

Nell Wilcoxen Future Educator Scholarship

For those pursuing a teaching career

GUIDELINES:

- Scholarships will be awarded at the Salute to Excellence ceremony. Scholarships will be awarded to AEA members or their immediate family members planning to pursue careers as educators.
- Those individuals eligible for this scholarship includes high school students beginning their college education and current school employees seeking to become teachers.
- The primary criteria used to select recipients will include academic abilities, honors, leadership positions, school activities, community activities, interest in teaching as a career, written expression, references and needs. Employment, extracurricular activities, and other responsibilities will be considered under the criterion of school and community activities.
- Scholarships awarded will be sent directly to the colleges and universities indicated by the recipients and deducted from their registration and tuition costs during the first year of enrollment. All applicants will be notified of the results in April.
- The deadline is March 1 for all parts of the Application. All information must be typed and name must be at the top of each page.
- The response to the Essay Question should not exceed 750 words.
- The Reference Form should be given to a personal reference or to someone familiar with your academic abilities (teacher, counselor, etc.). The forms can be returned to you and mailed in with your Application or they can be sent directly to AEA by the deadline. Indicate the names and addresses of the references on page 5 of the Application. Only two references will be accepted.

DOCUMENTATION CHECK-OFF

To expedite the processing of your Application, submit the following as a package (except for the Reference Forms which can be sent in separately):

- ___ Pages 2 and 3 of original Application.
- ___ Responses to Essay Questions, page 4.
- ___ Reference Form (2 references are required).

REMINDERS

- Scholarships will be awarded only to AEA members or their immediate families planning to pursue careers as educators.
- All information must be typed.
- Full name must be at the top of each page.
- Do not send folders, binders, or photos.



**DEADLINE
MARCH 1**

MAIL

Nell Wilcoxen Scholarship
Attn: Chris Mayer
Arizona Education Association
345 East Palm Lane
Phoenix, AZ 85004

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FAX

602-240-6887

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- Are you: An AEA member?
 Spouse of an AEA member?
 Dependent of an AEA member?

AEA Member's Name

Local Association

Applicant's Full Name (first, middle, last)

Address (street, city, state, zip)

Phone Number

- Ethnicity: American Indian/Alaska Native Hispanic Other
 Asian/Pacific Islander Caucasian (Not of Spanish origin)
 Black Multi-Ethnic

FOR CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY

Please submit a record of your most recent semester in school. If you are a graduating senior, also include a record of the following:

- Grade point average (grade point averages are evaluated on a scale of 4.0).
- Size of graduating class.
- Class rank.

High School/College

Phone Number

Address (street, city, state, zip)

Name of Guidance Counselor

Please select a planned teaching major:

- Elementary Secondary Special Education

If Secondary Education, indicate one subject area:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English and/or Language Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Sciences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Economics | <input type="checkbox"/> Speech and Dramatics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial or Vocational Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

College or University you plan to attend next school year _____

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Name (first, middle, last)

List honors, school extracurricular activities, community service, or leadership positions:

Dates

List names, addresses and phone numbers of the two references you will be using. A Reference Form should be given to a personal reference and to someone familiar with your academic potential (teacher, counselor, supervisors, co-worker, etc.). Select references carefully from among those persons who can speak with authority about you.

Personal Reference — (Name)

Title

Address (street, city, state, zip)

Phone Number

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Are you employed? Yes No If yes, how many hours per week? _____

Place of employment: _____

Job responsibilities: _____

List involvement in professional organizations (if applicable):

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Name (first, middle, last)

Response to the Essay Questions should not exceed **750** words.
Please attach typewritten response with your name at the top of the page.

ESSAY QUESTION 1:

Why are you interested in teaching as a career?

ESSAY QUESTION 2:

Consider the following information: During the last decade, support for public education has eroded. Some blame teachers and administrators for a lack of discipline and a falling-off of standards. Some recognize that schools are overwhelmed by social problems such as the decline of the family and a breakdown of the norms of responsible behavior.

What can schools and teachers do to build a trusting and supporting relationship with parents and community members that will lead to better student achievement and success?

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REFERENCE FORM

Please check one:

PERSONAL REFERENCE

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Applicant Name (first, middle, last)

The above person has applied for a Nell Wilcoxon Future Educator Scholarship. As a reference for this applicant, please provide a response to each of the following questions. Please attach response with applicant's full name at the top of the page. Return to applicant or mail to AEA Foundation, Chris Mayer, 345 East Palm Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85004, or e-mail to chris.mayer@arizonaaea.org by **March 1**.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. Why do you believe the applicant will be successful in a professional education career?

3. What is your assessment of the applicant's academic ability or potential?

4. Are there unique factors that make the applicant especially worthy of receiving scholarship support (talented, self-directed, minority, single-parent home, or low-income situation, etc.)?

Name (print)

Title

Address (street, city, state, zip)

Phone Number

Name (signature)

Date