

Chelsea Prep PTA

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2018-2019 TEACHER'S ASSISTANT (TA) FUND

What is the Teacher's Assistant (TA) Fund?

The Teacher's Assistant Fund is a funding source to hire teaching aides for K – 3rd Grades. Having Teacher's Assistants (TAs) in the classrooms allows our head teachers to focus on teaching, thereby giving our children the best possible education. Using only parent contributions, our goal is to fund a minimum of two TAs per grade. Ideally, we will hire more TAs for each grade based on the amount of money they raise.

WHY do we need to pay for Teacher's Assistants?

In New York City, the Department of Education pays for teachers, one per classroom except in CTT classes, where two head teachers work as a team. The Dept of Education DOES NOT pay for Teacher's Assistants. Teachers' Assistants provide support to teachers and work with students.

HOW MUCH does it cost to have Teacher's Assistants?

The cost to have a Teacher's Assistant in your child's classroom for one school year is approximately \$24,500.

HOW MUCH should I contribute?

We invite each family to support this important initiative and contribute as much as you can. **The suggested contribution is \$1,500 per child**, but contributions of all sizes are welcome. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Since Teacher's Assistants must be hired in advance, **ALL** contributions to the TA fund must be received by October 7, 2018 and cannot be paid in installments.

SHOULD parents support both the TA Fund and Annual Fund?

YES! Donations to the TA Fund go directly to the salaries of the Teacher's Assistant. In contrast, the Annual Fund enables the PTA to supplement the school's limited resources in order to keep athletics, music, science, culture, and the arts programs at our school.

HOW can I make my contribution?

Complete this contribution form and return the form to the PTA office. Checks and money order are the preferred methods of payment. Online donations using credit cards can be made at www.ps33pta.org.

CAN I get a corporate match from my employer?

If your employer offers a gift-matching program, you can double the impact of your contribution by requesting a corporate match. We will be happy to fill out any form required. *Please note that all corporate matches will be applied to the Annual Fund, due to certain mandates by some employers, as well as the timing such payments are received. We need to raise funds for TAs at the beginning of year, to ensure the TAs are hired on a timely manner.*

What if I have questions?

Please contact the PTA at ps33pta@gmail.com.

Note: *Based on Chancellor's regulations on Financial Record keeping, PTA may not offer reimbursements or refunds after funds have been collected and deposited (A-660, pg. 31).*

Any funds received in excess of the TA Fund goal shall be transferred to the Annual Fund.

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Parent/Guardian or Caregiver Name(s)

Student(s) Name(s) & Grade(s)/Class(es)

Address

Phone Number

Email address (s)

CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT for 2016-2017:

__ \$2,000 __ **\$1,500*** __ \$1,000 __ \$500 __ \$250 __ Other: \$ _____

**\$1,500 is the suggested donation amount.*

Please make all checks payable to: PS 033M Chelsea Prep PTA, Inc.

ONLINE DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT www.ps33pta.org

If donating online via PayPal, in "Comments/Notes" field, please include your child's name, grade/class and TA Fund.

○ My company has a matching gift program

Company name _____. Please apply for your corporate match and attach any forms your company requires and we will promptly complete them.

The PS33 PTA is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization: tax ID #46-1807381.

All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted under the law. We will send you a receipt for tax purposes.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PTA OFFICE - THANK YOU!