

# Maryland PTA Application for Nomination to the Governor for Appointment to the State Board of Education

Per Chapter 577 and 578 of Acts of 2019, the Maryland Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is required to submit the names of three qualified parents to the Governor for his appointment, with advice and consent of the Maryland Senate, to serve on the State Board of Education.

- Eligibility: Nominees must be a parent of a child enrolled in a Maryland public school.
- **Note: Nominees are not required to be a member of any unit of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA).**

Points of Interest: Applicants are encouraged to visit the following websites and links to understand PTA and duties of the State Board of Education. <https://mdpta.org/>; <https://www.pta.org/> (particularly the advocacy tab); <http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/stateboard/Pages/default.aspx>.

## TIMELINE OF APPLICATION

- Nov. 4 – Nov. 15: Application process is open; deadline is Nov. 15 @ 11:59PM.
- Nov. 4 – Nov. 15: Applications will be reviewed and ranked on a roll-in basis.
- Nov. 16 – Nov. 19: Phone Interviews will be conducted based on highest ranked applicants only.
- Nov. 20: Highest ranked candidates will be recommended to the Maryland PTA Board of Directors (BOD).
- Nov. 23: Maryland PTA Board of Directors will determine candidates to recommend to the Governor.
- Nov. 25: Three names will be provided to the Governor for a recess appointment until Senate confirmation.
- Jan. 1: First day of appointment on the State Board of Education.

## STRUCTURE OF APPLICATION

There are six (6) central parts to the Maryland PTA application:

1. Contact Information and Core Essay
2. Content Area Questions
3. Acknowledgements and Understanding of Expectations, Duties, Mission and Positions
4. Short Answer
5. References
6. Interview Telephonic Availability

## LOGISTICS OF THE APPLICATION

1. Three (3) references are required. Please list name, e-mail, phone number and relationship.
2. List at least three days and times when it is best to have a phone interview.
3. A committee will read every application and evaluate applications.
4. Upon submission, you will be notified of receipt of the application.
5. All applicants will be informed on the status of their application after the Nov. 23 Fall BOD meeting.

## SUBMISSIONS

You may submit your application to the Maryland PTA Office at [info@mdpta.org](mailto:info@mdpta.org). If you need to mail an application, please do so by Nov. 11 to Maryland PTA, 5 Central Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD 21061. All applications should be typed. Submissions to the Maryland PTA will be treated private.

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**The mission of Maryland PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities.** *The Maryland Congress of PTA was founded in 1915 and is a branch of National PTA. We are a nonprofit member-based association that is noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.*

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## Part I (25 points)

### Contact Information and Core Essay

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Public School child attends \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Student ID No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Explain why you would like to serve on the Maryland State Board of Education.** You are welcome to highlight awards, recognitions, professional experience, parenting skills, leadership, school or community advocacy, educational attainment or vision for the Board. **(500-word limit)**

## Part II (50 points)

### Content Area Questions

1. What role, if any, do you think teacher diversity has in student discipline? (250-word limit)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Do you believe that there is any value in obtaining exit interviews of teachers? Why or why not? (250-word limit)

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3. Do you believe teacher evaluations need improvement? Why or why not? (250-word limit)
  
4. What is your opinion on requiring parents to be present (physically or via technology) when their child is questioned by a Student Resource Officer? (250-word limit)
  
5. What is your opinion about using public, tax dollars for private school vouchers or tuition assistance? (250-word limit)
  
6. What do you think is the greatest challenge in Maryland schools regarding special education? (250-word limit)
  
7. What ideas would you support or discourage regarding student protests or teacher walk-outs? (250-word limit)

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8. How do you feel about curriculum issues pertaining to cursive, grammar, and phonics? (250-word limit)
9. What value do you place on trade schools OR summer enrichment opportunities for students? (250-word limit)
10. Share with us any idea that is particularly moving to you as it relates to parents, teachers, students, or schools. (250-word limit)

### Part III (10 points)

Acknowledgement of Expectations, Duties, Mission and Positions (Please initial by each.)

- Maryland PTA – Please initial to confirm your acknowledgment and understanding.

I am familiar with and understand the mission, positions, and objectives of Maryland and National PTA. \_\_\_\_\_

I may be asked to speak or to present at the Maryland PTA Convention. \_\_\_\_\_

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I understand that Maryland PTA is the largest child advocacy organization in the State of Maryland. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that Maryland PTA is noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan. \_\_\_\_\_

I am aware that if I am a recommended nominee that the Governor may select me as a recess appointment (appointments made when the Maryland General Assembly is in recess) and that the Maryland Senate will have to confirm the Governor's Appointment when or after the legislative session begins on Jan. 8, 2020. \_\_\_\_\_

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- Maryland State Board of Education - Please initial to confirm your acknowledgment and understanding.

I understand that serving as a State Board of Education member is a non-compensated position. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if selected, my term is for 2.5 years beginning on Jan. 1, 2020. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that this term ends June 30, 2023, and that I may be reappointed for a second term. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that a gubernatorial appointment may require a review of my social media. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I **must submit an application** via the Governor's Appointments Office at the following link: \_\_\_\_\_

<https://govappointments.maryland.gov/>. \_\_\_\_\_

## Part IV (5 points)

Short Answer

- ❖ Are you a member of a PTA? Why or why not? (**Again, membership is not required.**) (100-word limit)
  
- ❖ List any other boards or task forces on which you serve, and your position (office) within Maryland or nationwide.
  
- ❖ List any positions you have previously or currently serve(d) as an elected or appointed official at the municipal, county, state or federal level and the term.
  
- ❖ Please list any advocacy training you received?
  
- ❖ Describe an instance when you have testified at a budget, legislative or other public hearing or before a body of policy influence. (100-word limit)

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## Part V (5 points)

References

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| 1. Name _____ | Relationship _____ |
| Number _____  | E-mail _____       |
| 2. Name _____ | Relationship _____ |
| Number _____  | E-mail _____       |
| 3. Name _____ | Relationship _____ |
| Number _____  | E-mail _____       |

## Part VI (5 points)

Interview Telephonic Availability

*Please select days between Saturday, Nov. 16 thru Tuesday, Nov. 19.*

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| Day 1 _____ | Time(s) _____ |
| Day 2 _____ | Time(s) _____ |
| Day 3 _____ | Time(s) _____ |

**Print your name, sign and date that you completed this application.**

Print \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your desire to serve on the State Board of Education.**