



## **NYS PTA Susanne Smoller Commitment to Advocacy Youth Award**

### **Application**

The Susanne Smoller Commitment to Advocacy Youth Award will be given to one high school senior to encourage them to pursue post-secondary education or training and to continue their active engagement in advocacy in the areas of HIV/AIDS, the LGBTQ+ community, mental health, social justice or substance use.

The award recipient will receive a \$500 monetary award, plus an invitation to attend the NYS PTA Legislative Summit and Lobby Day, with costs covered for themselves and one parent/guardian, including meals, registration fees, and lodging for one night (if hotel room desired).

The 2021 Legislative Summit and Lobby Day will be held February 7-8, 2021 at the Albany Hilton, in Albany, NY.

The application for this prestigious award is open to senior students:

1. Who are on track to graduate\* by August 2021 from a New York State high school/BOCES where there is a PTA/PTSA/SEPTA unit in good standing (a centralized PTA unit with a high school component is acceptable); and
2. Who have post-secondary and/or career aspirations; and
3. Who demonstrate a commitment to and active engagement in advocacy related to issues of HIV/AIDS, the LGBTQ+ community, mental health, social justice or substance use.

Applications, including at least one letter of recommendation (if application mailed) or statement of recommendation (if completed online), must be postmarked by November 15, 2020 if submitted via mail, or e-mailed/submitted to the NYS PTA office by 11:59 pm on November 15, 2020 for the up-coming year's award, to be awarded February 7, 2021.

\*graduation plans will be verified with school by NYS PTA

**Susanne Smoller Commitment to Advocacy Youth Award Application**

Name of Student:

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Parent and/or Guardian Name:

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Address of Student:

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Phone Number of Student:

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Phone Number of Parent and/or Guardian:

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Email of Student:

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Email of Parent and/or Guardian:

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School of Record:

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Name of School/Guidance Counselor and contact information:

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Name of person, and contact information, providing statement or letter of recommendation:

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PTA Name affiliated with your school (add unit code if known):

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## Student Submission

**Please share how you have demonstrated your commitment to and active engagement in advocacy related to issues of HIV/AIDS, the LGBTQ+ community, mental health, social justice or substance use** (please limit your response to 500 words or less).

**Please share your post secondary or career aspirations** (please limit to 500 words or less).

**Submit this application, including at least one statement or letter of recommendation  
NO LATER THAN November 15, 2020 to:**

**NYS PTA  
1 Wembley Court  
Albany, NY 12205**

**Or email to [pta.office@nyspta.org](mailto:pta.office@nyspta.org)**

NYS PTA publishes photographs, award presentations, press releases and other materials, both in print and on the Internet, where images, names and schools of the Susanne Smoller Commitment to Advocacy Youth Award winner are published.

Please indicate if student/guardian will opt-out of having the applicant's photo, name or school disclosed from the media information stated above.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, please opt out of publications

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