

MEMBERSHIP DUES

How Much is Enough?

Keep your dues affordable so that everyone can afford to join! A good rule of thumb for membership dues is to specify an amount that will cover per capita for the constituent organizations – National PTA, California State PTA, the district PTA and council PTA (if in council) – and a small portion of each membership for liability insurance premiums. To change the amount of membership dues, the unit bylaws must be amended.

There is Only One Level of Membership

There is **only one level of PTA membership**. A PTA may wish to solicit additional donations and have *levels of membership* for different prices, but this is against PTA bylaws. The actual amount of per person dues is specified in the bylaws and prospective members must be allowed to join at that price.

Membership Dues versus Donations

If a PTA wishes to solicit donations with varying levels of contribution, it may do so as a **separate project** from the membership campaign. For example, a gold donor/patron could be \$100; a silver donor/patron could be \$50, etc. The details of this project must be outlined in the standing rules and approved annually by the membership. **Remember to keep contributions and membership dues separate in your accounting and regular financial reports.**

Every Member gets a Membership Card!