

## Huntsville Council



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## Huntsville Council of PTAs Grant Program

**PTA Leaders:** Do you have a great idea to improve one of the six national standards for PTA at your school? The Huntsville Council of PTAs would like to help by providing funds to worthwhile programs that will accomplish these objectives.

**What is the scope of these grants?** The Huntsville Council of PTAs has set aside \$7,000 for the 2020-2021 school year to award grants to our local units to support their projects and programs. **This year, we will offer seven \$500 grants in the fall and seven \$500 grants in the spring.** *The Huntsville Council of PTAs reserves the right not to award the full amount allocated should we fail to receive enough qualified applications or should the Grants Committee deem the submitted projects not to be "grant-worthy."*

**Who may apply for a grant?** Local unit PTA/PTSAs who are in good standing with the Huntsville Council of PTAs and with the Alabama PTA may apply for a grant. To be in good standing, you must have paid your dues to the Council as well as to the Alabama PTA, have a current officer list on file in the Alabama PTA office, have By-Laws which have been updated within the last three years and are on file in the Alabama PTA office, and has maintained a 501c(3) tax exempt status.

Elementary, middle, and high school PTA/PTSAs are eligible to receive funding for fall or spring.

Each school/PTA unit is eligible for only one Council grant per school year. PTA/PTSA units who receive fall grants are not eligible for consideration for the spring grants. Furthermore, you may not request grant funding for any project, program, or event for which you received grant funding from the Huntsville Council of PTAs during the prior two school years. Any grant applications that are submitted but not chosen in the fall will be re-considered in the spring unless notified by the PTA to remove an application from consideration.

**When may I apply?** The deadline for the fall grants will be October 1, 2020, and the deadline for the spring grants will be March 1, 2021.

**How do I apply?** Please complete the attached Grant Application and return it to Amy Jones at [afisherjones@gmail.com](mailto:afisherjones@gmail.com). You will receive an e-mail confirming receipt of your application.

**How will my application be evaluated?** The grant requests will be judged by an impartial Grants Committee using the following criteria: (1) the funds must be used to support a large portion of the school's population, at least indirectly, (2) the project for which the funds are requested must promote one or more of the six national standards (one time use items, such as bounce houses, dunking booths, pizza purchase, etc. will not be considered), (3) those who have not received recent grant funding from the Huntsville Council of PTAs will be given a degree of preference in the grant determinations, (4) purchase of food will not be funded and (5) each school may only submit ONE application. Recipients will be expected to implement the program within one year and report back to the Council in writing on the implementation of their program. Failure to submit a timely grant report will make a PTA ineligible for additional grant funding until the report has been submitted.

### Six Standards:

**Welcoming all Families** - Families are active participants in the life of the school, and feel welcomed, valued, and connected to each other, to school staff, and to what students are learning and doing in class.

**Communicating Effectively** - Families and school staff engage in regular, two-way, meaningful communication about student learning.

**Supporting Student Success** - Families and school staff continuously collaborate to support students' learning and healthy development both at home and at school and have regular opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and skills to do so effectively.

**Speaking Up for Every Child** - Families are empowered to be advocates for their own and other children, to ensure that students are treated fairly and have access to learning opportunities that will support their success.

**Sharing Power** - Families and school staff are equal partners in decisions that affect children and families and together inform, influence, and create policies, practices, and programs.

**Collaborating with the Community** - Families and school staff collaborate with community members to connect students, families, and staff to expanded learning opportunities, community services, and civic participation.

**Huntsville Council of PTAs  
Grant Application  
(one grant per school)**

Date of Application:	
Did your school receive a PTA grant in the last school year? Please circle	Yes or No
School:	
Enrollment:	
Person Completing Application:	
Contact Information:	
Project Name:	
PTA/PTSA President Approval of Grant Project:	<input type="radio"/> I hereby verify that the PTA/PTSA President has approved the project that is the subject of this grant application.
Principal Approval of Grant Project:	<input type="radio"/> I hereby verify that the Principal has approved the project that is the subject of this grant application.
Please explain in detail your proposed project, program, or activity. You may also attach relevant supporting documentation/pictures to your grant application.	
Which PTA objective is this project, program, or activity designed to enhance? (check all that apply)	<input type="radio"/> Welcoming All Families <input type="radio"/> Communicating Effectively <input type="radio"/> Supporting Student Success <input type="radio"/> Standing Up for Every Child <input type="radio"/> Sharing Power <input type="radio"/> Collaborating with the Community
Who will benefit from the project? How many individuals will be potentially impacted, directly or indirectly?	
How long will the project run? If it will continue beyond this year, how do you plan to support its continuation?	

<p>What are the anticipated costs of your project? Has funding been sought from other sources? *Please be as specific as possible with your budget.</p>	
<p>Is there additional information that the Grants Committee needs to consider about this project?</p>	

**Thank you for taking the time to submit this grant application!**