

aea Newsletter

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NEW EDUCATOR WORKSHOP!

New Educator Weekend is a new conference for new CTA members. The New Educator Weekend has everything that educators need to be successful in their first years of teaching with sessions and electives concentrating on:

- ★ Classroom Management
- ★ Navigating IEP's and Special Education
- ★ What I wish I knew my first years of teaching
- ★ Working with colleagues, administration and parents
- ★ Common Core, State Standards, Assessments and Pedagogy
- ★ Teaching is a Career
- ★ Student Loan Forgiveness Programs
- ★ Resources and Programs from CTA available to members

Date: March 8-10, 2019 | **Location:** Hyatt S.F. Airport

HEY NEW TEACHERS! ↓

[AEA has funding for 10 new \(1st or 2nd year\) teachers!](#)
[Do you want to go?](#) You will receive 1 unit for the Saturday sessions and AUHSD will accept this toward your professional growth. Registration and gas will be covered for Saturday 3/9 and Sunday 3/10. Contact Lori if you would like to go! First come, first served!
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CTA CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ AWARD \$550

The César Chávez Memorial Education **Awards Program** recognizes educators and their students who demonstrate an understanding of the vision and guiding principles by which César Chávez lived his life such as:

- Principles of nonviolence
- Self-determinism through unionization
- Social justice
- Human and civil rights
- Teamwork, cooperation and service
- Innovation and education

Participants must show evidence of how one or more of the above principles are evident in their lives and correlate their experience(s) to the work of Mr. Chávez.

Entries must be:

- Postmarked by March 15, 2019
- In the form of a written essay OR
- OR visual art

Go to www.cta.org/scholarships for more details and entrance information. Good luck!



By Rio Strader - Visual Art award winner 2015-2016



A GRANT FOR YOUR CLASSROOM \$5,000 OR \$20,000

Do you have a “Teacher Driven Strength-Based” idea that will “Create a School Community Culture of Success”? Institute for Teaching (IFT), a teacher-driven arm of the CTA, is awarding grant money to teachers with excellent ideas! Your proposal must include all of the following:

- Matrix Factor 1- "Student Centered" ...enriches student creativity, invention, and resourcefulness.
- Matrix Factor 2- "Work Oriented" ... promotes student responsibility and self-reliance.
- Matrix Factor 3- "Student Relations"... expands positive student interdependence.
- Matrix Factor 4- "Results Oriented" ...emphasizes strengths over deficits.
- Matrix Factor 5- "School-Wide Relations"... increases commitment from school-community for the teaching and learning process.
- Matrix Factor 6- "School-Family Relationships"... integrates parental personal strengths and positive experiences into the teaching and learning environment.
- Matrix Factor 7- "Future Oriented" ... boosts student expectations, hope, and optimism about the future.

Application opens December 1, 2018 and
Deadline is: **March 31, 2019** | Award Amount: from
\$5,000 to \$20,000 on the following website

<http://www.teacherdrivenchange.org/>

Click on GRANTS > ONLINE APPLICATION

Ask Sarah Morgan for tips on winning one of these grants! sarahcmorgan@gmail.com

HIGHLIGHTS OF NEA BENEFITS

There are personal and professional reasons to be a member of the National Education Association (NEA). Here are few personal benefits to being a member:

Reminder about filing your taxes:

The new tax reform keeps the \$250 deduction for classroom supplies. This is an above-the-line deduction on Schedule A, which means you don't have to itemize to take it and it reduces your overall adjusted gross income (AGI).

Pet Insurance:

NEW Pet Insurance, in partnership with PetsBest, can save you 90% on veterinary bills. Call 1-877-738-7237 to enroll or to get a quote.

Student Loans:

Do you want to get an advanced degree or need to borrow money to send your child to college? NEA offers 3 types of Sallie Mae Student Loans. They have competitive rates and will give you a .25% interest rate reduction for being a NEA member.

GE Appliance Discounts:

If you're in the market for a new appliance, consider shopping GE products with your NEA discount. Create an account via the NEAmb.com website by clicking on the “Appliance Discount” link. They have excellent discounts and clearance items! Also they do delivery and installation for around \$60.

IMPORTANT DATES

- February 6 - Rep Council meeting at Campo.
- February 6 - Governing Board Meeting to Discuss possible changes to homework policies and regulations
- February 7 - Open House
- February 13 - Block schedule comm. meeting
- February 15 - Optional P.D. Day
- February 23 - School Board Breakfast
- March 11 - Site PD day