



San Diego Unified Council of PTAs

Ruth Johnson Memorial Program Award *A True Champion of PTA*

What PTA program do you have at your school that makes you proud? It can be small or large; it can involve parents, students, or both; it can happen during school hours or after school or even at home. Submit your program for the Ruth Johnson Memorial Award and your PTA unit may be the recipient of **\$100** to continue your programs or start a new one!

Applications must be submitted to this online [form](#) by April 30, 2021.

Program requirements:

- Serves all students
- Innovative and creative
- Managed or funded by PTA
- Allows parents to be engaged
- Promoted at a time convenient to families
- Unit is in good standing

How to apply for the \$100 Ruth Johnson Memorial Program Award:

- Write a description of the program (approximately 250 words). Please include goals and results.
- Send up to three artifacts (such as flyers, a screenshot of the website, pictures, YouTube video showing your program in action, social media posts, or promotional materials)
- Submit your application [here](#) by Friday, April 30. Good luck!

Why A Ruth Johnson Memorial Program Award?

If you knew Ruth Johnson, many things might come to mind – lifetime PTA member, leader, mentor and advocate for children. But if you just spent an hour in her company you would know what Ruth cared about most of all – Programs. Ruth always had a list of great ideas for programs that engaged students and parents. During the 1980s, she started and ran a before-and-after school PTA program for students at Cadman Elementary. Ruth loved Reflections, the PTA Arts Program that celebrates student creativity in the arts.

Sadly, we don't have Ruth around to remind us of the importance of PTA programs but we do have the Ruth Johnson Memorial Program Award. Programs can benefit parents, students, or both at the same time. A good program can get parents thinking about ongoing education of their children or make them advocates of change.

The 2020-2021 School Year has not been a typical year. The traditional programs PTAs often sponsor - school assemblies, carnivals, jog-a-thons, field trips - were not possible this year. We are interested in hearing how your PTA adapted and innovated to benefit the children and parents at your school.