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.

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.
- Reference Form (2 references are required).

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.
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Are you:  □ An AEA member?  
          □ Spouse of an AEA member?  
          □ Dependent of an AEA member?

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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.

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Please select a planned teaching major:
- □ Elementary  □ Secondary  □ Special Education

If Secondary Education, indicate one subject area:
- □ Agriculture Education  □ Mathematics
- □ Art  □ Music
- □ Business  □ Physical Education
- □ English and/or Language Arts  □ Science
- □ Foreign Language  □ Social Sciences
- □ Home Economics  □ Speech and Dramatics
- □ Industrial or Vocational Education  □ 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? ________________
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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?
The above person has applied for a Nell Wilcoxen 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, 345 East Palm Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85004, or e-mail to Foundation@ArizonaEA.org by March 1.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
   
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2. Why do you believe the applicant will be successful in a professional education career?
   
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3. What is your assessment of the applicant’s academic ability or potential?
   
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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.)?
   
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Name (print)          Title

Address (street, city, state, zip)          Phone Number

Name (signature)          Date