

# Cochran Scholarship

Peggy Cochran, retired Executive Director of Missouri NEA, and her deceased husband, Paul, served education for a combined total of 74 years. Both came from families of teachers. Two of their children are teachers in the St. Louis area. The Cochran's believe that teaching is the most rewarding career anyone can choose. To encourage people to become teachers, they created a \$500 scholarship in support of one of these individuals each year.

**Eligibility:** Applicant must be a *Missouri NEA Student Member* currently enrolled in a Missouri teacher education program and pursuing a career in teaching. Funds are for undergraduate courses.

**Application Deadline:** Received by **January 31** or postmarked by **January 24**

Return to: Missouri NEA, Cochran Scholarship, 1810 E. Elm Street, Jefferson City, MO. 65101  
or email to Pam.Koetting@mnea.org

Applicant's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' or Guardians' name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

College Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ School E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

College currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a copy of current transcript, or your fall grade report IF the grade report includes your cumulative GPA.

**Current Scholarships/Grants:** *(Please list other scholarships and/or grants which applicant has received)*

**Extracurricular Activities/Leadership/Awards/Achievements/Work:** As an attachment, please list all extracurricular activities including college and work or volunteer experiences. Please include the number of years you were active in each, and leadership positions held, awards, honors, and achievements.

**Essay Question:** As an attachment, please answer the following question in 12-point font, (1) page only:  
"Why do you think you deserve to be awarded the Cochran Scholarship?"

**Letters of Recommendation:** As attachments, include one recent letter of recommendation from either a professor/teacher or other non-relative. Each letter of recommendation must clearly state the name of the applicant being recommended, as well as the name, address, and phone number of the person making the recommendation.

Finalists may be called for personal interviews or further information. The winner will be announced by the end of April and the check will be sent to the Financial Aid Office of your college/university prior to the fall semester, after the winner sends us their college student identification number.

Questions? Contact: Pam Koetting, Missouri NEA 1-800-392-0236 or e-mail [Pam.Koetting@mnea.org](mailto:Pam.Koetting@mnea.org).