December 4, 2019

Dear Member:

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful and relaxing Thanksgiving Break. As you turn the corner into December and a New Year, this is a great opportunity to check out the many scholarships and awards offered by KEA. Click here to see a complete list of scholarships and awards offered. Deadline for applications is 5:00 pm February 14, 2020 or as noted.

KEA Presidents' Scholarships

KEA Presidents' Scholarships - up to $1000 to complete certification in one of the following areas:

- Rank II (Master's)
- Rank I (hours beyond Master's)
- Classified Continuing Education (must be an ESP member to apply) - scholarship award is based on the cost of the continuing education of an ESP member
- National Board Certification

Teacher of the Year

KEA takes pride in recognizing the many accomplishments of its members. Each year, KEA selects a Teacher of the Year who is recognized in front of his or her peers at the KEA Delegate Assembly in April. The winner receives $1,000 and a commemorative item. The KEA Teacher of the Year is also submitted to NEA as a nominee for the NEA Teacher of the Year. If you know a teacher who represents excellence in the profession, encourage him or her to apply. KEA's Teacher of the Year will receive $1000 and a commemorative item and will be submitted to NEA to be considered for the NEA ESP of the Year award.

ESP of the Year

ESP of the Year - KEA is proud to count Education Support Professionals among its members. Each year, KEA selects an ESP of the Year, granting the award to someone who shows dedication to their profession and to public education. If you know an ESP who exemplifies excellence in the profession, encourage him or her to apply. KEA's ESP of the Year will receive $1000 and a commemorative item and will be submitted to NEA to be considered for the NEA ESP of the Year award.

Inauguration Update

As you know, educators have been named as the Grand
Marshals for the upcoming Inaugural Parade. This is a historic event for educators and public education in Kentucky. Governor-Elect Beshear does not want to limit the number of educators who want to march as Grand Marshals in the parade.

Because of this, the inaugural committee requested that KEA help to get an estimate of the number who may attend. So that we can be responsive to that request, we are asking educators who plan to attend to register by clicking here or on the registration link at www.KEA.org. We are asking participants to please register by December 5th. Please remember, it is not appropriate to use sick leave for this event.

**Inauguration Schedule**

- 7:30 am - Inaugural Breakfast Reception Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History
- 8:30 am - Inaugural Worship Service - First Christian Church
- 10:00 am - Inaugural Parade - Downtown Frankfort to Capitol
- 2:00 pm - Swearing-in Ceremony - Capitol Steps (State Capitol Open House - immediately following swearing-in ceremony)
- 8:00 pm - Grand March - Capitol Rotunda
- 9:00 pm - Inaugural Balls - Capitol Grounds
- For more information or to RSVP, please visit the Inaugural Website by clicking here.

**KEA Statewide Officer Elections**

Delegates at the 2020 KEA Delegate Assembly will be electing 3 statewide officers. Any eligible KEA member may be nominated for the open seats. The officers to be elected this year are:

- **KEA Ethnic Minority Director at Large (Seat 1)** - Term begins July 1, 2020 and ends June 30, 2023
- **KEA Ethnic Minority Director at Large (Seat 2)** - Unexpired term begins on date of election and ends June 30, 2021
- **KEA State Director to the NEA Board (Seat 1)** - Term begins September 1, 2020 and ends August 31, 2023.
  *Note that all candidates must have been a member of KEA/NEA for two years immediately preceding the election.

KEA members who are interested in running should complete the candidate filing form at this link and email the form to CCC@kea.org. Deadline to declare candidacy for these offices is 5:00 p.m. eastern, January 15, 2020.

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<td>December 13-14</td>
<td>KEA Board of Directors Meeting</td>
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<td>December 20-January 1</td>
<td>All KEA offices will be closed for the holidays</td>
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<td>January 1</td>
<td>Happy New Year!</td>
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<td>KEA office reopen</td>
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<td>January 7</td>
<td>2020 legislative session begins</td>
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<td>Nominations for statewide KEA offices and proposed constitutional amendments for the 2020 Delegate Assembly due by 5 p.m. eastern</td>
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Sincerely,

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