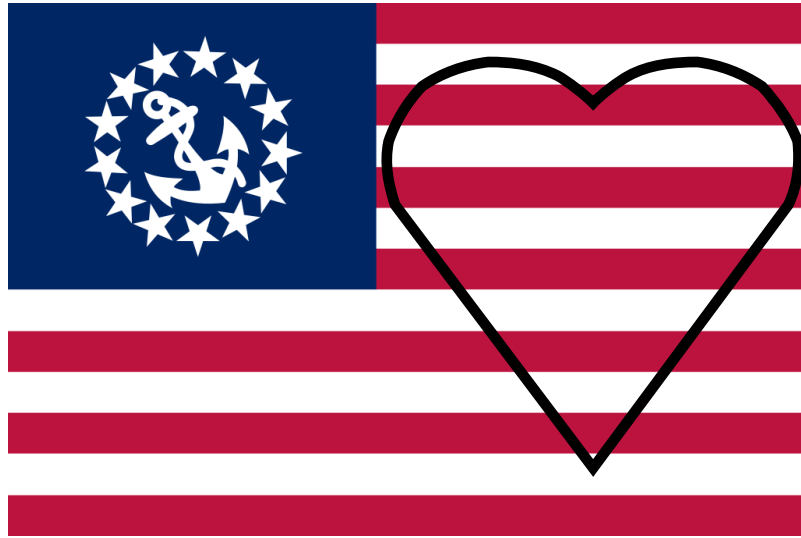


Indiana PTA



2017 - 2018

CITIZENSHIP

PACKET

“What is the Heart of Our
Country?”

Citizenship Theme
2017-2018

"What is the Heart of Our Country?"

DATE: July 2017

TO: PTA/PTSA PRESIDENTS
CITIZENSHIP CHAIRMEN

FROM: Julie Klingenberger, Programs Committee Chair
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RE: 2017-2018 STUDENT CITIZENSHIP LITERATURE CONTEST
2017-2018 PTA/PTSA UNIT CITIZENSHIP AWARD
2018-2019 THEME SEARCH CONTEST

Many PTA units throughout Indiana include the promotion of patriotism and good citizenship in their goals and plans. Their activities vary from being as simple as including the Pledge of Allegiance and a flag ceremony in their meetings to being *THE* program at the meeting. There are citizenship bulletin boards, Red/White/Blue Days, and door decorating contests. Some PTAs celebrate Veteran's Day in a special, memorable way. Several PTSA's provide voter registration opportunities or arrange for students to serve as Pages at the State House. Many creative programs have been created to support our troops deployed in other countries. You do many things, almost automatically, related to citizenship and patriotism. Just stop and think about it!

To promote good citizenship, the Indiana PTA is again sponsoring the Student Citizenship Literature Contest for students in grades 4-12. The 2017-2018 theme is "**What Is the Heart of Our Country?**". I hope you will inform your students and your teachers of the contest early in the year and encourage them to participate. It offers a great opportunity for your students to think about our country, what it means to them, and what they can do for it and others. They will also be recognized for their work.

PTAs/PTSAs are invited to apply for the PTA Unit Citizenship Award. A plaque will be presented to one unit at State Convention in the spring of 2018 in recognition of their work this year.

Students will have an opportunity again this year to have input into the selection of next year's theme as they participate in the Citizenship Theme Search Contest. Use the official "Theme Search" form that is included in this packet. Please forward their entries to Indiana PTA.

The DEADLINE (postmarked/hand delivered) for ALL Citizenship entries is January 15, 2018.

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP LITERATURE CONTEST
INDIANA PTA
2017 – 2018

THEME: "What is the Heart of Our Country?"

GUIDELINES:

1. Each piece of literature is limited to 2 PAGES, FRONT SIDE ONLY
2. EACH PIECE OF LITERATURE MUST BE TYPED (**via computer**), DOUBLE SPACED, WITH NO REDUCTION IN PRINT. Please use a font no smaller than size 12.
3. The student's name, grade, or school must NOT appear anywhere on/in the piece of literature
4. The piece of literature must be the original work of the student
5. Only PTA/PTSA schools, in good standing, may participate. To be a unit "in good standing" with the Indiana PTA a unit must submit the following to the Indiana PTA State Office
 - **Officers' List**
 - A **current Financial Report** following the yearly audit postmarked/hand delivered by the November 15 deadline
 - **Current Bylaws**...Reviewed and Approved every three years
 - **Membership Dues** postmarked/hand delivered by November 15th deadline
 - **990/990EZ or 990N (E-Filing)**...Submitted to IRS & Copy turned into Indiana PTA
 - **NP20**...Submitted to Indiana Dept. of Revenue & Copy turned into Indiana PTA
6. Each unit may submit 2 ENTRIES PER GRADE LEVEL, Grades 4-12
7. Each entry must have a completed, typed Student Citizenship Literature Contest entry form along with the piece of literature inside a sleeve protector; one entry form is enclosed for your use; copies may be made for additional entries.
8. One Student Citizenship Literature Contest **Unit Form** must be included with your student's literature pieces. (One Unit Form Per School)
9. Entries may be disqualified if entry forms are not completely filled out
10. **Each entry must be POSTMARKED/HAND DELIVERED no later than January 15, 2018.**
11. Mail entries to:

Julie Klingenberger
5624 Countess Drive
Fort Wayne, In 46815
12. Judging will be by the following divisions: Grades 4 & 5; 6 thru 8; and 9 thru 12
13. **Only PTA/PTSA literature pieces with the theme "What is the Heart of Our Country" will be judged.**
14. First place winners in each division will receive a gold medallion and certificate
15. Second place winners in each division will receive a silver medallion and certificate
16. Third place winners in each division will receive a bronze medallion and certificate
17. All students submitting entries to the State level will receive certificates
18. All winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) in each division will be invited to attend the Citizenship/Reflections Event held in the spring of 2017.
19. Points may be deducted for any guidelines not met.
20. Judging will be based on relevance to theme, grammar, completion of appropriate forms and content of literature piece.

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP LITERATURE CONTEST ENTRY FORM

INDIANA PTA

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM IN THE SLEEVE PROTECTOR OF EACH ENTRY
(PHOTOCOPY IF ADDITIONAL FORMS ARE NEEDED)

Student's Name _____

Student's Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Grade _____

School _____

School Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Principal _____

PTA/PTSA President _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Phone _____ E-Mail _____
(Home)

Citizenship Chairman _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Phone _____ E-Mail _____
(Home)

Office Use Only: Division _____ Entry# _____

PTA UNIT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS
INDIANA PTA

A CITIZENSHIP AWARD will be given to **ONE** elementary, middle school or high school PTA/PTSA unit that best promotes and exemplifies good citizenship and patriotism. The award will be presented at the Indiana PTA Convention in 2018.

In order to be eligible for this award:

1. Answer ALL questions on the unit award form:
 - a. PTA/PTSAs should use the PTA Unit Citizenship Award Form

2. **POSTMARK/HAND DELIVER the entry no later than January 15, 2018**
to:

Julie Klingenberger
5624 Countess Dr.
Fort Wayne, In.46815

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP LITERATURE CONTEST UNIT FORM
INDIANA PTA

PTA/PTSA Unit _____

School _____ Region _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Citizenship Chairman _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Phone _____ E-Mail _____
(Home)

Total number of students who participated at your school _____

Total entries submitted _____ (Maximum of 2/grade)

Grades 4-5 _____ Grades 6-8 _____ Grades 9-12 _____

NAMES OF STUDENTS SUBMITTING LITERATURE: GRADE

- | | |
|----------|-------|
| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ |
| 6. _____ | _____ |
| 7. _____ | _____ |
| 8. _____ | _____ |

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR ENTRIES TO:

**Julie Klingenberger
5624 Countess Drive
Fort Wayne, In 46815**

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED/HAND DELIVERED BY January 15, 2018

PTA UNIT CITIZENSHIP AWARD FORM
INDIANA PTA

DEADLINE: POSTMARK/HAND DELIVER NO LATER THAN January 15, 2018

Mail to: **Julie Klingenberger**
5624 Countess Drive
Fort Wayne, In 46815

Name of Local Unit _____

Elementary _____ Middle School _____ High School _____

President _____

(Phone)

Address _____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

Citizenship Chairman _____

(Phone)

Address _____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

School Name _____

School Enrollment _____

How many students participated in the Student
Citizenship Literature Contest _____

How is the American flag displayed at your school _____

How often do students/faculty/staff participate in flag raising ceremonies at your school?

How do they participate? _____

THEME SEARCH
FOR
2018-2019 CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM
INDIANA PTA

Early in 2018 the Indiana PTA will be choosing a theme for the 2017-2018 Citizenship Program. We would like to have a theme suggested by a student. We will base our selection of the theme on its strength of appeal to the range of students in grades 4-12. Themes may be submitted in groups by the local unit or by individual students. All theme suggestions must be **POSTMARKED/HAND DELIVERED BY January 15, 2018.**

Local Unit Name _____

President _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip) (Phone)

Citizenship Chairman _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip) (Phone)

Student's Name _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip) (Phone)

Age _____ Grade _____

Theme Suggestion (s): _____

Please mail to: **Julie Klingenberger**
5624 Countess Drive
Fort Wayne, In 46815