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Celebrate
AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK
NOV. 13-17, 2023

Missouri NEA
Unite. Inspire. Lead.

Thank you,
education employees, for all you do to
give all students great public schools.

- MONDAY 13 Kickoff Day
- TUESDAY 14 Family Day
- WEDNESDAY 15 Education Support Professionals Day
- THURSDAY 16 Educator for a Day
- FRIDAY 17 Substitute Educators Day

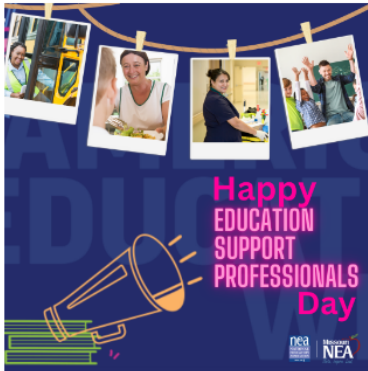
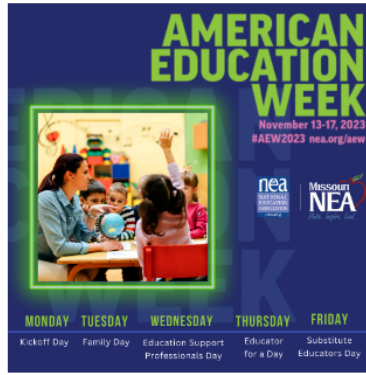
Missouri National Education Association
mnea.org

American Education Week Nov. 13-17, 2023

Help MNEA celebrate.

This event 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.

MNEA created images and messages to help you share how you are celebrating American Education Week to post on your social media using hashtag #AEW23.



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NEA Representative Assembly

Represent MNEA at the NEA RA
If not you, then who?



Essay & Visual Art Contest

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay-Visual Art Contest sponsored by the MNEA Human Rights Committee is a great way for students in grades K-12 to learn about this civil rights icon. "Leadership and Service"

Run for state delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly in Philadelphia, July 3-7, 2024. 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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is the theme for the 2024 contest.

NEW RULES

Now contest entries may include spoken word, poems, songs, drawings, and digital media.

MNEA-affiliated local associations must host the initial contest and submit first-, second-, and third-place winning posters in any or all of the grade-level categories (up to 18 entries per local association).

Contest entries are due to MNEA Headquarters no later than Jan. 15.

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MNEA CONNECTS PODCAST

Stay in the know...

Listen to the MNEA Connects podcast

Latest Episodes

- MNEA Resolutions 101
- Missouri State Board of Education report
- Students & Technology, Part III with Andy Slaughter and Dr. DeAnna Massie (member-led episode)
- Checks & Balance: Financial literacy and teacher retention with Horace Mann
- Learning Forward Missouri #MotionIntoAction

If you have questions regarding the podcast, please contact MNEA Teaching & Learning Director Samantha Hayes at (573) 644-9625.

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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 members, MNEA is able to offer the following scholarship opportunities for high school seniors and college students majoring in education. Share the flyer and information with your students, children, grandchildren, and college students aspiring to become educators.

[Download the flyer](#)

KARLOVETZ-FAVERO 
SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000
Scholarship for a college student enrolled in a teacher education program in Missouri.

Due Date: Jan. 31
www.mnea.org/grants_scholarships


Apply Now

Missouri **NEA** | **ASPIRING EDUCATORS**

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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\$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



573-644-9623



www.mnea.org/cochranscholarship



Missouri
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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
Minority**

SCHOLARSHIP



**DUE
JAN
15**

www.mnea.org/scholarships

GILBERT BALDERRAMA 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.

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Jack Kinnaman
SCHOLARSHIP



Teaching —————
Your Destination
Application Due Date: April 15






JACK KINNAMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Application Due Date: April 15, opens Dec. 1

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.

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UNION MATTERS

MNEA Collective Bargaining Conference a Success

MNEA hosted more than 150 members at the Collective Bargaining Conference in St. Louis on Sat., Nov. 4. Local association leaders and bargaining teams united to learn about collective bargaining, legal rights, and inspire each other with success stories.


UNITE. INSPIRE. LEAD.

#GivingTuesday



Give the gift of

HOPE & CHEER

Humanitarian Outreach
Project for Education

Caring Help for Education
Endeavors by Retirees

100% of your contribution will help
students and educators in need.

www.mnea.org/givesback



Give the gift of HOPE & CHEER

This year on #GivingTuesday, which is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, consider making a contribution to one or both of the charitable funds. Contributions made to the MNEA HOPE Fund and CHEER Fund may be tax deductible depending on whether 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.

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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. 29-30, 2023. The report summarizes investment returns, actuary report, board election schedule, CPI-U update, and COLA adjustment for January 2024.



We're thankful for you!

During this season of gratitude, longtime corporate supporter, Horace Mann, wants to extend a message of thanks. Horace Mann and their agents are humbled to serve the educator community. Thank you for all you do.

Wishing you a happy Thanksgiving!

To learn more about Horace Mann or to contact your local agent, [click here](#).

Horace Mann Service Corporation enters into an agreement with educational associations where Horace Mann pays the association to familiarize association members with the Horace Mann brand, products or services. Contact association.relations@horacemann.com for more information.

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Silver Dollar City & Branson Attractions

Branson is one of the most sought-after vacation spots in Missouri and the United States.

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Save up to 15% with promo code: 22588



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OLD TIME CHRISTMAS

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CHEER GRANT

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 \$400 each will be awarded to MNEA members for worthy projects.

Applications should be submitted by an MNEA active member, sponsored by an MNEA-Retired member.

APPLY TODAY

TUITION GRANT

Are you a probationary teacher or school employee?

Are you taking college classes?

Are you a member of Missouri NEA?

If the answer is YES to all three questions, apply for the \$500 Tuition Grant sponsored by Reliant Financial Services.

Applications are due Jan. 31.

APPLY TODAY



**MNEA Member Benefits
Saves You Money.**



Identity Theft Protection

Missouri NEA has partnered with Securus ID powered by Experian to provide members access to high-quality identity theft protection plans with a 100% success rate at a 60% discount. While you may take every precaution to keep your identity safe, sadly, almost daily we hear about data breaches from big businesses, which put you at risk of fraud.

There is a range of packages that are designed to safeguard you and your family for as low as \$3 per month. All of the plans offer a total recovery solution, meaning that you don't have to lift a finger, except to get in contact with us.

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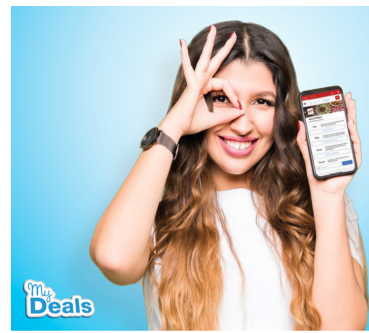
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