

## Frequently Asked Questions: MSEA Aspiring Educator Membership

### Who is eligible for membership?

Aspiring Educator membership is available to students enrolled in a post-secondary program that will make them eligible for active teacher, ESP, or higher ed membership in NEA. There is NO requirement to be enrolled in the school of education.

### How much is membership?

Membership is \$30 per year. Dues are paid in full at [nea.org/join](http://nea.org/join).

### How do I join?

The easiest and fastest way to join is by going to [nea.org/join](http://nea.org/join) and select Aspiring Educator, Maryland. If you aren't able to pay online, you can join by completing and mailing an application and check (this will take longer to process). Find more information and download the application at [bit.ly/AspiringEducators](http://bit.ly/AspiringEducators).

### How long is my membership valid?

The membership year is September 1—August 31. For example, if you join October 2018, your membership is valid through August 31, 2019. Membership must be renewed each year.

### When can I renew my membership?

Membership can be renewed as soon as the current membership year expires. September 1 is when the new membership year starts. Visit [nea.org/join](http://nea.org/join) to become a member today!

### What organizations does my membership cover?

The dues structure is as follows: \$15 to the National Education Association, \$10 to the Maryland State Education Association, \$5 to your campus chapter. You are a member of all of these organizations.

### What does the NEA Educators Employment Liability (EEL) Program insurance cover?

NEA's EEL Program provides coverage for incidents that may occur while you are fulfilling the requirements of your education program (observation hours, student teaching, methods courses, etc). The coverage is extended only if the experience is required by the degree program or university or organized by the chapter. Visit <https://marylandeducators.org/about-msea/aspiring-educators/> to learn more.

## What are the benefits of membership?

CHAPTER, MSEA, NEA MEMBER	POTENTIAL MEMBER
\$1,000,000 professional liability protection from NEA	No liability coverage
Access to job postings, exclusive discounts on car purchases, home financing, and more	Not available
Access to MSEA and NEA leadership training and professional development on SLOs, Common Core, closing opportunity gaps, classroom management, restorative practices, your contract, lobbying your county council, state legislators, and more	No access
You're one of more than 75,000 educators in MD state working together on common policy goals to improve public education and the education professions	You're alone
You're able to join the leadership team at NEA as a delegate to the national representative assembly	You are unable to take part in the decision-making where educator-driven policies are debated and set