Spring 2022 CEA Foundation Mini Grant

The Spring 2022 CEA Foundation Mini Grant window opens Feb. 14, 2022. Mini Grants serve “to empower CEA members, in good standing, to design and implement innovative opportunities that will ultimately lead to higher achievement for all students.” Mini Grants are separate from the district grants such as Teacher Dream Grant and ESSER grants. Mini Grants are separate from the district grants such as Teacher Dream Grant and ESSER grants.

General Grant
Up to $320 per grant

New Educator Grant
(1-3 years of experience)
Up to $350 per grant

The Columbus Education Association, Attn: Spring Scholarship, 929 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43205

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Applications are due by 5 p.m., Friday, Mar. 25, 2022. You can find the application at https://bit.ly/3GxSdBO.

The scholarship application must include a statement of the student’s personal philosophy and goals and also include two references: One from a current academic instructor with whom the student has studied during the past year and one from someone other than a relative. Applicants must be the children of a CEA or CEA-R member for their dependent(s) to be eligible. A teacher must:

- Be a current CEA or CEA-R member
- Have taught in Columbus City Schools for the four (4) years prior to applying for the scholarship unless the applicant taught for four (4) years prior to:
  - Going on an approved leave of absence
  - Going on an approved disability retirement
  - Retiring and maintaining membership in CEA-R

Applicants must:

- Be the child of a CEA or CEA-R member.
- Be graduating high school seniors or students already enrolled in an undergraduate program at a college or university.
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above, which must be verified by an official high school or university transcript. Copies will not be accepted.
- Be a full-time student while enrolled in college.
- Include a copy of the Student Aid Report from FASFA.
- Indicate all financial aid (other than student loans) which they expect to receive.

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To apply, go to https://bit.ly/325J7ho or scan the QR Code.

Apply for a CEA Scholarship

Do you have a child graduating high school? Would you like some financial assistance with their college education? Consider applying for a CEA and CEA-R Scholarship. These competitive scholarships are a wonderful opportunity for our members’ children to earn scholarship dollars toward college. Applications are due by 5 p.m., Friday, Mar. 25, 2022. You can find the application at https://bit.ly/3GxSdBO.

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Grievance Update

Your Association works hard to protect your rights and maintain the integrity of the negotiated contract. While we advise bargaining unit members to work our problems at the building level first, we know this isn’t always possible. We regularly inform you of the grievances on which CEA is working. To review the text of each grievance in its entirety, go to https://bit.ly/3JjkCgW.

UNCF Helps Our Students

UNCF is the nation’s largest and most effective minority education organization. UNCF plays a critical role in enabling more than 60,000 students to work out problems at the building level first, we know this isn’t always possible. We regularly inform you of the grievances on which CEA is working. To review the text of each grievance in its entirety, go to https://bit.ly/3JjkCgW.

How to Request Remote Work

Go to https://https://39HaBnS if you are subject to quarantine or required to self isolate and wish to apply for remote work. Use the form to communicate your request. It is important that you enter your absence as sick leave. Any sick days used during this time will be refunded back to the date of the district’s receipt of your application. Requests for remote work cannot be approved for bargaining unit members who must remain at home to take care of family members who are subject to an isolation or quarantine order.

Special Notes

- Make a Donation to the Catastrophic Sick Leave Bank: The following members have been approved for Catastrophic Leave and are in need of donated days: Morgan Beck, Devondree HS; Lois McFadden, East HS; Robert McFadden, Liberty ES; Stephanie Place, Lincoln Park K–6; Teresa Provens, Eastmoor Acad. HS; and Melissa Whitehair, Olde Orchard ES. To donate, enter your name at the top of the CBA-CCS 2019-2022 Master Agreement Article 110.06 Catastrophic Sick Leave Donation. Be sure to sign the form. Indicate to whom you are making the donation.

- CEA Spring 2022 Elections: The following elected positions will be filled in the current election cycle: NEA Local Delegates, NEA State-at-Large Delegates, CEA President, CEA Vice President, and High School Governor-at-Large. The 2022–23 OEA Delegates, District 2 Governor, District 7 Governor, District 8 Governor, and District 9 Governor races were won by acclamation. Ballots will be sent to build-ings during the last full week of February. Voting window begins Thursday, Mar. 1, and ends Thursday, Mar. 15. Members of the Elections Committee will collect ballots for tally Wednesday, Mar. 16. Call Elections Chair Brittny Herb at (406) 255-2613 with any questions.

- Capital District Elections for President and Vice President will be conducted at the Capital District Representative Assembly on Wednesday, Apr. 13, 2022.

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UNCF is the nation’s largest and most effective minority education organization. UNCF plays a critical role in enabling more than 60,000 students to attend college and their successful education changes lives. Your investment can help break the cycle of poverty and despair in a student’s life. Your donation is an investment in our students, our community, and our nation.

For every three new books, a member donates to the campaign they will be entered in a drawing for VISA gift cards (4–$50 prizes; 3–$100 prizes). You will receive one entry for every three books donated (entry forms available from your faculty representative). The more books you give, the more chances you have to win. Complete and submit entry forms to Teri Mullins at CEA by Monday, Feb. 28. The drawing will be on Wednesday, Apr. 13, 2022.

For more information, contact Teri Mullins at (614) 253-4731, or at tmullins@ceaohio.org. Thank you for your support of our Pre-K students. Together we can continue our 15-year legacy of putting books in the hands of our students.

Make a Donation to the CEA Book Drive

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