

KEA President's Points

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Dear Member,

This week's edition is full of important deadlines coming up over the next month for opportunities for leadership, awards and scholarships, and registration deadlines. Much of this information is located on the KEA website. Please take some time over the holiday break to check out our site and all the information it contains that could not just help you keep up to date on issues, but could help you save money as well.

KEA seeks nominations for Teaching in Excellence and ESP of the Year awards

Any teacher member of KEA can apply for the KEA Teaching in Excellence Award. This recognition of outstanding teachers comes with a \$1,000 award and an automatic nomination to the NEA Teaching in Excellence Award. Please click [HERE](#) to access the online application.

Any ESP member of KEA can apply for the KEA ESP of the Year award. This recognition of an outstanding classified employee also comes with a \$1,000 award, an all-expense paid attendance to the NEA ESP Conference and an automatic nomination for the NEA ESP of the Year award. Please click [HERE](#) to access the online application.

Both applications are due by the **close of business January 15, 2017**.

Changes in your paycheck for 2017

All payroll officers were sent a memo from the Teachers Retirement System in April of this year regarding a settlement of a dispute with the Internal Revenue Service. In the attachment found [here](#), you will see an example of how this might affect your paycheck in 2017. Please contact your local payroll department for questions about how this might directly impact the employees in your district.

The NEA Foundation's Global Learning Fellowship is now accepting applications!

For the first time, from now until February 28, 2017, all active NEA classroom teachers may apply for this exciting, restructured learning opportunity. The NEA Foundation Global

Learning Fellowship offers educators 12 months of professional development to support them as they build global competence skills and create their own lesson plans to share with educators around the world. Fellows will also experience nine days of international field study. Find more details about the program on neafoundation.org. I hope you will share the news of this opportunity with your members.

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Visit the [KEA On-line store](#) today and get your long or short sleeve shirt delivered right to your door.



Let's spread our love for public schools far and wide.

Dates to Remember:



Dec 22-Jan 2 KEA Offices Closed
Jan 3-6 2017 Legislature in Session
Jan 15 KEA Deadline to submit Constitutional Amendments
Deadline to file for KEA Elected Office
Application deadline for KEA Teaching in Excellence Award and ESP of the Year
Jan 16 MLK Holiday

Sincerely,

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