

CT PTA GRANT OPPORTUNITIES – 2026- AWARDED IN PERSON ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH!

✔ Growing Membership Grant – \$1,000 (Application Required)

Purpose: PTAs are committed to fostering a strong school community by increasing membership and engagement. Sharing the purpose and value of PTA in your community can create excitement to join. Why should people join or support your PTA?

Objective:

- **Describe your plan to boost membership for the 2026-2027 school year.**
- Describe details of your plan including how you will reach different sectors of your school community, events you might hold, and how you would use the funds to enhance your plan.
- Share how your PTA welcomes and values all members
- Highlight the value of joining your PTA

How Funds Can Be Used:

- Materials to attract new members
- Events to showcase PTA involvement
- Membership fees for families in need

Expected Outcomes:

- Increased membership and community involvement
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🎯 Theme & Goals Grant – \$500 (Application Required)

Purpose: It's important for local PTAs to have a **theme** and **goal** because it helps give their efforts direction, unity, and purpose. They create focus, boost engagement and improve planning.

Objective:

- Establish a theme and specific goals for the 2026-2027 school year

How Funds Can Be Used:

- Support programs aligned with your theme and goals

Expected Outcomes:

- Improved planning, increased unity and participation
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Excellence in Programs – \$500 (Two Awards Available) (Application Required)

Purpose: We aim to recognize PTAs that design inclusive, impactful programming that uplifts every student and family, cultivates connection, and inspires a lasting sense of belonging. Through this grant, we celebrate the creativity, dedication, and transformative power of PTA-led initiatives that enrich the educational experience and strengthen the bonds that make schools thrive.

Objective:

- Describe your efforts in developing and implementing the program(s) your PTA provided this school year (2025-2026)

How Funds Can Be Used:

- Offset costs of running enrichment programs

Expected Outcomes:

- Increase program participation and impact
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Highest Percent Increase in Membership – \$500 (No Application Required)

Purpose: Reward PTAs with the largest percentage increase in membership

Objective:

- Promote membership growth

How Funds Can Be Used:

- Support membership efforts for the 2026-2027 school year.

Expected Outcomes:

- Overall PTA membership growth

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- **Who Can Apply?** PTA, PTSA, and SEPTA in **good standing**.
- **Applications Deadline:**
 - **Excellence in Program Grant – June 30th**
 - **Growing Membership Grant- August 18th**
 - **Themes and Goals – August 18th**
- **Grant Winners Announced: Saturday, September 19, 2026**
- **Do I Need to Be Present at the Symposium to Win?**
 - ✓ **YES** – A representative **must attend** the Symposium on **Saturday, September 19, 2026**
- **How Many Grants Can I Apply For?**

You may apply for multiple grants
- **How Do I Apply?**
 - Submit a **Cover Letter**- see sample below
 - Complete a **Proposal**
 - Include **Supportive Documents**
 - Provide a **Plan to Evaluate Your Efforts**
- **Symposium Registration:** visit CTPTA.ORG to register. Visit our Symposium page and click register now!

💡 Application Tips

- Be **clear** and **concise**
- **Use language consistent with the PTA mission and values**
- Submit **all required materials** by the deadline

 **Contact CT PTA for questions .**

CT PTA

 Email: office@CTPTA.org

 Phone: 203-891-6140

 **Sample Cover Letter Template:**

Your PTA Name

School Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Date

Dear CT PTA Grants Committee,

We are excited to submit our application for the **[Insert Name of Grant]**. Our PTA is committed to strengthening our school community by [briefly mention initiative, e.g., increasing membership, enhancing student programs, etc.].

This grant will allow us to [briefly explain how the funds will be used, e.g., host a back-to-school event, cover membership costs for families in need, launch a new program, etc.]. We believe this initiative will [state desired outcome, such as grow membership, boost engagement, or support enrichment opportunities].

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to sharing our progress.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

PTA President (or Role)

Email | Phone