



The [Governor's Civic Engagement Award \(GCEA\)](#) recognizes PA high schools and student leaders for their efforts to educate students about the electoral process and register them to vote.

The PA Departments of State and Education collaborated with Inspire U.S. to engage schools in peer education on civic engagement. Inspire is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that offers resources and guidance to student leaders as they run voter registration drives.

In the 2017-18 school year:

- 32 PA high schools held voter registration drives, registering 2,955 eligible students to vote.
- 16 schools in 13 counties won GCEA awards.

In the 2018-19 school year:

- High schools can [sign up](#) with [Inspire](#) or organize their own voter registration drives.
- Individual GCEA Awards will be given for the first time.
- Nominations must be mailed to the Department of State, c/o GCEA, 210 North Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120 or emailed to ra-voterreg@pa.gov by April 22.



Gold Level School Award

Awarded to high schools where 85% of eligible students are registered to vote.



Silver Level School Award

Awarded to high schools where 65% of eligible students are registered to vote



Individual Award

Awarded to student leaders who organized a voter registration drive at their school and served as a poll worker on election day.

For more information on award eligibility, visit the PA Department of State website at <https://www.dos.pa.gov/VotingElections/Pages/Governor's-Civic-Engagement-Award.aspx> .

