



Cougar Ridge PTSA Golden Acorn & Outstanding Advocate 2011-2012 Award Nominations

The Cougar Ridge Parent/Teacher/Student Association honors outstanding volunteer service annually by awarding the National PTA Golden Acorn Award and the Outstanding Advocate Award. Please help us recognize the extraordinary volunteerism that occurs in our PTSA, school and community by submitting a nomination for those deserving individuals.

The Golden Acorn Award is recognition that honors a volunteer who has given outstanding service to all children in the school community...not just an individual who has donated time to help in his/her child's class or a staff member who is doing a good job. It recognizes volunteer service "above and beyond" a particular job description. These recipients volunteer in ways that meet the mission of PTA: promoting the health, welfare, safety and education of ALL children and youth with exceptional commitment to service in our PTSA. *Past Golden Acorn Award recipients include: Kari Alexander, Stefanie Beighle, Elizabeth Brown, Blyth Claeys, Susie Cohen, Stacey Eastern, Kate Emerson, Victoria Evans, Sally Feldman, Tricia Jerue and Becky Schultz.*

The Outstanding Advocate Award** is recognition that honors individuals for continued and dedicated service to ALL children and a demonstrated commitment to helping create strong policies relating to the health, welfare, safety, and education of children and youth. An Outstanding Advocate nominee **MUST** be an active Cougar Ridge PTSA member and participant. *Past Outstanding Advocate Award recipients include Stefanie Beighle and Jennifer Goldberg.*

Awards Presentations – Recipients receive the Golden Acorn or Outstanding Advocate Award Pin and a certificate from the Washington State PTA. Our PTSA also makes a donation in each recipient's name to the WSPTA Scholarship Foundation, providing scholarships to selected high school students entering post-secondary education. ***Awards will be presented at the PTSA Meeting on March 20 at 7 p.m.; recipients will be honored at the District awards ceremony on March 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Pacific Cascade Middle School.***

Nominations – Please help us identify volunteers from our community to receive a Golden Acorn or Outstanding Advocate Award this year. Through recommendations, the PTSA Awards Committee will make the final selections. Nominees are scored using a weighted evaluation system that considers volunteer service during the 2011 calendar year. To be eligible for the Golden Acorn Award, a nominee may not be a previous recipient of the Cougar Ridge PTSA Golden Acorn Award. This rule does not apply to the Outstanding Advocate Award. Please contact the PTSA Awards Committee co-chairs with any questions: Marilyn Corets 425-644-7039 or Susie Cohen at 425-644-6332.

TO NOMINATE AN INDIVIDUAL FOR RECOGNITION, PLEASE COMPLETE THE ACCOMPANYING FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE COUGAR RIDGE OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012.

The required nomination info also can be emailed to Marilyn Corets at mcorets@earthlink.net.

** Advocacy should be viewed as active support in the causes for all children and youth. Advocacy includes, but is not limited to, active volunteerism in legislative issues on a local, state or national level, whether stemming from public education or non-profit organizations; working with the district or school administration on student issues; speaking up for children and youth who can't speak up for themselves; and trying to change things for the benefit of children at a local, state or national level.



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2011-2012 Nomination Form**

I recommend that _____ be considered for the 2011-2012 [check award(s) as appropriate:]

_____ Golden Acorn Award _____ Outstanding Advocate Award

given by the Cougar Ridge Elementary PTSA. She/He deserves recognition for outstanding personal commitment to improving the lives of children and youth because:

Please include volunteer service (A-D below) from the past calendar year (January 2011 to December 2011). Information should be as specific as possible; the more information given, the higher the potential score.

A. PTSA service: _____

B. School volunteer (non-PTSA): _____

C. Service district-wide to the schools community: _____

D. Other community service (non-school/non-PTSA): _____

Please complete the following in the event that we need to contact you for additional information.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

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