



Advocacy Award in Memory of Sheila Cohen Application

In September 2015, Nassau Region PTA marked the passing of a dedicated child advocate leader, former Nassau Region District Director and NYS PTA President, Sheila Cohen. As a model of public service and volunteerism throughout her life, she championed numerous causes on behalf of children and youth – the ban of corporal punishment; advocating for juvenile justice, school bus safety, camp safety, etc. She was an impassioned leader who could mobilize a single member or an entire state, always dedicated to moving PTA forward and committed to ensuring that others would follow. Most importantly Sheila believed in and nurtured the potential in every member to make a difference. As a true model of advocacy and leadership she inspired all to learn more, become more and do more to fulfill PTA's mission.

In her honor, Nassau Region PTA has created the Sheila Cohen Advocacy Award. The award will recognize an individual PTA member, who through leadership and advocacy has demonstrated exemplary effort to affect PTA policy priorities and has mentored others to find their inner advocate. The individual selected for the award by a unit will receive a pin. A nominee must be a current PTA member whose unit/council is in good standing.

Nominations received by March 31, 2019 will be considered for the Sheila Cohen Advocate of the Year Award to be presented at Spring Conference. Nominees may self-apply for consideration. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Name of Candidate: (Please Print) _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Number of Years in PTA: _____

Member of: _____ PTA

Unit/Council Presenting the Award: PTA Code # 10-_____ PTA Name _____

Contact Person: Telephone #: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Date unit award to be presented: _____

All applications must be received by March 31st, 2019 for consideration for Sheila Cohen Advocate of the Year Award. Please use one form per applicant.

(Please use additional sheet if necessary)

Advocacy Events attended: (Please indicate # of times attended if more than once)

- Nassau Region Resolutions Workshop
- Nassau Region Legislation Conference/RoundTable/LegCon
- NYS PTA Convention
- NYS PTA Legislation Education Conference/Summit/Lobby Day
- National Legislative Conference
- National PTA Convention

Describe the PTA policy priority(ies) on behalf of which the nominee has advocated.

Please explain how the nominee's efforts raised PTA members' awareness of this issue and how the nominee motivated and mentored members to take action.

What overall impact has the nominee's efforts had to influence change?

How does the nominee exemplify the following qualities?

1. Mentor, Counselor, Advisor
2. Passionate for Children's Causes

Send completed applications (with \$10 fee) to: Sheila Cohen Advocacy Award

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