



**102nd Annual**  
**Maryland PTA Convention**  
EMPOWERING A NEW GENERATION OF LEADERS

**July 28-29, 2017**  
**Sheraton Columbia Town Center**  
**10207 Wincopin Circle**  
**Columbia, Maryland 21044**



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March 31, 2017

Dear Maryland PTA Delegate,

On behalf of the Maryland PTA Board of Directors, I cordially invite you to attend our 102nd Annual Maryland PTA Convention being held July 28-29, 2017, at the Sheraton Columbia Town Center located at 10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, Maryland. This year's theme: "Empowering A New Generation of Leaders." Our Emerging Minority Leaders Conference (EML) is on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am-2pm, at the same location.

We hope that you will be able to attend the 102<sup>nd</sup> Maryland PTA Convention to see the new changes we have in store for training opportunities. Join your fellow Maryland PTA members attending training sessions useful to creating new activities in your schools, networking opportunities, and sharing best practices. All PTA leaders attending the Maryland PTA Convention will learn something new to help you build and maintain a successful PTA, as you collaborate with parents, teachers and school administrators.

Maryland PTA has planned an exciting and rewarding experience for you. Join us as we celebrate Arts in Education and honor our Maryland PTA and National PTA Reflections Award recipients at our Reflections Award Dinner being held on Friday, July 28, 2017, at 6:30PM.

We will be holding elections for new leaders and the Board of Directors will be presenting several bylaws amendments during general session. Your voice is important as we look to build on over a century of strong history of advocacy on behalf of children and youth. Together, we are a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for parents and a strong advocate for public education.

We encourage you to send several delegates to the Maryland PTA 102nd Annual Convention. Please return a completed registration form for each individual attending the Convention. Additional registration forms can be downloaded from our website at [www.mdpta.org](http://www.mdpta.org). We look forward to seeing you as we take this opportunity to grow PTA and as we move into the next century. I can't wait to meet you at convention!

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Ysla Leight".

Elizabeth Ysla Leight  
President

**Learn what's new at the Maryland PTA 102nd Annual Convention at [www.mdpta.org](http://www.mdpta.org)**

## Convention Information

### Register Early

Attending the 102nd Maryland PTA Annual Convention is an excellent way to gain and share information with other members from across the state, to participate in the business of the association, and to reaffirm your commitment to the Purposes and Mission of PTA. Convention fees are a legitimate expense for your local PTA unit. You can save money when you register early. **Early Bird registration ends May 31, 2017.**

### Consider Becoming a Voting Member

According to the Maryland PTA bylaws, the local PTA President or alternate, two (2) other officers or their alternates, and one (1) delegate for each 50 members of a local PTA Unit having met the standards of affiliation as of March 31, 2017, are entitled to attend as voting delegates to the Convention. Contact your local unit president if you would like to attend as a voting delegate. **Credential card packets will be sent to all PTAs that have met the standards of affiliation.**

### Can only voting delegates attend the Convention?

NO! All PTA members may attend the workshops and the General Sessions (non-delegates sit in the non-voting area), visit the exhibit hall, the PTA Store and participate in all other convention activities that do not include voting privileges. You must still register and receive a badge that allows you access to these events.

### Complete the Registration Form

Complete the registration form included in this packet. You may duplicate this form for additional delegates. Each delegate **must** complete a separate form. Send the completed forms and registration fees to the Maryland PTA office no later than **July 3, 2017**. **Please make a copy of the form as a receipt for your records.**

### Include Payment

Special Early Bird Discount! Convention Registration ( <b>Ends May 31, 2017</b> )	<b>\$175.00</b>
Special Early Bird Registration & Emerging Minority Leaders Program Thursday, July 27, 2017 – 10:00am – 2:00pm ( <i>includes lunch</i> ) ( <b>Ends May 31, 2017</b> )	<b>\$210.00</b>
Registration ( <b>June 1, 2017 – July 3, 2017</b> )	<b>\$225.00</b>
Student Registration	<b>\$30.00</b>
On-Site Registration	<b>\$275.00</b>
Friday Registration only	<b>\$200.00</b>
Saturday Registration only	<b>\$200.00</b>
Emerging Minority Leaders Program Thursday, July 27, 2017 – 10:00am – 2:00pm ( <i>includes lunch</i> )	<b>\$50</b>
Reflections Award Dinner – Friday, July 28, 2017 - 6:30pm	<b>\$40</b>

Any forms received after close of business (4:30pm) **July 3, 2017** will not be processed and you will have to register on site at full price. **No refunds will be given.** If you are unable to attend after registering, you may transfer your registration to another member at no additional charge. Please send your transfer request to the state office in writing to office@mdpta.org.

## **Hotel Registration**

### **102nd Maryland PTA Annual Convention**

**Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel**

**10207 Wincopin Circle, Maryland 21044**

Hotel reservations can be made by using the following link:

[www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1701317664&key=3829B96B](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1701317664&key=3829B96B)

Our rate per night is \$115. **Reservations must be made by June 1, 2017. Hotel reservations made after the June 1, 2017 may be subject to regular rates.**

### **Emerging Leaders (EML) Luncheon      Thursday, July 27, 2017 - 10:00am – 2:00pm**

Join the Maryland PTA EML conference and luncheon. EML trains PTA, school and community leaders, all members of a diverse population to effectively advocate for their students. Leaders will learn how to engage diverse families and underserved school populations. Separate Fee to Attend.

### **Reflections Awards Dinner                      Friday, July 28, 2017 - 6:30pm**

Join Maryland PTA as we honor Maryland's creative Reflections Award recipients. Tickets must be **pre-ordered and paid for** in advance.

### **Mail or Fax Form to Maryland PTA**

Send completed forms, one per person, with registration fees to the Maryland PTA Office. Additional forms may be downloaded from [www.mdpta.org](http://www.mdpta.org).

### **PTA Store**

The Maryland PTA Store will be open during the Convention for all of your PTA shopping. Pins and PTA shirts will be available for you to purchase for your own use or to use as recognition for volunteers. Method of payment is by *cash, Visa, MasterCard or Discover*. As a reminder, the Maryland PTA Store is located in the Exhibit Hall and will be closed during General Sessions.

### **Exhibitors**

This year's Exhibit Hall will feature vendors showcasing new products, resources, fundraising ideas, technology and education information. Exhibitors will be listed in the Convention Program. The Exhibit Hall will be closed during General Sessions.

## General Session

The 102nd Maryland PTA Annual Convention General Sessions are meetings of the delegates at the convention. The Convention is the only time of the year for the General Membership to vote on and direct the business of the association. Leadership training, bylaws, speakers, and elections are just a few of the agenda items to be covered at the 102nd Maryland PTA Annual Convention.

Your attendance at the 102nd Maryland PTA Annual Convention is your opportunity to take part in the growth of the Association. To vote for on any business, or participate in the election process, you must obtain a voting card and be a credentialed delegate. **When you arrive at the 102nd Maryland PTA Annual Convention, you must present a 2016-2017 PTA membership card and a credential card with identical ID numbers from the same PTA to pick up your voting card.**

**According to the Maryland PTA Bylaws, Article VII Local PTAs/PTSAs, Section 1: Credential cards will only be sent to units that were in compliance and in good standing by March 31, 2017.**

*A local PTA in order meet the standards of affiliation (good standing) shall;*

- a. Adhere to the purposes and basic policies of the National and Maryland PTA;*
- b. Remit the national and state dues to the Maryland PTA office by dates designated;*
- c. Have bylaws approved every three (3) years according to the procedures of Maryland PTA;*
- d. Have a minimum of twenty-five (25) members;*
- e. Shall submit the names and contact information including phone number, address and E-mail address of all elected officers to the MDPTA office within two (2) weeks of their election.*
- f. Remit bonding, liability and directors and officers insurance premiums by the date designated;*
- g. Have an EIN (Employer Identification Number) from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on file with the Maryland PTA;*
- h. Maintain its status as a corporation, have as required by MD Non-Profit law, at a minimum a president, secretary and treasurer;*
- i. Files the appropriate tax forms, by the required dates, with the IRS and submits a copy to the Maryland PTA office within thirty (30) days of filing;*
- j. Each local PTA shall submit a copy of its annual financial review, to Maryland PTA within one hundred twenty (120) days following the end of the local's fiscal year; and*
- k. Files all appropriate state forms with the appropriate state authorities by the required date and submit a copy to the Maryland PTA office within 30 days of filing.*



**102<sup>nd</sup> MARYLAND PTA ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION**  
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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. COPY FORM FOR EACH PERSON REGISTERING.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 PTA Local Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 County \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maryland Lifetime Achievement Member? YES/NO

I am a first-time attendee to Convention.

*In case of emergency, please contact:*

Emergency Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Evening phone \_\_\_\_\_

I request:

Special accommodations: \_\_\_\_\_

**2017 Convention Registration Fees**

Registration		Your Cost
<b>Special Early Bird Discount Ends May 31, 2017</b>	\$175	
<b>Special Early Bird Discount &amp; Emerging Minority Leaders Conference Ends May 31, 2107</b>	\$210	
<b>Registration June 1 – July 3, 2017</b>	\$225	
<b>Student Registration</b>	\$ 30	
<b>On-Site Registration</b>	\$275	
<b>Friday Registration Only</b>	\$200	
<b>Saturday Registration Only</b>	\$200	
<b>Emerging Leaders Conference</b>	\$50	
<b>Reflections Award Dinner</b>	\$40	

**TOTAL COST**

**\* Please make a copy of this form along with your check for your receipt.**

**\*One registration form per attendee.**

Form of Payment

Check    Visa    Master Card    Discover

Credit Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's name \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail your completed Registration Form for the 102nd Maryland PTA Annual Convention with payment by July 3 to Maryland PTA, 5 Central Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD 21061**

**To pay by credit card, please fax this Registration Form to: 410-760-6344.**

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**Questions? Contact Maryland PTA  
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