

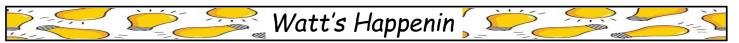
REGION 6 VIEWPOINT

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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 <u>FOR ANY AND ALL POSITIONS</u> –	– MARK WITH AN "X")
☐ NEA RA Delegate	
Signature of Nominator:	
Date:	
ACCEPTANCE: I hereby accept this nomination good standing in the Association Signature of Nominee:	ation.
Nominee Address:	
Nominee Phone Number:	
Nominee <u>Personal</u> Email Address:	
Date:	
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Mail or fax to: IEA Region 6 Elections Committee

Attn: Region 6 Elections Chair 1012 Plummer Drive, Suite 400

Edwardsville, IL 62025

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.