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AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK NOV. 14-18, 2022

American Education Week presents all Americans with an opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. Each day of the week-long celebration is an observance of how each member of the community can contribute to making public schools great.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NATIONWIDE KICKOFF DAY	PARENTS DAY	ESP DAY	EDUCATOR FOR A DAY	SUBSTITUTE EDUCATORS DAY
Across the country, schools will celebrate excellence in education by hosting kickoff events and activities.	Schools will invite parents into the classroom for a firsthand look at what the school days is like for their children.	Education Support Professionals keep schools running and students safe, healthy and ready to learn.	Community leaders are invited to experience the day as educators and see the challenges of teaching and the needs of students.	Substitute educators play a vital role in the maintenance and continuity of daily education.

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American Education Week Nov. 14-18, 2022

How do you celebrate?

Each day of the week-long celebration is an observance of how each member of the community can contribute to making public schools great.

Monday: Kickoff Day
Tuesday: Family Day
Wednesday: [Education Support Professionals Day](#)

Thursday: Educator for a Day
Friday: Substitute Educators Day

Share how you are celebrating by adding the following hashtag to your social media posts **#AEW2022**.

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[NEA Representative Assembly](#)

If not you, then who?

Run for state delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly in Orlando, July 2-6, 2023. If you are interested in meeting members from other states, witnessing the largest democratic body in action, and representing Missouri NEA values, submit your declaration of candidacy for one of the 23 state delegate positions by Jan. 15.

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Beginning Teacher Assistance

There are still a few spots left for the February session of "I Can Do It." MNEA's Beginning Teacher Assistance and Classroom Management Program is not just for new teachers. Experienced educators also find these sessions helpful.

MNEA partners with Maryville University to offer a meaningful program that meets the beginning teacher assistance program certification requirement.

Register by Jan. 25
VIRTUAL - 4 Thursday Evenings
Feb. 2, 9, 16, and 23

Must attend all four sessions.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



Teaching
SCHOLARSHIPS

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Encourage your high school and college students to apply for these scholarships.

Through the generosity of Missouri NEA's past leaders and the Educators Rising Program, MNEA is able to offer the following scholarship opportunities for high school seniors and college students majoring in education. Share the flyers and information with your students, children, grandchildren, and college students aspiring to become educators.

Questions?

Contact MNEA Teaching and Learning Director Samantha Hayes at samantha.hayes@mnea.org or (573) 644-9625.

Jack Kinnaman
SCHOLARSHIP

Teaching
Your Destination
Application Due Date: April 15

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APPLY NOW

JACK KINNAMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Application Due Date: April 15

Amount: \$1,000-\$3,500

Eligibility: Member of Aspiring Educators

The NEA-Retired Jack Kinnaman Scholarship Fund was established in honor of Jack Kinnaman, the then-serving NEA-Retired Vice President. His surviving family members wished to establish a scholarship program in his memory; thus, beginning a much-needed assistance activity for worthy aspiring educators.

LEARN MORE & APPLY

MNEA Educators Rising
**KARLOVETZ-FAVERO
 SCHOLARSHIP**
\$1,000
 Scholarship for a college student enrolled in
 a teacher education program in Missouri.

APPLY NOW!
 DUE DATE: JAN. 31

Missouri
NEA www.mnea.org/grants_scholarships

KARLOVETZ-FAVERO SCHOLARSHIP

Application Due Date: Jan. 31

Amount: \$1,000

Eligibility: Member of Aspiring Educators Martha Karlovetz, past President of MNEA and MNEA-Retired, has been an Association Activist at the local, state, and national levels since MNEA was established in 1973. Her daughter, Linda Favero, was a building representative and an MNEA-RA delegate. Linda's career as an educator was cut short after losing the battle with a brain tumor.

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Missouri
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**\$500 COCHRAN
 SCHOLARSHIP**

Applicants must be a member of Missouri NEA Aspiring Educators currently enrolled in a Missouri teacher education program

JAN. 31

APPLY TODAY

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 www.mnea.org/cochranscholarship

COCHRAN SCHOLARSHIP

Application Due Date: Jan. 31

Amount: \$500

Eligibility: Member of Aspiring Educators Former Missouri NEA Executive Director Peggy Cochran and her 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.

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GILBERT BALDERRAMA



**Gilbert Balderrama
Minority**

SCHOLARSHIP



MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP

Application Due Date: Jan. 15

Amount: \$500

Eligibility: High school senior and person of color or indigenous peoples

The Gilbert Balderrama Minority Scholarship was created in memory of one of Missouri NEA's UniServ Directors and education activists. For more than 20 years, Gilbert Balderrama served MNEA and its members as a UniServ director. Gilbert received numerous degrees and certifications and strongly believed in furthering one's knowledge through education. The recipient of this scholarship does not need to be an education major.

[Read More & Apply](#)

**EDUCATORS
RISING
Scholarship**

Application Deadline: Jan. 31

[Learn More](#)

www.mnea.org/edrising

EDUCATORS RISING-MISSOURI SCHOLARSHIP

Application Due Date: Jan. 31

Amount: \$500

Eligibility: Member of Educators Rising

This is a \$500 scholarship established to encourage and support high school students pursuing a degree in education. Teaching is a rewarding career in many ways. With the number of candidates declining for careers in education, Educators Rising is here to offer support to those just beginning the journey.

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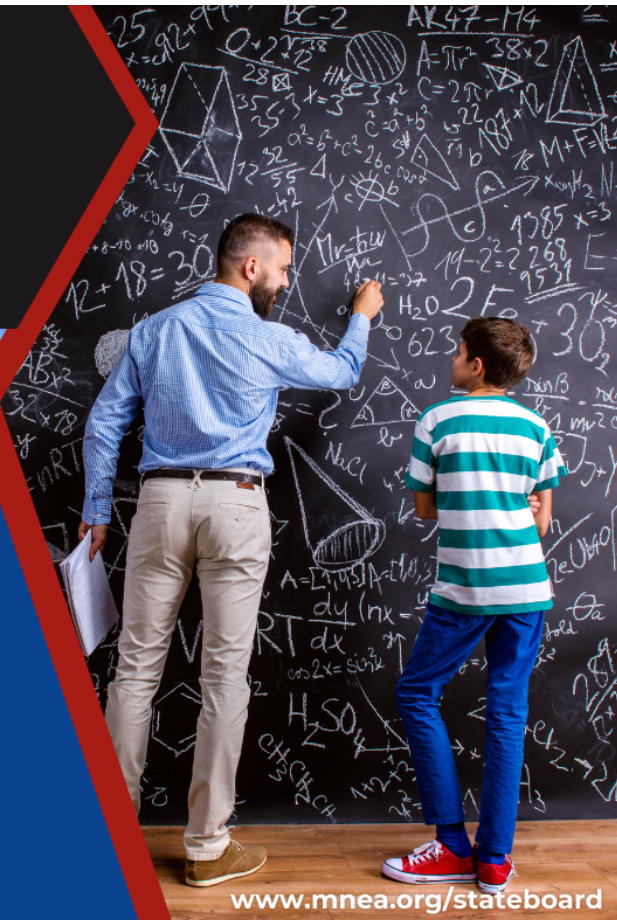


MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Oct. 18, 2022

- Missouri Teacher of the Year.
- Recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Commission on Teacher Retention and Recruitment.
- Public engagement meetings scheduled.
- Gifted and talented children education report.
- MNEA members appointed to MACCE.

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www.mnea.org/stateboard

Stay in the Know...Read MNEA's

Missouri State Board of Education Reports

The Missouri State Board of Education is made up of eight citizens appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Board sets standards for and approves courses and professional programs for teachers and school administrators in Missouri's public and private higher education institutions.

MNEA Vice Pres. Rebeka McIntosh and MNEA Teaching & Learning Director Samantha Hayes attend the meetings of the State Board of Education. After each meeting, they write a report and may issue alerts to staff and members about upcoming policy changes that may impact educators. If you have questions regarding either report, please contact Samantha Hayes at (573) 644-9625.

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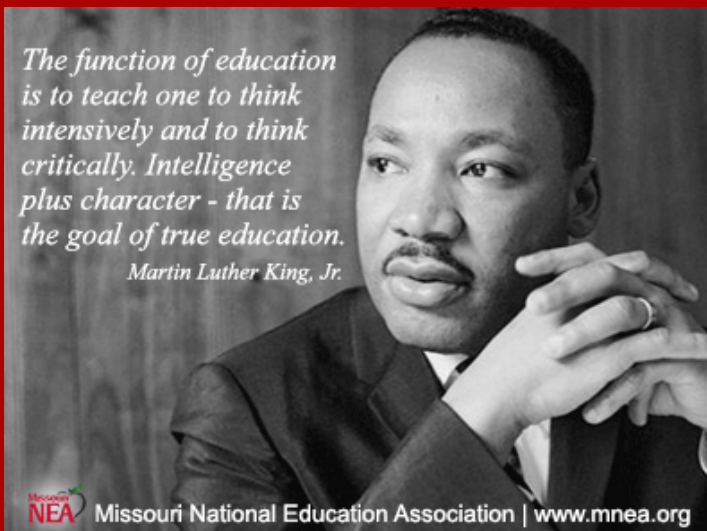
PSRS-PEERS Pension Board Report

MNEA Legislative Director Otto Fajen attends the board meetings of the Public School Retirement/Public Education Employees System. Read the report from the meeting held Oct. 23-24, 2022. The report summarizes investment returns, actuary report, board election schedule, CPI-U update, and COLA adjustment for January 2023.

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The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay-Poster Contest

Sponsored by the MNEA Human Rights Committee, the 2023 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay-Poster Contest is a great way for students in grades K-12 to learn about this civil rights icon. "Fulfilling Dr. King's Dream: Reading to Lead and Transform" is the theme for the 2023 contest.

MNEA-affiliated local associations must host the initial contest and submit first-, second-, and third-place winning posters in any or all of the five grade-level categories (up to 15 entries per local association).

Contest entries are due to MNEA HQ **no later than Jan. 15**. Learn more at www.mnea.org/mlkcontest.

LEARN MORE

Thank you for voting!

Missouri NEA recommended candidates across the state campaigned to support educators, neighborhood public schools, working families, and protect members' right to bargain a fair contract, and increase resources for schools. **Eighty-five percent of MNEA recommended candidates, including five Missouri NEA members, won their state legislative elections in a stunning victory for members.**



85%

of MNEA recommended candidates win election.

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Missouri NEA members voted into office.

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'Tis the Season: #GivingTuesday

This year on #GivingTuesday, which is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 29), consider making a contribution to one or both of the charitable funds below. Contributions made to the MNEA Charitable Fund and CHEER Fund may be tax deductible depending on if you itemize. Rest assured knowing that **100% of your contribution will go to help educators like yourself and students in need**—no money is used for administrative costs.

HOPE FUND

Through its **Humanitarian Outreach Project for Education Fund**, Missouri NEA assists members, students, and schools.

The HOPE Fund is designed to provide relief to victims of natural disasters; relief to the poor, distressed or underprivileged; and research and implementation of projects that address critical needs in education. The HOPE fund also provides financial assistance for educational-related supplies to schools that have been damaged or destroyed by fire or natural disaster.



GIVE HOPE TODAY

CHEER FUND

Caring Help for Education Endeavors by Retirees was formed by MNEA-Retired to be a public benefit by enhancing the learning conditions of Missouri's children.

CHEER will provide opportunities for MNEA-Retired members to reach out to public school district employees, particularly early career educators, and provide financial and material resources such as, but not limited to the following:

- Providing needed school supplies for classrooms or teachers.
- Enhancing workspaces for teachers and school personnel.
- Funding literacy projects.
- Funding teacher training opportunities.
- Promoting volunteerism.
- Participating in programs that relieve poverty.
- Promoting school readiness.



GIVE CHEER TODAY

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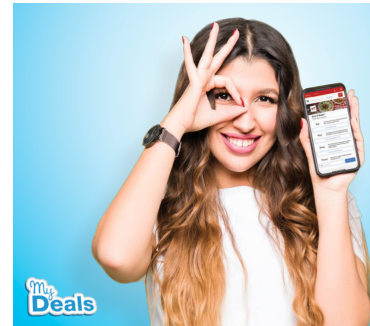
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