The NEA Student Program Foundations – Teacher Quality, Community Outreach, and Political Action – are the underlying areas of focus that direct Student Program activities. It is in these areas that our members and affiliates sponsor programs, educate on issues, and affect change.

**Teacher Quality** encompasses pre-professional development and job preparation. At local meetings and workshops, state conferences, and national symposiums, our members encounter professional development opportunities: guest speakers on classroom management, experts on testing and practitioners sharing tips on smoothly running science labs. Job preparation comes in the form of resume workshops, portfolio tutorials, mock interviews and new teacher panels. Student Program publications and websites share teacher quality information relevant to our members, including certification requirements and resources for working with special needs children. Student members and chapters partner with Local Associations to enhance in-the-classroom opportunities and secure “real world” insights into the education profession. Students shape their college curriculum by serving as change-agents on boards and committees. Our members’ involvement in the NEA Student Program increases their ability to become quality teachers.

**Community Outreach** describes how NEA Student Program members engage the people and environment around them; we impact our communities – locally and globally – and value the meaningfulness of such involvement. Our members learn about communicating with parents, experience partnering with local businesses, and find grant support through Chamber of Commerce consortiums. We design and implement projects as diverse as after-school tutoring programs, Harry Potter learning carnivals, and Senior Citizen dances. New teachers who are NEA Student Program Alumni are more successful in helping their students achieve because they know how reaching out to the community provides them access to material and human resources.

**Political Action** includes both the realization that political and legislative issues impact the education world and the initiative to get involved. We celebrate issue awareness around vouchers, IDEA funding, and state-mandated new teacher rights. We share information with peers, family and community. We sponsor voter registrations, get-out-the-vote activities, contact elected officials, help elect pro-public education officials, and lobby our local, state and national legislators. By educating each other, organizing activities and publicizing our involvement, we are making an impact.

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**NEA Student Program Awards 2014-2015**

*Please keep information in time frame of April 16, 2014 through April 15, 2015.*

*Entries must be postmarked or received on or before April 15, 2015.*

*Send applications to NEA Student Program, 1201 16th St. NW, Washington DC 20036 or Fax: 202-822-7624 or Email: Cherrig@nea.org*
NEA-SP Awards Information

The NEA Student Program encourages its members to apply and/or nominate those individuals and/or affiliates that have excelled during the current academic year.

- Distribution of the awards packet is done through the Student Program state affiliates. Applications can be accessed directly via the NEA Student Program web page at http://www.nea.org/home/20268.htm no later than March 15.
- All nominations and supporting documents must be postmarked or received in the NEA Student Program office on or before April 30. Information may be sent electronically; however, each application must be complete including all supporting documentation (such as letters of recommendation).
- All nominees will be listed in the NEA Student Program Honors Dinner program.
- Winning entries will be announced at the NEA Student Program Honors Dinner, held in June at the site of the NEA Student Leadership and Professional Issues Conference (SLC).

The NEA-SP Chairperson, Organizational Specialist, and Program Specialist will judge:

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All applications, nominations and supporting documents must be postmarked or received in the NEA Student Program office on or before April 30th. You may want to consider mailing materials with a return receipt request to ensure your application arrives at the NEA Building. All questions may be directed to the NEA Student Program Chairperson. Please send entries and/or questions to:

Chelsey Herrig, Chairperson
NEA Student Program Awards
1201 16th Street, NW Suite 310
Washington, D.C. 20036-3290
Phone: 202/822-7915
Fax: 202/822-7624
E-Mail: cherrig@nea.org

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Application will be available online no later than March 15.
LOCAL CHAPTER AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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ADDITIONAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

  Highest Increase in Number of Members (no application)
  Highest Percentage Membership Increase (no application)

*PAC Fundraising Certificates to be provided for the following – (no application):
  PAC Fundraising – Highest Number of Contributors
  PAC Fundraising – Highest Amount Raised Per Member
  PAC Fundraising – Award Highest Amount Raised

*PAC fundraising based on online contributions to https://www.neafund.org/go/davidtjaden

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The NEA Student Program New Local Chapter Recognition is designed to highlight the effort and dedication that comprise the organization of a new local Student Program chapter.

The specific guidelines of new chapter status vary by state. Therefore, the NEA Student Program will recognize new chapters that have been recognized by their state Student Program as being initiated during the current awards year. NOTE: This does not include chapters that are “revitalized.”

States will be recognized as Bronze (One new chapter), Silver (Two new chapters), Gold (Three new chapters), and Platinum (Four or more new chapters) status and awarded for their efforts to increase membership.

Local Chapter Name

Local Chapter Location (city, state)

Local Chapter Officers (name, title)

Members (#)

Local Chapter Activities (in brief)

Verification by State Organizer:

__________________________________________  ______________
Signature                                       Date
The NEA Student Program Outstanding Local Advisor Award recognizes an individual for dedication and service to the NEA Student Program at the local level.

The nominator must submit a 1-2 page essay. In this essay, please answer all of the questions below to highlight the Local Advisor’s outstanding qualities and actions. Include descriptive examples for each question and how each contributes to the success of the Student local.

- In what ways has the Advisor supported the chapter leaders and members?
- How has the Advisor advocated for the student program with other faculty/administration on campus?
- How has the Advisor demonstrated open communication with the campus officers and members?
- Describe at least one situation where the Advisor demonstrated his/her commitment to the chapter.

Additionally, two letters of recommendation should be submitted from individuals other than the nominator (be specific regarding his/her relationship to the nominee). Applications will be judged solely on information provided.

A complete nomination packet includes the contact information below, a 1-2 page essay from the nominator, and 2 letters of recommendation from other individuals.

Nominee’s Name
Name of Local
Name of State Association
Nominator
Title/Position
Address
Phone number
E-mail address
Nominator’s signature ___________________________ Date __________________________
The NEA Student Program Outstanding Local Student Leader Award recognizes an individual who has achieved excellence throughout the year by providing leadership to the Local Student Program.

The nominator must submit a 1-2 page essay. In this essay, please answer all of the following questions to highlight the Local Student Leader’s outstanding qualities and actions? Include descriptive examples for each question and how each contributes to the success of the local Student Program.

- How has the student leader increased membership numbers and member participation on campus?
- In what professional development activities, at the local, state, or national level, has the leader participated or organized? (CORE VALUE Teacher Quality)
- In what civic engagement/political activities, at the local, state, or national level, has the leader participated or organized? (CORE VALUE Political Action)
- In what community service activities, at the local, state, or national level, has the leader participated or organized? (CORE VALUE Community Service)
- What specifically has the student leader done to provide opportunities to others and grow new leaders?
- In what ways has the student leader developed a sense of teamwork and communication on campus?

Additionally, two letters of recommendation should be submitted from individuals other than the nominator (be specific regarding his/her relationship to the nominee). Applications will be judged solely on information provided.

A complete nomination packet includes the contact information on the following page, a 1-2 page essay from the nominator, and 2 letters of recommendation from other individuals.

Nominee’s Name (self-nominations accepted)
Name of Local Student Chapter
Name of State Association
Nominee’s address
Nominee’s e-mail address
Nominator
Title/Position
Address
Phone number E-mail address
Nominator’s Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________
JEFFREY “J.D.” MILLER
OUTSTANDING UNDERCLASSMAN AWARD

The NEA Student Program Jeffrey “J.D.” Miller Outstanding Underclassman Award recognizes a freshman or sophomore who has achieved excellence throughout the year by providing leadership to the Local Student Program.

The nominator must submit a 1-2 page essay. In this essay, please answer all of the following questions to highlight the Local Underclassman’s outstanding qualities and actions. Include descriptive examples for each question and how each contributes to the success of the local Student Program.

- Specifically, how has the student helped the chapter?
- In what professional development activities has the student participated?
- What has been the student’s impact on chapter members or in the community?
- In what ways does the student stand out from other underclassmen on campus?

Additionally, two letters of recommendation should be submitted from individuals other than the nominator (be specific regarding his/her relationship to the nominee). Applications will be judged solely on information provided.

A complete nomination packet includes the contact information on the following page, a 1-2 page essay from the nominator, and 2 letters of recommendation from other individuals.

Nominee’s name (self-nominations accepted)
Name of Local Student Chapter
Name of State Association
Nominee’s address
Nominee’s e-mail address
Nominee’s year in school □ Freshman □ Sophomore

Nominator
Title/Position
Address
Phone number E-mail address

Nominator’s Signature Date

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The NEA Student Program Outstanding Local Communications Award recognizes and commends activities at the local level.

Criteria used in the judging process include *substance* (particularly, the extent to which the communications reflect the 3 NEA-SP core values), *creativity*, *frequency*, and *appearance*. Applications should include any and all forms of communications including but not limited to: newsletters, websites, social media, etc.

Please submit your information in an electronic presentation such as PowerPoint, Prezi, or other electronic presentation format of your choosing. The presentation must incorporate all criteria and examples delineated above. NO PAPER SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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Nominator

Title/Position

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Phone number

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The NEA Student Program Local Excellence Award recognizes Local Student Chapters that have achieved excellence throughout the year by providing members with leadership and development opportunities in the areas of teacher quality, community outreach and political action.

For judging purposes, applications will be divided into groups based on membership; please mark the appropriate category for the nominated local.

- Locals with 100 or fewer members
- Locals with 101-200 members
- Locals with 201 or more members

Applications are meant to be a collection of materials and examples reflecting the areas listed below. Materials may be organized in binders (1-inch maximum) and might include items such as meeting agendas and synopses, brief descriptions of outreach projects and related publicity, or a list of get-out-the-vote activities and impact statements. Please do not include originals. This is not a scrapbook and will not be judged on aesthetic quality. Brief descriptions, explanations, and reflections are valuable to the judging committee.

Please include a 1-4 page essay. In this essay, please answer all of the following questions. Submit your essay along with the binder and your application cover sheet located on the next page.

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The following information should be included in the Local Excellence Award application.

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State Association

Nominator(s)

Title/Position

Phone number

E-mail address

Nominator’s Signature __________________________ Date ______________
The NEA Student Program Outstanding State Organizer Award recognizes an individual for dedication and service to the NEA Student Program at the state level.

The nominator must submit a 1-2 page essay. In this essay, please answer all of the following questions to highlight the State Organizer’s outstanding qualities and actions. Include descriptive examples for each question and how each contributes to the success of the State Student Program.

- In what ways has the Organizer supported the student leaders and members?
- How has the Organizer advocated for the student program with the state or national association?
- How has the Organizer demonstrated open communication with the officers and members?
- Describe at least one situation where the Organizer demonstrated his/her commitment or positive attitude to the Student Program.

Additionally, two letters of recommendation should be submitted from individuals other than the nominator (be specific regarding his/her relationship to the nominee). Applications will be judged solely on information provided.

A complete nomination packet includes the contact information below, a 1-2 page essay from the nominator, and 2 letters of recommendation from other individuals.

Nominee’s name
Name of State Association

Nominator
Title/position
Address
Phone number
E-mail address
Nominator’s signature________________________ Date________________________
The NEA Student Program Outstanding State Student Leader Award recognizes an individual who has achieved excellence throughout the year by providing leadership to the State Student Program.

The nominator must submit a 1-2 page essay. In this essay, please answer all of the following questions to highlight the State Student Leader’s outstanding qualities and actions. Include descriptive examples for each question and how each contributes to the success of the state Student Program.

- How has the student leader increased membership numbers and member participation in the state?
- In what professional development activities, at the local, state, or national level, has the leader participated or organized? (CORE VALUE Teacher Quality)
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Nominee’s name (self-nominations accepted)

Name of State Association

Nominee’s address

Nominee’s e-mail address

Nominator

Title/Position

Address

Phone number

E-mail address

Nominator’s Signature_________________________________________ Date____________
The NEA Student Program Outstanding State Communications Award recognizes and commends activities at the state level.

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The NEA Student Program State Excellence Award recognizes State Student Programs that have achieved excellence throughout the year by providing members with leadership and development opportunities in the areas of teacher quality, community outreach and political action.

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Please include a 1-4 page essay. In this essay, please answer all of the following questions. Submit your essay along with the binder and your application cover sheet located on the next page.

**Organization and Infrastructure**
- What strategies does your state use to recruit members?
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- How does your state recruit a diverse membership (minority, male-female, elementary-secondary...)?
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**Community Outreach**
- What has your state done to give back to the community?
- How have you recruited members through your community outreach projects?
- How do you gain media attention for your community service projects?
- How do you know your projects have made a difference in the community?

**Political Action**
- How would you define political action?
- In what political activities has your state been involved?
- How have you recruited members through your political activities?
- How do you know your political activities are making a difference with your members or the community?
- How do you convince your members it’s important to pay attention to politics as a future educator?
**The following information should be included in the State Excellence Award application.**

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The NEA Student Program modified the Awards applications for the 2014-2015 year. Please share your input with us so that we can continue our improvements.

Submit this feedback along with your application, or under separate cover.

1. Which award application(s) did you complete?
2. What did you like best about the application or the Awards Packet?
3. As you completed the application, in what areas did you have questions or encounter a lack of clarity?
4. What would make the application and packet more user-friendly?
5. Are there criteria that you feel should be incorporated into the awards applications?
6. How might the application process be improved?

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All components of the following awards must be submitted electronically or postmarked by April 15, 2015. All components must be submitted together.

**New Local Chapter Recognition**
- Nomination Form of Information (page 4 of Awards policy)
- Signature of State Student Organizer

**Outstanding Local Advisor Award**
- Nomination Page of Information (Page 5 of Awards policy)
- 1-2 Page essay from the nominator
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

**Outstanding Local Student Leader Award**
- Nomination Page of Information (Page 6 of Awards policy)
- 1-2 page essay from the nominator
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

**Outstanding Local Underclassman Award**
- Nomination Page of Information (Page 7 of Awards policy)
- 1-2 page essay from the nominator
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

**Outstanding Local Communications Award**
- Nomination Page of Information (Page 8 of Awards policy)
- Two (2) non-returnable copies of the same issue of the Communications

**Local Excellence Award**
- Nomination Page of Information (Page 10 of Awards document)
- 1-4 page essay
- Binder must not exceed one inch

**Outstanding State Organizer Award**
- Nomination Page of Information (Page 11 of Awards policy)
- 1-2 page essay from the nominator
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
## Outstanding State Student Leader Award
- Nomination Page of Information (Page 12 of Awards policy)
- 1-2 page essay from the nominator
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

## Outstanding State Communications Award
- Nomination Page of Information (Page 13 of Awards policy)
- Two (2) non-returnable copies of the same issue of the Communications

## State Excellence Award
- Nomination Page of Information (Page 15 of Awards policy)
- 1-4 page essay
- Binder must not exceed one inch