


TO: IEA-NEA Board of Directors
IEA-NEA Local Presidents
IEA-NEA Field Staff

FROM: IEA-NEA Scholarship Committee
Jean Rogers, Chair 

DATE: August 2014

RE: 2015-2016 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 2015–2016 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 2015–2016 SCHOOL YEAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, ALL APPLICATIONS, COMPLETE WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 4, 2014.

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 emailed to our staff contact Gaye Larison at Gaye.Harper-Larison@ieane.org.

Status letters to all applicants will be mailed in mid to late February 2015. The decision of the Committee is final.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Enclosures: Information Sheet
Required Documentation
Application





2015–2016 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 4, 2014.
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.
2. If you are a college freshman or sophomore student, send your most recent official college transcript. College freshmen and sophomores should also 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.
2. 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 your Social Security number appears on any documents,
please mark through the number so it is 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.



2015-2016 APPLICATION

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

NAME

Last

First

Middle

HOME ADDRESS

Street

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE (____) _____

Male

Female

DATE OF BIRTH

Month

Day

Year

NAME OF IEA MEMBER PARENT/GUARDIAN

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S HOME E-MAIL

NAME OF PARENT'S IEA LOCAL ASSOCIATION AND REGION

Local Name

Region #



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Refer to your enclosed documents and write the following information exactly as it appears on that document.

A. 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

My grade point average: _____ on a _____ scale. [] College (if applicable)

In Fall 2015, I will be a [] High School Student [] College Student

B. 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 one child in college simultaneously, etc.) that should be considered, please list them here.

Multiple horizontal lines for listing extenuating financial circumstances.



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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, etc. 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



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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:

- | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan native | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian (not of Spanish origin) | <input type="checkbox"/> Black | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

IMPORTANT: 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 4, 2014**

**TO: IEA-NEA Scholarship Committee
Government Relations
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Springfield, IL 62704-1999**