



***Suffolk Region PTA Unsung Teacher of the Year Award***

**APPLICATION**

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position in School \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

PTA Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number Home# \_\_\_\_\_ cell# \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Award Information**

1. This award is to recognize a teacher who goes above and beyond the regular duties of the classroom to truly make an impact on a school, district or community
2. They should inspire all students to learn. Teachers who aspire to this award do not stick to the textbook or traditional methods of teaching. They find creative ways to make the material accessible to their students, staying up-to-date with best practices.
3. They provide parents with resources to continue the learning process at home and often make time outside of class to tutor students.
4. They serve as role models for their students, always having the best interests of their students in mind.
5. An *Unsung Teacher of the Year* goes beyond interacting with students on an instructional level and works to make sure their physical and emotional needs are met as well.
6. Professionally, an *Unsung Teacher of the Year* has a positive relationship with colleagues and has earned their respect. This teacher regularly collaborates with other teachers and school staff. Being recognized as an *Unsung Teacher of the Year* also requires taking an interest in educational issues and policies.
7. They have earned the admiration and respect of parents and community members. These are the teachers who work to make the community a better place for their students and who teach their students to have a positive impact on the community

Requirements:

1. The candidate must be a current full-time teacher, a PTA/PTSA member within that school or district SEPTA.
2. PTA/PTSA?SEPTA in good standing
3. Completed Application
4. Two letters of recommendation
  - a. one from an administrator or teaching colleague
  - b. one from a parent, community leader or high school student (former or current)
5. A PTA/PTSA?SEPTA may nominate only one teacher from their school
6. Postmarked by March 15<sup>th</sup> to the Region Director

The letters of recommendation **MUST BE TYPED** and should include the following information:

1. Describe how the candidate has demonstrated his/her commitment to the students of their school/district
2. List activities or events (in school/district or the community) where the candidate has gone above and beyond the work as a professional educator.
3. Describe how the work of the candidate goes above and beyond for their students.
4. How does the professional educator reach out to the home to establish the communication partnership?

**Please send the completed application and accompanying letters of recommendation postmarked by  
March 15<sup>th</sup> to:**

**Suffolk Region PTA**

**20 Dewey Road**

**Commack, NY 11725**