In 1990, the National Education Association Health Information Network (NEA HIN) established a national endowment to honor Ryan White, a student from Indiana whose address to the Representative Assembly in 1988 challenged and moved the delegates and staff of NEA to take greater action against the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Ryan was diagnosed with AIDS at age 13 and became a pioneer in AIDS education, spending the remaining years of his young life trying to help slow the spread of the disease and reduce prejudice against people living with HIV and AIDS. The Ryan White Memorial HIV Education Fund was created by former NEA President Keith Geiger to honor Ryan’s courageous struggle with AIDS and tireless efforts to educate his community, teachers, and the American public.

Funds raised for The Ryan White Memorial HIV Education Fund will be used to equip NEA members with the information, skills, and resources necessary to educate their colleagues and students about HIV/AIDS and to provide a safe and supportive school environment for people living with HIV and AIDS.

Nominations will be reviewed by an independent committee and selected based on established award criteria.

For more information contact Cynthia Montague at NEA HIN at 202-822-7570 or by email at cmontague@nea.org.
The Ryan White Memorial HIV Education Award is presented to an NEA member who has shown leadership in the field of HIV/AIDS awareness and education. Candidates may be active or retired. Award recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Involvement in local, state or national association activities promoting HIV/AIDS awareness and education.
- Involvement in local, state, or national HIV/AIDS education, support or advocacy groups.
- Involvement in activities that directly affect NEA members, other school employees, or young people.

If you are nominating more than one person, please provide a form for EACH nominee. All nomination forms must include a recommendation letter with the following:

1. Your name, association, and title
2. Your complete mailing address, daytime telephone number, and e-mail address
3. Name and occupation of nominee
4. Nominee’s complete mailing address and work or home phone number
5. What impact has HIV/AIDS had on nominee?
6. What is his/her involvement in local, state, or national HIV/AIDS education, support, or advocacy efforts?
7. How do his/her efforts directly affect/benefit NEA members or other school employees?
8. How do his/her efforts reach young people?

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 PM (ET) ON APRIL 11, 2013.

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