...to effect excellence and equity in public education and to be THE advocacy organization for all public education employees.

TO: IEA-NEA Board of Directors

**IEA-NEA Local Presidents** 

**IEA-NEA Field Staff** 

FROM: IEA-NEA Scholarship Committee

John Phillips, Chair

DATE: August 2012

RE: 2013-2014 Scholarship Information Sheet & Application

The IEA-NEA has established a scholarship program that is open to all children/legal wards of IEA-NEA members. All children are eligible to apply, regardless of age or marital status, as long as they plan to pursue a career in teaching and they have at least one parent who is a dues paying IEA-NEA member. This includes children of IEA-R members.

The Committee is now accepting applications to make awards for the 2013 – 2014 school year. Feel free to photocopy applications as needed. Please read all instructions carefully.

Previous winners may reapply but are not guaranteed an award. They will be put into the pool with all other applicants.

# TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE 2013 – 2014 SCHOOL YEAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, ALL APPLICATIONS, COMPLETE WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 3, 2012.

If you wish to ensure that your application and the supporting documents have been received at the IEA office by the designated date, we invite you to call or to send the application by certified mail. No faxes will be accepted.

Questions regarding this program may be sent to: Illinois Education Association, Attention: Scholarship Committee, 100 E. Edwards Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704.

Status letters to all applicants will be mailed in mid to late February 2013. The decision of the Committee is final.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Enclosures: Information Sheet

Required Documentation

Application

#### 2013 – 2014 IEA-NEA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

#### **INFORMATION SHEET**

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- 1. Program is open to Bachelors or Masters level students who are pursuing a degree in education.
- 2. The following criteria will be used to screen applicants:
  - A. Parent/Guardian is an IEA-NEA member. No agency fee-payer's child/ward may apply for this program.
  - B. Student is a Bachelors or Masters level student enrolled in coursework that qualifies for certification in an education-related field in Illinois. High school students and individuals not currently enrolled in college who apply for this program must plan to pursue a career in education.
  - C. Commitment to work in your education field in an Illinois public school one year.
  - D. The application with all documentation must be postmarked by December 3, 2012.
- 3. The applicant is responsible for ensuring all documents are enclosed with the application.
- 4. The applicant is responsible for completing the application.
- 5. The applicant is responsible for creating the essay. **The essay must be typed**.
- 6. The selection committee is responsible for choosing recipients based solely on the merits of the applicant and the information provided on the application.
- 7. The selection committee is responsible for selecting top candidate(s) from each of the three IEA-NEA geographic sections. Equal importance will be given to applicant's:
  - Economic need
  - Academic achievement (GPA)
  - Extra-curricular activities including work and family responsibilities
  - Typed 300-word essay

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#### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

#### **TRANSCRIPTS**

- 1. If you are a high school student, send your most recent official high school transcript which should also show your Grade Point Average.
- If you are a college freshman or sophomore student, send your most recent official college transcript. College freshmen and sophomores should <u>also</u> send their final official high school transcript.
- 3. Do not apply to this program unless you are at least a senior in high school or older.

#### PROOF OF INCOME OF APPLICANT OR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF APPLICANT

- 1. If you are a dependent, send your parent or guardian's most recent federal income tax form that states the number of dependents and the adjusted gross income.
- If you are financially independent of your parents/guardians, send your own most recent income tax form that states the number of dependents and the adjusted gross income.

#### 300-WORD (MAXIMUM) ESSAY: Why I wish to pursue a career in education.

- 1. The essay must be a creation of the applicant.
- 2. The essay must be typed.
- 3. The applicant must sign the essay.

If Social Security numbers appear on any documents, please mark through them so they are not legible.

The Illinois Education Association-NEA Scholarship Committee does not discriminate in awarding scholarships on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, ancestry, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, veteran status, or other status protected by applicable federal, state or local law.

### 2013 – 2014 IEA-NEA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

### **APPLICATION**

(Please type or print)

NAME		
Last	First	Middle
HOME ADDRESS		
Street	City	State Zip Code
PHONE ()	Male	Female
DATE OF BIRTH	MonthDay	Year
NAME OF IEA MEMBER PARI	ENT/GUARDIAN	
PARENT/GUARDIAN'S HOME	E EMAIL ADDRESS:	
NAME OF PARENT'S IEA LOC	CAL ASSOCIATION AND REGION	I #:

## 2013 – 2014 IEA-NEA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (cont'd.)

## REFER TO YOUR ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS AND WRITE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON THAT DOCUMENT.

# Α. **ACADEMIC INFORMATION** In what month and year did you or will you graduate from high school? month / year My grade point average: on a scale. high school In fall 2012, I will be a ☐ high school student ☐ college student В. FINANCIAL INFORMATION Adjusted Gross Income \$\_\_\_\_\_ (as reported on last year's federal income tax statement) If you have any extenuating financial circumstances (e.g., excessive medical costs, more than 1 child in college simultaneously, etc.) that should be considered, please list them here.

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C.	EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND CLUB ACTIVITIES FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO PRESENT (Include number of years up to 5 years, any offices held in both high school and college, if applicable)
D.	COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (public service projects, volunteering) (Tell us about your experience in both high school and college, if applicable)
E.	WORK EXPERIENCE (Tell us about your experience in both high school and college, if applicable)
F.	OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES NOT LISTED ABOVE

## 2013 – 2014 IEA-NEA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (cont'd.)

G. How did you find out about this program?				
To the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is true and correct.				
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE DATE				
ETHNIC STATEMENT				
This statement is optional and failure to answer will in no way affect the review of your application.				
Ethnic Code:				
☐ American Indian/Alaskan native ☐ Hispanic ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander				
☐ Caucasian (not of Spanish origin) ☐ Black ☐ Other				
✓ Reciprocal agreement must be signed if award is received. Agreement specifies payback provisions if recipient decides against going into public school teaching in Illinois.				
CHECK-OFF LIST: Have you enclosed the following?				
Essay (typed and signed)				
Transcript(s)				
Financial proof of income (federal income tax page)				
*BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR APPLICATION				
MAIL APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTS BY DECEMBER 3, 2012				
TO: IEA-NEA Scholarship Committee Government Relations 100 E. Edwards Street Springfield, IL 62704-1999				