

**Tamaqua Elementary Parent/Teacher Organization (TEPTO)
2019-2020 Membership**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are currently accepting membership applications for the 2019-2020 school year. The deadline for submitting membership forms and payment is October 31, 2019. Annual dues are \$5.00 per adult member and \$2.00 per senior member.

Please be aware that anyone who joins TEPTO and plans to volunteer or chaperone any events throughout the year, must submit the proper clearances. ***THIS INCLUDES BEING A FIELD TRIP CHAPERONE!*** All volunteers must submit copies of a Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance and a Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check. If TEPTO does not receive copies of these clearances, you will not be allowed to volunteer or chaperone any PTO related events. ***If you submitted clearances during the 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, or 2018-2019 school year, you do not need to submit them again.*** All clearances are valid for five years from the date of issue. If your clearances will expire during this school year, we will let you know so you can get new clearances. Please check the dates on your clearances to be sure they are still valid! Both clearances can be obtained online with no cost to those who apply as a volunteer.

- For PA Child Abuse History Clearance go to <https://www.compass.state.pa.us>
- For PA State Police Criminal Record go to <https://epatch.state.pa.us>

*****ALL FIELD TRIP CHAPERONES AND VOLUNTEERS MUST BE PTO MEMBERS WITH CLEARANCES!*****

If you would like to be a member of TEPTO and do not have any plans to chaperone or volunteer for any events, you can simply complete the form and pay the membership fee. No clearances are required for those just wishing to be a TEPTO member.

Please complete the membership form below and return it to your child's teacher. Don't forget to also include your membership dues and copies of your clearances (if needed) in a sealed envelope. Checks, money orders, or cash are all acceptable forms of payment. Checks should be made payable to TEPTO. (Please be aware that all returned checks will be charged a \$25.00 fee.) Upon receipt of your form and payment, you will be issued a membership card. Those who have submitted clearances will also be issued a lanyard. Please wear this lanyard whenever you volunteer for any TEPTO event.

**Thank you for your support!
TEPTO Officers**

Please detach and return this form to your child's teacher.

Your name: _____

Your phone number: _____

Your email address: _____

For additional memberships, please provide the above information on the back of this form or on a separate sheet of paper.

Please complete the table below with your child(ren)/student(s) name, grade, & teacher.

Child's Name	Child's Grade	Child's Teacher

- ☐ In order to cut back on costs, please mark this box if you have your lanyard(s) from previous years and you do NOT need us to send you a replacement.