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MEA-Retired
THE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION



Who are we?

Aspiring Educators of Michigan (AEM) is a preprofessional organization for those preparing to become teachers. AEM is the Michigan affiliate organization of the National Education Association Aspiring Educators — the nation's largest and most influential student organization.

What is the purpose of AEM?

AEM assists prospective educators in transitioning from campus to the classroom. It helps members develop an understanding of the education profession; it provides a united voice in matters and conditions affecting and influencing the education profession; it promotes human and civil rights, and it stimulates high ideals, professional ethics, standards and attitudes.

Who is eligible to join?

Students at any of Michigan's postsecondary/higher education institutions who are not employed full-time in a regular teaching position by a pre-K-12 education agency or institutions are eligible to join AEM.

How can I join?

Some college/university campuses have organized groups that you, as a student of that institution, can join. In cases where there are none, you can join by application through the MEA at mea.org/aem. The cost of membership is \$27/year plus local/campus dues where applicable. For additional information call (800) 292-1934.

Aspiring Educators of Michigan

Improves Teacher Education

Student members serve on accreditation teams that evaluate teacher programs nationwide.

Protects Student Rights

Student members are covered by \$1 million of liability insurance to protect them while they are assigned to the classroom and school-related activities.

Provides a Professional Network

Student members have access to colleagues and experts throughout the state and nation who can provide information that may be beneficial for future employment and professional development.

Supplements Formal Education

Student members may participate in MEA/NEA workshops and conferences that enhance their formal education.

Influences Government

Student members may testify before government agencies on topics that concern educators such as program preparation, certification rules, and regulations, financial assistance, mentoring, and other professional development issues.

Works Toward Human Relations

Student members may work to support teacher competence to be able to relate to people without racial, cultural or sexual biases.

Student Teacher Mentoring Program

Students in the pre-student teaching or student teaching phase of their program can be connected with an experienced MEA-Retired teacher-mentor.

This non-judgmental mentoring experience is intended to provide mentees with a friendly and helpful resource to use as a sounding board for their ideas, to help them reflect upon and analyze various teaching strategies, and to seek new or different ideas from experienced professionals. If interested in the mentoring program, please send an email to aem@mea.org.

Advantages of AEM

As an active member of AEM you:

- Receive professional and student publications (NEA Today, MEA Voice, and Tomorrow's Teachers).
- Have access to MEA's and NEA's instructional and professional resources through conferences designed for future educators.
- Have access to accurate and updated information about the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification and other certification requirements.
- Are provided coverage of \$1,000,000 in liability insurance for education employment related incidents.
- Have access to professional networking to help you through your first years of teaching.
- Receive member discounts on purchases.
- Are eligible for a \$20 credit for each year that you were an AEM member (max. \$80) applied to your initial NEA professional membership dues.



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