KENTUCKY PTA CONVENTION/LEADERSHIP 2010

PLAN AHEAD. . . MAKE A DECISION NOW TO ATTEND

CALLING FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS! Deadline is April 15

Has your PTA or PTSA ever attended a Kentucky PTA Convention or Leadership Conference? Has your PTA or PTSA participated in the new and combined Kentucky PTA Convention/Leadership? Well if you think it's time you did, why not apply for a Kentucky PTA grant to attend this year's Convention/Leadership, July 16-17, at the Fern Valley Hotel and Conference Center in Louisville, Kentucky.

Each year Kentucky PTA awards a small number of grants to local PTAs and PTSAs for participation in Convention/Leadership. The grant covers one hotel room for one night at the convention/conference hotel; and one registration fee which covers all scheduled meal events during the conference. (Transportation to and from the event site plus additional meals and expenses are the responsibility of the grant winner.) The reserved hotel room sleeps four and grant winners are encouraged to bring additional attendees from their PTA/PTSA. The "designated" officer or chairperson of each grant winning PTA/PTSA must attend the entire convention/leadership event.

The following is a testimonial from a recent Kentucky PTA grant winner:

"Kentucky PTA's Convention/Leadership is a helpful tool for new PTA/PTSA officers. Last summer I was the recipient of a Kentucky PTA Grant for new presidents that allowed me to attend the Kentucky PTA Convention/Leadership in Louisville. Attending Convention/Leadership provided me with the opportunity to see how Kentucky PTA operates at the state level and to learn from the various workshops.

"From the general meetings, I learned much about parliamentary procedure through presentation and voting on proposed bylaw amendments, the Kentucky PTA Legislative Platform, and *The Dangers of Alcoholic Energy Drinks* Resolution.

"At least 46 different workshops were available to assist PTA/PTSA officers with everything from membership ideas to speaking out for all children as a district, state or national advocate. Many PTSA program areas were covered like *Reflections*, *Kentucky Kids' Day* and father/male involvement. There were also many workshops offered covering the practical skills needed for new officers such as *Starting From Scratch*, *Treasurer-The Basics*, *President: The Easiest Job!*, *Middle School Success* and *Having an Effective Working PTA Board*. As a new president, I also found the *Parliamentary Procedures* workshop and *School Based Decision Making Elections* very helpful. As a High School PTSA Officer, I was very thankful for the professional and heartfelt presentations given on *Cyberbullying: Our Kids Are Dying to Get Online,* and *Signs of Suicide: High Schools S.O.S.*

"I encourage all officers, new and returning, to attend Convention/Leadership this summer. It's a great way to meet other PTA and PTSA officers, the Kentucky PTA board members and to share ideas as well as learn the practical skills of running a PTA/PTSA unit".

From Tracy Wakefield, President, Walton-Verona High School PTSA

Use the grant application form below and be sure to mail it by the April 15 deadline. The form is also in your ***Kentucky PTA Leaders' Notebook for PTAs and PTSAs***, Part 1-Forms, page 30.

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GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS April 15, 2010

Name of PTA/PTSA_____PTA District _____

President _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____ E:mail: _____

Street Address/P. O. Box/Route *City* *State/Zip Code*

Please complete the following:

Name of designated officer or chairperson willing to attend entire convention/leadership:

Name _____ Office/Chairmanship held _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

Indicate which applies:

Our PTA/PTSA was last represented at the state convention and/or leadership conference in_____ year.

Our PTA/PTSA has never attended a state convention and/or leadership conference _____.

Attach a one page summary explaining why you are applying for this grant:

How would your PTA/PTSA benefit from receiving this grant?

How would your PTA/PTSA benefit from attending:

Please include all the information you feel will help the review committee know your PTA/PTSA better. Grant applications will not be considered without this form and the summary page. Please fill in the blanks below and sign where indicated:

As the designated officer/chairperson of _____ PTA/PTSA I hereby give my consent for _____ PTA/PTSA to be considered for selection as a grant recipient. I understand that as the designated officer, I am expected to stay for the entire event if our PTA/PTSA is selected.

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Signature of Designated Officer/Chairperson

Mail your completed form to: Kentucky PTA, P.O. Box 654, Frankfort, KY 40602-0654

The submitting PTA/PTSA will be notified if they are a winner.

REMINDER: Grant Application to Attend Convention/Leadership must be postmarked by April 15, 2010.