



### Advocacy Award in Memory of Sheila Cohen Application

In September 2015, Nassau Region PTA marked the passing of a dedicated child advocate leader, former Nassau Region District Director and NYS PTA President, Sheila Cohen. As a model of public service and volunteerism throughout her life, she championed numerous causes on behalf of children and youth – the ban of corporal punishment; advocating for juvenile justice, school bus safety, camp safety, etc. She was an impassioned leader who could mobilize a single member or an entire state, always dedicated to moving PTA forward and committed to ensuring those others would follow. Most importantly Sheila believed in and nurtured the potential in every member to make a difference. As a true model of advocacy and leadership she inspired all to learn more, become more and do more to fulfill PTA’s mission.

In her honor, Nassau Region PTA created the Sheila Cohen Advocacy Award. This award recognizes an individual PTA member who through leadership and advocacy has demonstrated exemplary effort to affect PTA policy priorities and has mentored others to find their inner advocate. A nominee must be a current PTA member whose submitting unit or council is in good standing. Each individual selected by their unit for this award will receive a pin.

Nominations received by March 31, 2023 will be considered for the Sheila Cohen Advocate of the Year Award to be presented at Nassau Region PTA Spring Conference on May 23, 2023. Nominees may self-apply for consideration.

***Applications must be complete and include a \$10 application fee in order to be considered.***

Name of Candidate: (Please Print) _____	
Address: _____	
Telephone Number: _____	Number of Years in PTA: _____
Member of: _____ PTA	
Unit/Council Presenting the Award: PTA Code # 10-_____ PTA Name _____	
Contact Person: Telephone #: _____	
Address: _____	
Email: _____	Date unit award to be presented: _____
<p>All applications must be received by March 31, 2023 for consideration for Sheila Cohen Advocate of the Year Award. Please use one form per applicant and include \$10.00 fee per application.</p>	

(Please use additional sheet if necessary)

**Advocacy Events attended: (Please indicate # of times attended if more than once)**

- Nassau Region Resolutions Workshop \_\_\_\_\_
- Nassau Region Legislation Conference/RoundTable/LegCon \_\_\_\_\_
- NYS PTA Convention \_\_\_\_\_
- NYS PTA Legislation Education Conference/Summit/Lobby Day \_\_\_\_\_
- National Legislative Conference \_\_\_\_\_
- National PTA Convention \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the PTA policy priorities that the nominee's advocacy efforts have impacted.

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Explain how the nominee's efforts raised PTA members' awareness of this issue and how they motivated and mentored members to take action.

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Describe the outcome or impact of the nominee's efforts. If there is no clear result at this time, describe how the nominee continues to promote and sustain the effort(s) to influence change.

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How does the nominee exemplify the following qualities?

1. Mentor, Counselor, Advisor
2. Passionate for Children's Causes

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Send completed applications (with \$10 fee) to: Sheila Cohen Advocacy Award  
Sarah Henris, Region Director  
18 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Bayville, NY 11709