

Ruth Johnson Award

A True Champion of PTA

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 80s, she started and ran a before-and-after school PTA program for students at Cadman Elementary. Ruth loved Reflections, the PTA Arts Program which celebrates student creativity in the arts.

Sadly, we don't have Ruth around to remind us of the importance of 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.

So what 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 or after school or even at home. Submit your program and you may be a recipient of an award this year of \$100 to help continue your program or start a new one.

Program requirements:

- Serves all students
- Innovative and creative
- Managed or funded by PTA
- There's a role for parents to be engaged (i.e. movie night, school event, etc.)
- Promoted at a time convenient to families

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

- Write a description of the program (approximately 250 words)
- Send up to three artifacts (i.e. flyers, screen shot of website, pictures, what you are doing to promote the event)

PTA _____ **School** _____

Officer applying for Award _____

Phone number _____ **Email** _____

DEADLINE is Friday, April 7, 2017 to send this application, artifacts, and description of the program to:

**San Diego Unified Council of PTAs
2375 Congress Street, Bungalow 7
San Diego, CA 92110**

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