



NEA-
Retired

Jack Kinnaman Scholarship

The scholarship application will be online on December 1, 2025, and is to be submitted by April 15, 2026 no later than 5:00 P.M. ET.

The application can be found at nea.org/retired. Scroll down to the middle of the page to the Jack Kinnaman Scholarship. It will be active on December 1.

Reminders (Very Important)

~To apply for the \$3500 scholarship, you must be:

- **An Aspiring Educator for at least a year**
- **Be a college or university student studying to be a teacher**
- Your application **MUST** include an **official transcript**. An unofficial transcript makes the entire application ineligible.
- **All components of the application must be submitted at the same time.**
- **Scoring categories include:**
 1. **OFFICIAL Transcript**
 2. **Letters of recommendation** (2) One letter from the Aspiring Educator Advisor or faculty member and a non-relative.
 3. **List** of Aspiring Educator activities (local, state, national)
 4. **Essay**: "What do you think is the most crucial issue facing educators today?"
 5. **Need**—Why do you need this scholarship?
EACH category equals 5 points, EXCEPT the "NEED" category, which is 10 points.

~NEA-Retired Jack Kinnaman Scholarship Committee