

Vermont-NEA awards ten Maida F. Townsend \$1,000 Scholarships annually to children 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 at a college or university for the 2024-2025 academic year. 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  
(1966-2008)

President, Vermont-NEA  
(1981-1989)

Vermont Democratic Party Chair  
(1991-1995)

ACLU-Vermont, Board Member  
(2002-2011)

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

Coordinator and Driver  
American Cancer Society  
(2009 to present)

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

Competitive Figure Skater,  
Champlain Valley Skating Club  
(1998 to present)

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

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- APPLICATION COVER SHEET** - Attached to this information sheet, or may be downloaded at [www.vtnea.org/maida-townsend-scholarships](http://www.vtnea.org/maida-townsend-scholarships)
- 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** - 400 words maximum. This year's essay question is: *"Describe a personal accomplishment and the strengths and skills you used to achieve it."* What or who inspired you? Were there obstacles you encountered? If yes, what were they, and how did you deal with them?
- 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, 2024** - Completed applications must be received by Vermont-NEA by 11:59 p.m. on February 1, 2024. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Electronic submission of applications is preferred in .pdf format to [kferguson@vtnea.org](mailto:kferguson@vtnea.org). Application materials may also be faxed to (802) 224-2409 or mailed to Vermont-NEA, attention Kristie Ferguson, at 10 Wheelock Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602.

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

## VERMONT-NEA MEMBER / PARENT INFORMATION

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Association: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHECKLIST

- Cover Application Sheet
- Cover Letter (*what makes you unique, i.e. educational goals and plans for continuing education*)
- Essay (*must be 400 words or less*)
- Letter of Recommendation #1 (*guidance counselor, administrator, or major professor*)
- Letter of Recommendation #2 (*teacher or professor*)
- Unofficial Transcript (*explain any non-traditional grading practices*)
- List of extracurricular and community activities (*separate from any items included in the transcript*)

## SUBMISSION OPTIONS

- Email the application and attachments in .pdf format to [kferguson@vtnea.org](mailto:kferguson@vtnea.org), or
- Mail or deliver paper copies to Vermont-NEA at 10 Wheelock Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602, or
- Fax application and attachments to (802) 224-2409.

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DATE RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_  PARENT MEMBERSHIP VERIFIED  APPLICATION COMPLETE