

## **NEA Student Program Description of 2015-2016 NEA Standing Committees\***

### **Advisory Committee of Student Members**

The Advisory Committee of Student Members is responsible for actively promoting student membership on college campuses and recommending strategies to increase student membership and engagement while creating a seamless path from student membership to active membership. The Committee is also responsible for leading on development and execution of a community service project at the NEA RA, and assisting in the planning and delivery of the Student Leadership and Professional Development Conference.

### **Women's Issues Committee**

The Committee on Women's Issues (WIC) is responsible for reviewing NEA's efforts to address issues of concern to women and girls as they impact students, educators/members, and the strategic goals of the Association; providing input to the national Joint Conference on Concerns of Women and Minorities Planning Committee; and reviewing testimonies from WIC hearings and develop recommendations that are aligned with NEA's two strategic goals.

### **Sexual Orientation/Gender Identification Committee**

The Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) is responsible for reviewing NEA's efforts to address LGBTQ issues as they impact students, educators/members, and the strategic goals of the Association; providing input to the national Joint Conference on Concerns of Women and Minorities Planning Committee; and reviewing testimonies from SOGI hearings and develop recommendations that are aligned with NEA's two strategic goals.

*\* as described in the 2015 NEA Handbook, page 35.*

## 2015-16 NEA Student Program

### Application for Student Representatives to serve on NEA Committees

- [10] Advisory Committee of Student Members [9 appointed and the elected Chairperson]  
 [1] Women's Issues  
 [1] Sexual Orientation/Gender Identification  
 Any I would be best suited for

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Street Address:

City, State, Zip code

Cell Phone

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Street

City, State, Zip Code

Institution name (no acronyms please):

Are you transferring to a different institution this school year? Yes  No  If yes, see next line

Transfer institution name and date of transfer:

Academic Major:

Minor:

Expected graduation date:

Are you currently a student member? Yes  No

If so, How many years' have you been a member?

Do you understand that membership is required for all applicants? Yes  No

**Please check appropriate ethnic group:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> African American                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian / Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian / Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____              |

**Certification Area:**

- Early Childhood     Elementary  
 Middle                 Secondary  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**2015-16 Classification:**

- Freshman     Sophomore  
 Junior         Senior  
 Graduate Student

***Please submit the following materials with the completed application:***

- 1) a one-page description of your involvement with the student program on the local and state level. Please be sure to provide examples of how you've used the three core values (Teacher Quality, Community Outreach, and Political Action) as well as how you feel your involvement will be beneficial to a committee.
- 2) two (2) letters of recommendation
- 3) applications must arrive in one complete package, **do not send recommendations separate from application form.**

***All materials must be received or postmarked by August 21, 2015***

*You can submit your application materials by email, mail or fax.*

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# NEA Committee Application—Student Members 2015-16

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **WHO SELECTS THE COMMITTEES?**

Committee applications are reviewed by the NEA Student Program Office. The NEA-SP office submits committee recommendations to the NEA President who makes the official appointment.

### **HOW OFTEN DO THE COMMITTEES MEET?**

Dates vary. Most committees meet only once or twice a year (fall and winter/spring). However, the Advisory Committee of Student Members meets at least twice a year, attends the Student Leadership Conference, plus numerous conference calls and sub-committee assignments.

### **WHERE DO THE COMMITTEES MEET?**

Most committees meet in Washington, DC, typically on a weekend in the fall and the second meeting would be conducted as a webcast online.

### **WILL I NEED TO PAY FOR TRAVEL?**

NEA will pay for travel and housing expenses. In most cases, these costs will be directly billed to the NEA.

### **FOR HOW LONG IS THE APPOINTMENT?**

One school year, beginning in the fall and concluding in the spring for most committees. Others conclude in the summer. You must re-apply each year if appointed.

### **WHAT IF I AM STUDENT TEACHING DURING THE YEAR?**

It is very difficult to serve on a committee while you are student teaching. It is important that student representatives are available for all committee meetings.

### **WHAT IF I GRADUATE IN DECEMBER?**

If you graduate and begin working under an employment contract with a public school system at any point during the year, you are no longer eligible for student membership and you would need to resign your position on the committee.

### **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?**

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