



# Explanations

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## **1 Dues**

For exact dues amounts, call your regional MNEA office (see locations and phone numbers below). The Missouri NEA Representative Assembly (at its April meeting) and the NEA Representative Assembly (at its July meeting) determine membership dues. The amount quoted prior to these dates could change due to action by either Representative Assembly.

Of the total Missouri NEA dues, \$3.20 is for a one-year subscription to *Something Better*.

## **2 Ethnic Group**

Ethnic minority information is optional, and failure to provide it will in no way affect your membership status, rights or benefits in NEA, Missouri NEA or any of their affiliates. The information will be kept confidential. This data is collected to ensure ethnic minority guarantees in the governance of the Association.

## **3 MNEA Ballot Issue Crisis Fund**

Beginning in 2006, MNEA members began annually contributing \$13 (Active Professional) or \$6 (Active Support Professionals) to the Ballot Issue Crisis Fund. In other words, this is not an increase because ALL members already contribute either \$13 or \$6. The fund is used to support or oppose statewide ballot initiatives like raising the minimum wage, ethics reform, campaign finance reform and defeat Amendment 3 (the billionaire sponsored anti-education ballot proposal that would have eliminated tenure, tied test scores to evaluation and reduced local control). Most recently, the fund was used to fight voter ID changes and extreme tax reforms that jeopardize school funding. You may adjust this voluntary contribution up or down by writing a different amount in the blank space provided on the form in the authorization paragraph.

## **4 Local and State Legislative/Political Action Fund**

MNEA collects voluntary contributions from members to be used in supporting or opposing local and state policy issues, local bond/levy elections, school board election activity and candidates identified through member screening committees as friends of public education. \$1 per month or \$12 annually is a recommended minimum per month with 1/2 set aside to be used by your local association. Many members choose to give more. However, state law requires MNEA to report to the Ethics Commission the name and mailing address of any individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$100. You may adjust this voluntary contribution up or down by writing a different amount in the blank space provided on the form in the authorization paragraph.

**NEA Complimentary Life Insurance**, free with membership, pays up to \$1,000 for any death from natural causes and up to \$5,000 for any accidental death. It insures every MNEA member for \$50,000 for death or dismemberment resulting from any accident or any assault that occurs while the member is on the job or engaged in an Association leadership activity. It also provides a \$150,000 benefit in the event a member's death results from an unlawful homicide occurring on the job. For more information on this life insurance benefit and to register your beneficiary, visit [www.mnea.org](http://www.mnea.org) and click the Member Benefits Link, and then Complimentary Life Insurance, or call (800) 637-4636.

## **Mail to your nearest MNEA regional office**

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