



REGION 6 VIEWPOINT



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There is a common saying, “educators do not do it for the income, they do it for the outcome”. Aren’t we blessed that educators can include a yearly \$250 tax deduction for ‘educator expense’. How many of you only spend \$250 a year on supplies for your students whether its classroom materials, incentives, snacks, drinks, to even shoes, coats, clothes and much more. I do not save my receipts but I know I spend way more than \$250 to support my students. Well folks, there is A LOT of FREE money out there in various IEA, NEA, and NEA Foundation Grants AND MANY TIMES THEY DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH APPLICATIONS AND HAVE MONEY LEFT OVER (sorry I am yelling at you). Yes, grant writing can be time consuming but some are very simple and easy. My local, Roxana Education Association, along with a few other Region 6 locals have received a SUURE Grant from IEA. That one was an easy one to fill out but there are \$5000 grants out there from NEA, which does have a little more in depth application. A current list of grants include:

IEA Grants:

- ◆ Schools and Community Outreach by Educators (SCORE) Grant; up to \$1,000; to collaborate and create opportunities for community service or school projects.
<https://ieanea.org/score/>
- ◆ Stronger United Recruitment, Retention, & Engagement (SUURE) Grant; up to \$1,000; for locals to host events pertaining to recruitment and retention efforts. Perhaps you want to host a member benefit event and provide dinner for your colleagues? Or maybe you want to host a fall tailgate for members to socialize and build solidarity? No idea is too big, and we’d like to help fund your event.
<https://ieanea.org/resources/surre/>

NEA Foundation Grants:

- ◆ Envision Equity Grant; up to \$5,000; support project-based learning and help educators to advance students’ cultural understanding and appreciation, anti-racism commitments, and understanding of civic engagement and democracy.
- ◆ Student Success Grant; up to \$5,000; support educators engaging students in project-based and deeper learning to support the development of skills and dispositions contributing to success and fulfillment in a changing world.
- ◆ Learning and Leadership Grant; up to \$5,000; participate in high-quality professional development like summer institutes, conferences, seminars, travel abroad programs, or action research.
<https://www.neafoundation.org/educator-grants-and-fellowships/>

Grab a friend, come up with an idea, write a grant on a snow or cold day or even while your on the beach this summer as you rest up for the 2024-2025 school year. Take advantage of free money and continue to support our students as I know you do daily.

David Watts
Region 6 Chair

REGION 6 NOMINATION FORM

**For Delegates to the 2024 NEA RA
in Philadelphia, PA ~ July 3-7, 2024**

NOMINATION:

I wish to nominate (*name*) _____

of (*local*) _____ for position of:

(SELECT FOR ANY AND ALL POSITIONS — MARK WITH AN “X”)

NEA RA Delegate

Signature of Nominator: _____

Date: _____

ACCEPTANCE: I hereby accept this nomination and certify that I’m an active member in good standing in the Association.

Signature of Nominee: _____

Nominee Address: _____

Nominee Phone Number: _____

*Nominee **Personal** Email Address:* _____

Date: _____

Mail or fax to: IEA Region 6 Elections Committee

Attn: Region 6 Elections Chair

1012 Plummer Drive, Suite 400

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OR

IEA Fax #: (618) 656-9478

**NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE
RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
5:00 p.m. on February 15, 2024.**

**Ballots will be distributed after
February 21st.**

Election Day is March 20, 2024.