

KEA President's Points

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The Kentucky Education Association is the preeminent voice for quality public education.

We unite, organize and empower members to advocate for themselves and to ensure a quality public education for every Kentucky student.

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Dear Member:

Be an Empowered Educator!

An empowered educator shares power through knowledge! Over the past month, I have shared with you 2 informational pieces to help empower you as a public school advocate. I encourage you to take the opportunity this week to share this knowledge with your colleagues, your friends, and your neighbors. Every student in our great Commonwealth deserves the opportunity for a high-quality education in a great public school.

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Ethnic Minority Scholarship Opportunity

Kentucky's public schools are made up of a diverse population of students. KEA feels it is important that we have a highly qualified and diverse faculty and staff that is reflective of the population of our state, our students, and our public schools.

Currently, educators of color comprise only 5% of the Kentucky teaching population, while the state has a 13.7% ethnic minority population (according to the U.S. Census Bureau). Consequently, many of our students of color may never see a role model at the front of the classroom who looks like them.

KEA's Ethnic Minority Scholarship is a progressive scholarship program that is awarded each fall to 2 (two) freshman college students who are seeking a degree in Education. The total award is \$5000.00 dispersed over 4 years. [Click here to apply.](#) **Application deadline is October 18, 2019**

Read Across America Grant Opportunity

Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program. Although March 2 is officially designated as "Read Across America Day," Read Across America events can occur on any date because motivating children to read throughout the year is an important factor in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers.

Each year, KEA budgets funds to support Read Across America events sponsored by KEA districts or KEA locals. In addition to the primary purpose of promoting child literacy, KEA will judge grant requests based on the following criteria: the degree to which the activity includes participation by multiple

categories of KEA membership and encourages cooperation among Active, Retired and Aspiring Educator members; developing strong KEA locals; the number of children expected to participate; the level of publicity and community outreach expected; and other criteria that may be established by KEA's Read Across America committee.

[Click here for more information and the link to the RAA Grant Application.](#) **Grant applications are due by September 16th.**

Call for Presenters for the 2020 National ESP Conference

The National Education Association is seeking dynamic workshop proposals for its annual Education Support Professional (ESP) Conference, March 20-22, 2020. The theme of this year's conference is **Education Support Professionals: Our Democracy, Our Responsibility, Our Time.**

If you would like to submit a proposal to be considered by the ESP Conference Committee. [Click here to submit your proposal.](#) **All proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on October 4, 2019.**

Empowered Educator: Check Voter Registration Today

National voter registration day is September 24th. Many KEA Locals are planning and sponsoring events to engage members and their communities around voter registration. If your local is having a voter registration event, please send photos and a short description to keapresident@kea.org.

The deadline to register to vote in the November election is **October 7th.**

Educator Voice - Feedback needed on CTE Performance Goals

Kentucky Department of Education is seeking feedback on draft state performance goals for Perkins V. This is an opportunity for CTE Educators to provide feedback and comments on the drafting of Career and Technical Education performance goals. Individuals or organizations may review the revised goals on the [Perkins webpage](#). Comments and feedback can be submitted via email to octestinfo@education.ky.gov. **Deadline for submission of comments is October 25th.**

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September 13	ESPLI Applications Due
September 16	Read Across America Grant Applications Due
September 24	National Voter Registration Day
October 4	Proposals for 2020 National ESP Conference Due
October 7	Last Day to Register to Vote for November Election!
October 15	Ethnic Minority Scholarship Applications Due
October 25	Perkins V Performance Goals Feedback/Comments Due

Sincerely,

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