Long Beach Council PTA is proud to continue the tradition of honoring an outstanding Teacher of Long Beach Unified School District each year. This award was created to recognize an outstanding teacher who implements creative and innovative ideas to enrich the learning experience of our children.

As a Unit PTA President, we ask for your help in getting this information out to your association. Encourage your members to participate and nominate an outstanding teacher. Essays may be submitted by parents and/or students.

Don’t overlook specialized teachers, such as those teachers in Special Education, Physical Education, Music, etc. Be sure to inform your principal that you are participating in this program.

The application can go into your newsletter, be sent home as a flyer, or put online for your members to download.

The application is due to Long Beach Council PTA at the Unit Presidents meeting in April. It is important that you put your own due date on the application prior to distributing it to your association. Only PTA Units that are in good standing may send in applications.

Only one application per unit will be accepted and considered by Long Beach Council PTA. If more than one application is received at your school, a committee will need to judge the essays and determine the winner. Select the essay that best fulfills the requirements expressed on the application. A rubric may be useful in this process. Those who submitted an application or have a family member who submitted an essay should not participate on this committee.

You may wish to have your own celebration for all of the teachers at your school who were considered for Teacher of the Year. You may wish to give the respective teachers a copy of the essay written about them, even if the essay was not selected as your school’s winner.

The winner of the Teacher of the Year Award will be presented with a $300 classroom grant and will be recognized at the Long Beach Council In and Out Luncheon held in June.
Teacher of the Year Award

Name of Nominee: ____________________________________________________________

Name of essay author: ___________________________ (grade level if student)______

Address: __________________________________________________________________

Phone #: ___________________________ Email: ________________________________

Name of PTA/PTSA: __________________________________________________________________

Name of PTA/PTSA President: ____________________________________________________

President’s Phone #: ___________________________ Email: __________________________

UNIT DUE DATE: __________________________________________________________________

TURN COMPLETED APPLICATION IN TO: __________________________________________

ESSAY FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS:

- Word processed or printed in black ink
- Double spaced with 1” margins
- 2 single-sided pages maximum

AWARD APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

Prepare an essay, briefly answering the following questions: (Be as specific as possible, offering examples.)

1. What qualities make the teacher outstanding?
2. How does the teacher provide a positive learning environment where all students can thrive?
3. What techniques does the teacher use to reach all students?
4. How does the teacher make learning fun?
5. How does the teacher exemplify being a good role model?