



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

FROM: IEA-NEA Scholarship Committee

DATE: September 2010

RE: 2011-2012 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/legal wards of deceased, current IEA-NEA members, divorced, or IEA-Retired members are eligible to apply, regardless of child's age or marital status, as long as they plan to pursue a career in teaching.

The Committee is now accepting applications to make awards for the 2011 – 2012 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 2011 – 2012 SCHOOL YEAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, ALL APPLICATIONS, COMPLETE WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 3, 2010.**

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 sent to: Illinois Education Association, Attention: Scholarship Committee, 100 E. Edwards, Springfield, IL 62704.

Status letters to all applicants will be mailed in mid-February 2011. The decision of the Committee is final.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Enclosures: Information Sheet  
Required Documentation  
Application

## 2011 – 2012 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. Children/wards of deceased, divorced, or IEA-Retired members in good standing may apply. (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 3, 2010.
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 applicants:
  - Economic need
  - Academic achievement (GPA, ACT/SAT scores and transcripts)
  - 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 student, send your most recent official college transcript (college freshman should send their final official high school transcript)

#### PROOF OF INCOME OF APPLICANT OR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF APPLICANT

1. If you are a dependent, send your parent or guardian's most recent 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

#### TEST SCORES

Proof of ACT/SAT scores. These may appear on the transcript you send to us.

#### **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 Social Security numbers appear on any documents,  
please mark through them so they are 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.**

**2011 – 2012 IEA-NEA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**APPLICATION**  
**(Please type or print)**

NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

Last First Middle

ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_

Street City State Zip Code

PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Male

Female

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year

NAME OF IEA MEMBER PARENT/GUARDIAN

THEIR HOME EMAIL ADDRESS:

THEIR WORK EMAIL ADDRESS:

NAME OF PARENT'S IEA LOCAL ASSOCIATION AND REGION #:

**2011 – 2012 IEA-NEA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**(cont'd.)**

**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)

My ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ (AND/OR) My SAT Score \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) and \_\_\_\_\_ semester(s) of  high school  
 college  
 post graduate studies

**B. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Adjusted Gross Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (as reported on last year's income tax statement)

Estimated Annual Tuition \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (do not include room and board)

If you have any extenuating financial circumstances (e.g., excessive medical costs, more than 1 child in college simultaneously, etc.) that should be considered, please list them here.

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**C. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/ CLUBS (number of years, offices held)**  
**(High School/College if applicable)**

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**D. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (public service projects, volunteering)**  
**(High School/College if applicable)**

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**E. WORK EXPERIENCE (high school/college if applicable)**

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**F. OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES NOT LISTED ABOVE**

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**2011 – 2012 IEA-NEA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**(cont'd.)**

**G. How did you find out about this program?**

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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:

- American Indian/Alaskan native       Hispanic       Asian/Pacific Islander  
 Caucasian (not of Spanish origin)       Black       Other

✓ **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 signed your application AND essay?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Have you enclosed all of the following?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Essay**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Transcript (high school or college)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Financial proof of income (tax form)**

**MAIL APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTS  
BY DEC. 3, 2010, TO:**

**IEA-NEA Scholarship Committee  
Government Relations  
100 E. Edwards Street  
Springfield, IL 62704-1999**