

# 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 **free** throughout your college career.

**How do I join?** Visit [nea.org/joinnea](http://nea.org/joinnea) and follow the prompts!

**How long is my membership valid?** The membership year is September 1—August 31. Membership must be renewed each year.

**When can I renew my membership?** Membership can be renewed as soon as the current membership year starts.

**What organizations does my membership cover?** When you join as an Aspiring Educator, you become a member of your campus chapter, the 75,000-member Maryland State Education Association (MSEA), and the 3-million member National Education Association (NEA). We empower, represent, advocate for, and support educators in all job categories in every county in the state.

**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 [marylandeducators.org/aspiringeducators](http://marylandeducators.org/aspiringeducators) 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 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 Maryland 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