

MSEA is committed to recruiting and retaining quality teachers



THE ASPIRING EDUCATORS PROGRAM AT MSEA



MSEA welcomes Maryland's aspiring educators to our membership of 77,000 preK-12 public school teachers and certificated staff, education support staff, and retirees. MSEA's Aspiring Educator (AE) program supports college students from across Maryland who are preparing to be educators.

MSEA's Aspiring Educators worked hard to lessen the burden of student debt and educator internships in 2023 and scored a big win with the full expansion of the Teaching Fellows for Maryland Scholarship Fund. Now eligible pre-service educators in Maryland can have up to 100% of their tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board covered. But that's not enough, AEs also fought for and helped found the first-ever pilot program that includes stipends for undergraduate pre-service teachers, including those at community colleges, and an up to \$20,000 stipend for full-time interns at institutions where 40% or more of students receive federal Pell grants.

AE is now partnered with Educators Rising and NEA for even more support and resources. As an AE member, student membership is free. Learn more at educatorsrising.org.



Aspiring Educators at Your College

There are 12 Aspiring Educator chapters in Maryland—from Frostburg State to University of Maryland to Salisbury University. The MSEA AE program supports professional development, community service, and issue advocacy on campus and at the state and national levels. See the complete list of AE chapters at marylandeducators.org/aspiringeducators.

MSEA Aspiring Educators chapters create opportunities for members to cultivate leadership skills and build a supporting community. MSEA Aspiring Educators can serve as elected delegates representing Maryland as voting members at the annual state and national representative assemblies.

Teacher Quality

MSEA provides on-campus trainings and resources on essential professional development topics including classroom management, trauma-informed instruction, conscious discipline, and inclusive classrooms.

AE members have access to MSEA's statewide career-building Praxis Core and Praxis II group and individual trainings, MSEA's annual convention with free workshops, and more. At NEA's annual AE Conference, more than 20 free hybrid workshops and trainings include topics from financial planning to ageism to decolonizing curriculum. Visit marylandeducators.org/events for MSEA events and offerings.

Educator Voice and Community Engagement

There are many threats facing public education today—affordable college tuition for prospective teachers, adequate and equitable school funding, professional pay for educators, and more. We fought successfully for a \$60k starting salary for teachers; now we're fighting for fair compensation for student interns.

Visit nea.org/JoinNEA or email aspiringeducators@mseane.org to learn more.



ASPIRE TO INSPIRE

THERE'S POWER IN THE CLASSROOM

Below, left: Attendees to the 2024 NEA Aspiring Educators Conference in Philadelphia came from Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Frostburg State University, Morgan State University, and University of Maryland–Eastern Shore.



Aspiring Educators Speak Up



“The AE conference gave me all the reasons to continue

being an educator. From the professional workshops to the self-care sessions, my passion for teaching became stronger than ever.”

—MARIEME NDIAYE
BOWIE STATE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION



“Being an aspiring educator member was the greatest

decision I ever made. It provided me with a support system of people who wanted to see me succeed in that career. I am now a point of contact for other new teachers in my county to support them any way I can.

—GIOVANNA PAPA
EARLY CAREER EDUCATOR



“Attending the NEA Representative Assembly was amazing!

I was part of the largest democratic body in the nation and a voice representing aspiring educators on important education issues.”

—NYA WHEELER
MSEA'S AE DELEGATE TO THE NEA'S 2019 CONVENTION

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