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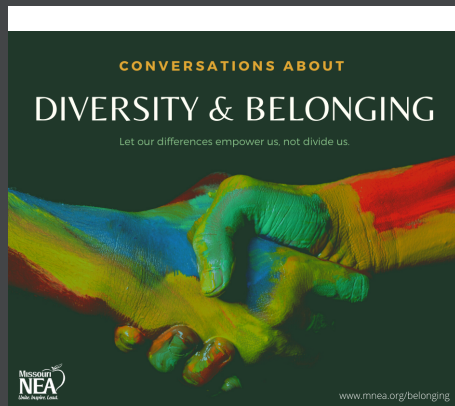
Sign Up for MNEA's Capitol Action Days

Capitol Action Days are part of MNEA's comprehensive Government Relations plan to promote positive policy for public education. MNEA's Capitol Action Days are each Wednesday of the legislative session (February through May).

Plan now to make the trip to Jefferson City to attend your Governance District's Capitol Action Day. Talk to other members about attending, too.

Questions? Contact Liz Zerr at (573) 644-9610 or elizabeth.zerr@mnea.org.

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Conversations About Diversity & Belonging Register by Jan. 23

Now is your chance to begin taking part in meaningful conversation about equity and belonging. Join MNEA for **Introduction to Conversations on Diversity and Belonging (Jan. 18)**, and decide if you would like to take part in the **6-part program (Feb. 8 and 22, March 8 and 29, April 12 and 26)**.



National Board Certification Workshops

NBC Candidate Boost Days (VIRTUAL)

These workdays are for candidates who plan to submit one or more components in 2021-2022. **Sat., Feb. 26 or Sat., April 9.**

Exploring NBC (VIRTUAL)

This workshop is for educators who want information about the National Board Certification process and benefits. Free, online and open to all



Run for state delegate to 2022 NEA RA Candidacy deadline: Jan. 15

The NEA Representative Assembly is scheduled for July 2-6, 2022. MNEA is currently seeking candidates for state delegate. If you are interested in meeting members from other state affiliates, witnessing the largest democratic body in the nation in action, and representing Missouri NEA, submit your declaration for candidacy by **Jan. 15, 2022.**

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educators.

Mon., Jan. 24 or Mon., April 25

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Candidates will need to submit a headshot and 100-word statement to appear on the ballot. The election will take place in February.

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CLASSROOM GRANTS
Up to **\$250**
for MNEA members.
Apply by Feb. 1, 2022.
www.mnea.org/cheer

CHEER grant applications due Feb. 1

Need a little financial boost to assist with a classroom or school project? Apply for a CHEER grant by Feb. 1. Grants of up to \$250 each will be awarded to MNEA members for worthy projects. Learn more and apply at www.mnea.org/cheer.

Apply Now



Beginning Teacher Assistance Last chance to attend this school year

(VIRTUAL)

The Missouri NEA “I Can Do It” Beginning Teacher Assistance Program is designed for teachers in their first two years and any teacher who wants to improve their classroom management skills. MNEA partners with Maryville University to offer a meaningful program that meets the beginning teacher assistance program certification requirement.

Register at www.mnea.org/ICanDoIt.

Mondays 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 21, 28, March 7, and 14

MNEA Resolutions

During the MNEA Fall RA, delegates voted to to adopt new MNEA Resolutions. The new document combines MNEA's core beliefs, Legislative Platform, Position Statements, Issue Briefings, and Resolutions into one document that defines the guiding principles of the Association. The MNEA Legislative & Resolutions Committee, Board of Directors, and staff worked to perfect the document over several years. This easy-to-reference resource clearly communicates MNEA's stance on the issues. Find it at www.mnea.org/positions.

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School liability in terminations relating to workers' compensation

Workers' compensation protections are some of the most important laws for helping people who are injured or have contracted an occupational illness at work. If an injury or illness is covered by workers' compensation, then the employer is responsible for the medical costs, payment for days missed at work, and potentially even monetary payments if the injury leads to permanent disabilities.

SB, winter 2021

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Scholarship

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www.mnea.org/scholarships

\$500 Educators Rising scholarship for high school seniors

Apply Now



\$500 Cochran Scholarship

Applicants must be pursuing a degree in education and a member of MNEA Aspiring Educators.



Sponsored by the MNEA, Educators Rising-Missouri is giving one deserving future teacher a \$500 scholarship to pursue their college degree. Applicants must be a member of their high school Educators Rising chapter, ranked in the top 20 percent of their class, entering the Educators Rising-Missouri state competition in spring 2022, and if 18-years-old, registered to vote.

Application Deadline: Jan. 31, 2022

[Apply Now](#)



Are these New Year's resolutions on your list?

- Learn something new.
- De-stress.
- Live life to the fullest, now and through retirement.
- Get out of debt.
- Save more money.

Former Missouri NEA Executive Director Peggy Cochran and late husband Paul were both teachers. Both come from families of teachers. Two of their children are teachers in the St. Louis area. They 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.

Applicants must currently be in their freshman, sophomore or junior year at a Missouri college or university and a member of Aspiring Educators. [Apply by Jan. 31, 2022.](#)

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Horace Mann, a long-time MNEA corporate supporter and co-sponsor of the Horace Mann Friend of Education Awards, can help you achieve these resolutions.

FIND OUT HOW BY CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL HORACE MANN REPRESENTATIVE TODAY!

For more information, email your inquiry to association.relations@horacemann.com.

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Educators Rising-Missouri Conference & Competition

High-school and middle-school

students come together with the common goal of becoming educators.

VIRTUAL

March 8-9, 2022 (Competitions)

March 9, 2022 (Keynote and Sessions)

Deadline to Register: Jan. 25

Fee: \$15 per person (student or advisor)

All payments or purchase orders are due by March 3.

Students who do not compete are encouraged to participate in the sessions Wed., March 9. In addition to competitions, the program offers:

- Keynote speaker.
- Table talks with professional educators in a variety of professional roles and topics.
- Information on educator preparation programs in Missouri.

The agenda will be scheduled based on the competition entries received. Thus, the final agenda will not be published until after March 3. Learn more at www.mnea.org/edrising.

[Competition Details >](#)

[Conference Registration >](#)

Questions? Contact Ann.Jarrett@mnea.org ((573) 644-9625) or Laurie.Bernskoetter@mnea.org ((573) 644-9623).

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**Conference
& Competition**
March 8 & 9, 2022

Fee: \$15 per person
Registration Deadline Jan. 25

Register Today >>>

Missouri NEA www.mnea.org/edrising

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Author Visit!

Win a virtual author visit for NEA's Read Across America

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One winner will get the opportunity to select one of our incredible RAA authors for a day of reading and learning at a public school. **Enter by Jan. 31.**

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School Board Elections are April 5.

Help us help you.

Local association PAC committees, who do you recommend in your school board election. Complete the online form by Feb. 21 or contact MNEA Political Director Liz Zerr for more information at elizabeth.zerr@mnea.org.

Report your local association recommendations at www.mnea.org/schoolboardrecform.



WHO DOES YOUR LOCAL ASSOCIATION RECOMMEND FOR

SCHOOL BOARD?

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