As an active NEA member, you can join other NEA active members who have subscribed to an NEA-Retired life membership. Public education and educators face challenges that require the resolve and support of its members – all of its members, both active and retired. NEA needs your support, your wisdom and your leadership to forge a path forward. NEA-Retired members work with active NEA members to:

- Preserve, protect, and improve retirement pension and health benefits, including state pensions, Social Security and Medicare
- Improve public education through mentoring, literacy, and intergenerational programs and activities
- Advocate for legislative and political action to support public education and educators
- Participate in intergenerational programs that link retired educators with young people in need of help
- Continue their involvement with their state association and NEA and enjoy new and different activities with former colleagues and new friends

“I always try to think and plan ahead in order to be prepared. NEA-Retired provides its members with valuable resources to help them make informed decisions about retirement. They also have the latest information on issues that affect our retirees as well as our active members. They have the best networking opportunities for a community of leaders who have dedicated their lives to our members and students. I wanted to be a part of this group when I retire so I joined early to be ready!”

— Becky Pringle, NEA President

“It’s never too early to think about retirement and that includes planning to stay active in the work of our Association. By joining as NEA pre-retired you’re one step closer to an active retirement – even if you’ve just started your career.”

— Indiana Active President Keith Gambill
Volunteer in community-based programs and projects that help make America stronger

Belonging to NEA-Retired gives you the opportunity to remain engaged on important issues facing students, education and educators. For a one-time lifetime subscription fee of only $300 (plus applicable state dues), NEA-Retired lifetime membership provides:

- Pre-subscription to NEA-Retired lifetime membership and benefits
- Membership in a powerful, active retiree organization that understands the value of public education
- A subscription to NEA Today for NEA-Retired Members and Pre-retirement planning information to give you a head start on enjoying a financially secure retirement
- Leadership opportunities including voting and holding office in your retired organization and participation in literacy, mentoring, early career educator and lobbying projects
- Continuing membership keeps you eligible for NEA Member Benefits such as liability insurance, long-term care insurance, Medicare supplemental insurance and credit card/savings programs

Belong to the only official Retiree Organization of the NEA! Join today by contacting your state affiliate or visiting www.nea.org/retired.

“I joined NEA pre-retired to show my support for an organization I believe in whole heartedly. I did this in advance of my retirement to begin planning now. I have been an active member of NEA for over 34 years and still have no idea when I plan on retiring. My heart and soul are with this union and so are my activities. It is my hope that when I do decide to retire there will be a spot for me actively with the retired organization. It is never too early to join, and the price is right!”

– Vivian Zimmerman, Chair of Higher Education Council IEA-NEA

“When I looked around and saw how retired members were still advocates and as active as ever, I decided I could save money by joining as a pre-subscribed member now AND be ready to join with my colleagues when I retire. Great decision! Retirement is closer and closer!”

– Robin Endris, Education Support Professional