

## **NEA -Retired Membership Growth Award**

NEA- Retired works very hard to recruit NEA-Retired members. Only those states that are affiliates of NEA-Retired will be considered for this award. To identify and salute those Retired state affiliates who are leaders in membership growth, four awards are presented annually at the Retired Annual meeting in late June:

- **Largest numerical increase** (first-place winner and runner up)  
- Recognizes Retired state programs with the largest increase in membership numbers. The established benchmark for consideration in this category will be a minimum of twenty (20) new members over the previous year's ending total.
- **Largest percentage increase** (first-place winner and runner up) – Acknowledges Retired state affiliates that have increased their membership by the largest percentage. The established benchmark for consideration in this category will be a minimum of a two (2%) percent increase over the previous year's ending total.

Membership numbers as of May 1 are the basis for determining the award recipients each year. Award winners will receive a certificate and recognition during the Retired Annual meeting.

The Membership Hall of Fame is one additional award that acknowledges Retired state programs that have achieved top membership recruitment status for five (5) years. The years must be consecutive in order to win in this category, and once a state is placed in the Membership Hall of Fame, it cannot win again in that membership category for five (5) years. This will allow other state programs an opportunity to be honored and recognized for their recruiting efforts. Retired state programs designated Hall of Fame winners are announced during the Retired Annual meeting, and these winners also receive certificates and recognition detailing their achievements.

All states will be considered for this award. Application is not necessary.