

Vermont-NEA MAIDA F. TOWNSEND SCHOLARSHIP

The Maida F. Townsend \$1,000 Scholarship is awarded annually to sons and daughters of Vermont-NEA members. High school seniors applying to college, as well as current undergraduate and graduate college students are eligible to apply. Students majoring in any discipline are eligible to apply; however, preference may be given to those majoring in education.

Awards will be based on merit, not financial need. Payment will be made directly to the student upon receipt of proof of enrollment. Students may reapply for the scholarship, but may receive an award only once.



Maida F. Townsend

Vermont House
Representative, South
Burlington - Chittenden 7-4
District

High School French Teacher,
Vermont (1966-2008)

President, Vermont-NEA
(1981-1989)

Chair, Vermont Democratic
Party
(1991-1995)

ACLU-Vermont,
Board Member
(2002-2011)

"Guardian Angel" for mother
with Alzheimer's (2008-2010)

Coordinator and Driver,
American Cancer Society
Road to Recovery
(2009 to present)

French Horn Player,
Winooski HS Spartan Band
(1996 to present)

Competitive Figure Skater,
Champlain Valley SC
(1998 to present)

Compulsive South Burlington
neighborhood litter picker-
upper, with and without my
dog (1990-to present)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- COVER SHEET** - Attached to this application, or may be downloaded from our website at www.vtnea.org under Scholarships and Awards.
- COVER LETTER** - What makes you unique? What are your educational goals? Describe your plans for continuing your education.
- UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** - An unofficial transcript should be included from the institution the applicant is currently attending. For students attending schools with non-traditional grading practices, an explanation of this system should accompany the transcript.
- LIST OF CO-CURRICULAR AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES**
- ESSAY** - This year's essay prompt is: *"As a learner, you have been educated in a time of proficiency based learning and grading. What changes have taken place in this learning experience that have impacted your life?"*
- TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** - For current high school students, one letter must be from a Guidance Counselor or Administrator, and one must be from a teacher. For current college or graduate school students, one letter must be from a professor in the applicant's field of concentration, and one from another professor.
- APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2019** - Completed applications must be received by Vermont-NEA by 4:30 p.m. on February 1, 2019. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Electronic submission of complete applications is preferred (no individual documents, please) to kferguson@vtnea.org. Complete applications may also be mailed or delivered to Vermont-NEA, attention Kristie Ferguson, at 10 Wheelock Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602.
- QUESTIONS?** Contact Kristie Ferguson at (802) 224-2409 or kferguson@vtnea.org

APPLICANT INFORMATION – TO BE FILLED OUT BY STUDENT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Contact: _____ Cell contact: _____

Current School: _____

VERMONT-NEA MEMBER PARENT INFORMATION

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Contact: _____ Cell contact: _____

Local Association: _____

School: _____

CHECKLIST

- Cover Sheet
- Cover Letter *(include what makes you unique, i.e. educational goals and plans/institution for continuing education)*
- Essay, 400 words or less *(essays exceeding 400 words will be disqualified)*
- Letter of recommendation *(guidance counselor, administrator or major professor)*
- Letter of recommendation *(teacher or professor)*
- Unofficial Transcript *(explain any non-traditional grading practices)*
- List of extracurricular and community activities *(Separate from any list included in the transcript)*

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED _____

PARENT MEMBERSHIP VERIFIED

APPLICATION COMPLETE