



Exciting News

After a long delay, [Free State PTA](#) is officially a nonprofit organization. The IRS Letter of Determination was received last week. This allows the state PTA to take a number of actions that have been on hold.

Note: This does not affect the group exemption for the local and council PTAs. You still need to complete the Delaware PTA Consent Form to receive your Letter of Determination.

Act Today! March 31 Deadline Announced

The option to receive your PTA's IRS Letter of Determination is still available through the generosity of Delaware PTA. However, **this option is only offered through March 31, 2022**. The consent form and complete instructions are still available on the Free State PTA website at www.fspta.org.

Why would you need this IRS Letter of Determination for your PTA? You may need this letter to:

- open bank accounts/update signatory information,
- raise charitable tax-deductible funds,
- apply for grants, and/or
- receive benefits as a non-profit and engage in other activities related to your work to support the PTA mission.

Why does Free State PTA not have its own IRS Letter of Determination?

Free State PTA is unable to obtain a group exemption due to a nationwide moratorium by the IRS, which has not allowed any new group exemptions since June 2020. No one, not even the IRS, can predict when the moratorium will end. Local and council PTA leaders and members are encouraged to write letters asking for this action. Sample letters are available on the Free State PTA website [here](#).

Membership Is Year-Round

See the latest message from the Free State PTA Membership Committee [here](#). Contact Traci Tatum, Free State PTA Vice President for Membership at vpmembership.freestate@gmail.com.

You Asked! Resources Are Coming!

Your board of directors has been working diligently to provide the information and resources you have requested. What has been on the top of the list? The new bylaws template. This template,

as well as the newly-adopted standards of affiliation, will be soon posted on the website under the About/Governance tab. Look for them by February 15.

Congratulations!

The following PTAs were recently awarded National PTA grants. Well done!

Advancing Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Grant

East Silver Spring Elementary PTA, Silver Spring
Rock Creek Forest Elementary PTA, Chevy Chase

STEM + Families Math Nights Grant

Tulip Grove Elementary PTA, Bowie
East Silver Spring Elementary PTA, Silver Spring

PTA Tobacco Prevention Campaign

Wheaton High PTSA, Silver Spring

Need to Contact Us?

Another result of Free State PTA receiving its nonprofit status was the ability to create their final email addresses. The contact list with new email addresses will soon be available on the [website](#).

We are here to assist you!

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