

CEA Member Scholarship Fund

2025–2026

Deadline for application: October 10, 2025

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

This application must be filled out completely to be eligible for the CEA Member Scholarship Fund. The student must be in their **senior year** at a four-year **college or university** from September 2025–June 2026 and have a minimum 2.0 GPA. Parents or guardians must have taught in the Columbus City Schools for four years prior to the application date and must be continuous CEA or CEA-R members. Payment to approved applicants will be sent directly to the college or university on record.

STUDENT INFORMATION

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|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| First: _____ | MI: _____ | Last: _____ |
| Student ID: _____ | Date of Birth: _____ | GPA: _____ |
| Address: _____ | City/State: _____ | ZIP: _____ |
| Phone: _____ | Email: _____ | Graduation Date: _____ |

MEMBER INFORMATION

| | | |
|----------------|----------------------|--|
| First: _____ | MI: _____ | Last: _____ |
| Building _____ | Work Location: _____ | Years with District: _____ |
| Address: _____ | City/State: _____ | ZIP: _____ |
| Phone: _____ | Non-CCS Email: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Active or <input type="checkbox"/> Retired: _____ |

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Name of Institution: _____ | | |
| Address: _____ | | |
| City/State: _____ | ZIP: _____ | Phone: _____ |

This Section to be filled out by CEA

_____ Application

_____ Verification Form

_____ Transcript

_____ Parent Member

College/University Validation Form

The information requested herein must be completed by the college/university registrar before payment will be authorized by the Columbus Education Association. It will be the responsibility of the student to present this form to the registrar after the student has registered for classes for the term qualifying for the scholarship. The college/university registrar should return this form or a class standing verification form or electronic verification to:

Kathy Wilkes
CEA Scholarship Coordinator
Columbus Education Association
929 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43205-1101
Telephone (614) 253-4731
Fax (614) 253-0465
wilkesk@ceaohio.org

I hereby verify that

Student Name

Student ID Number

has registered for the Fall term 2025–2026
at

Name of Institution

and is considered

Full-time (Yes) ____ (No) ____

Senior Status/Ranking (Yes) ____ (No) ____

Registrar's Signature: _____

If the college or university has their own validation form, that will be accepted in lieu of the form on this page.

CEA Members Scholarship Foundation Guidelines 2025–2026

Application Filing Deadline: October 10, 2025

The purpose of the CEA Member Scholarship Foundation is to provide monetary assistance to Columbus teachers who are members of CEA, and whose dependent children are pursuing a college or university degree.

Ten dollars (\$10) of each member's yearly dues will be invested in the fund through payroll deduction. The interest earned from the previous year's investments plus any additional amount necessary will be given to each eligible candidate and paid directly to the college or university. Currently, the scholarship is valued at **\$2,500**.

For their dependent(s) to be eligible, a teacher must have:

1. Taught in Columbus City Schools and maintained continuous CEA membership for four (4) years prior to applying for the scholarship unless the applicant taught for four (4) years prior to:
 - a. Going on an approved leave of absence
 - b. Going on an approved disability retirement
 - c. Retiring and maintaining membership in CEA-R

Non-members are not eligible for this scholarship.

Note: Dependent children of deceased members who have met all requirements will be eligible for benefits.

The following documents are required to apply for the CEA Member Scholarship Fund 2025–2026:

1. Thoroughly completed Application Form
2. An official transcript is required to verify satisfactory completion of the previous year at an accredited college or university and achievement of a 2.0 GPA. Note that this document must be university generated. The official transcript will not be accepted if it is **faxed, copied, or emailed** by the applicant. Acceptable methods of submission are either receiving the transcript **in a sealed envelope from the college or university** or one that is **electronically generated directly from the college or university clearing house, sent directly to wilkesk@ceaohio.org.**
3. An official validation form (also known as verification form) is required to verify enrollment and senior status at an accredited college or university. This form is included with the scholarship application. This document must be completed and signed by the college or university registrar. The registrar may also choose to use their own verification form or one that is electronically generated directly from the college or university clearing house. The complete application form, as well as all other required materials must be received at the CEA office no later than **4:00 pm on October 10, 2025.** Send completed applications to:

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