@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:krbaker@doe.k12.ga.us).

## Winners

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Parents who win the Georgia Parent Leadership Award will serve on the Parent Advisory Council and will have opportunities throughout the year to share their many talents by assisting with family engagement activities at the state level.

## Application Guidelines

- Please complete sections (A-F) of this nomination application.
- Please type the responses, with the exception of signatures.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- If you have questions about the Georgia Parent Leadership Award, please contact Kristen Baker at [krbaker@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:krbaker@doe.k12.ga.us).

Application Deadline: **March 8, 2019**  
Email to: Kristen Baker at [krbaker@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:krbaker@doe.k12.ga.us)  
Submissions will not be accepted by fax or mail.

### Section A: Nominee Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First* *Last*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street* *City* *State* *ZIP*

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ School System: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Nominating School a Title I School? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How Many Children Do You Have Currently Attending Georgia's Public Schools? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Nominee Gender: Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity: (Optional)

\_\_\_\_\_ African American/Black

\_\_\_\_\_ Asian American

\_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic/Latino

\_\_\_\_\_ Native American

\_\_\_\_\_ White/Caucasian

\_\_\_\_\_ Other

## Section B: Nominator Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First* *Last*

Title/Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street* *City* *State* *ZIP*

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ School System: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section C: Narrative

The narrative should describe the parent's outstanding leadership in creating a foundation of support for student achievement and success as exhibited through his/her talents as described in the PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships. Please be specific. The description should address the following questions:

- 1. How has this parent demonstrated talents aligned with the PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships (see p. 1)?**
- 2. What are specific examples of how this parent's work has benefited the academic achievements of their child as well as others?**
- 3. As a result of the parent's volunteerism, how has your school community or district changed?**

Please limit your narrative to two pages, single spaced, with one-inch margins in Times New Roman 12 point font. The top of each page of your narrative should include the nominee's name in the right hand corner. Additional information about the nominee can be included as long as the information meets the page limit guidelines.

## Section D: Recommendation Letters

Two original, signed letters of recommendation are required from individuals who can speak directly to the parent's contributions in strengthening our schools and positively impacting the lives of children. One letter of recommendation must be from the school principal and the other can be from a parent, community member, teacher, student, school or district administrator, school board member, or anyone else the nominator so chooses. Letters of recommendation must include how the writer knows the parent nominee, as well as the writer's full name, title, organization, phone number, and email (all where applicable).

Please limit each letter to one page, single spaced, with one-inch margins in Times New Roman 12-point font. Letters must be signed.

### Section E: Nominator Signature

I certify that I have advised the nominee of his/her nomination for the Georgia Parent Leadership Awards and he/she consents to being nominated. The nominee is aware that all the information contained in this nomination application along with any of the attached materials may be shared with persons interested in promoting the Georgia Parent Leadership Awards. The nominee understands that if selected, his/her image will be requested, captured, and featured in publications and social media sites. The nominee currently meets all the eligibility requirements as outlined in the application packet and is considered a parent leader within our educational community.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_



### Section F: Principal Signature and Endorsement

I endorse this nomination and hereby certify that the nominee consents to being nominated, is aware that all the information contained in this nomination form along with any of the attached materials may be shared with persons interested in promoting the Georgia Parent Leadership Awards, and currently meets all the eligibility requirements as outlined in the application packet. Furthermore, I understand that if the parent is selected as a winner of the award that my school may be highlighted in various publications and social media sites in addition to other events across the state.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

