

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. Students may reapply for the scholarship, but may receive an award only once.

### 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: *"What is the most difficult challenge you have faced? How did you overcome it, and what did you learn from it?"*
- ❑ **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 17, 2023** - Completed applications must be received by Vermont-NEA by 11:59 p.m. on February 17, 2023. 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). Applications may also be mailed to Vermont-NEA, attention Kristie Ferguson, at 10 Wheelock Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602.



**Maida F. Townsend**

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

High School French  
Teacher, (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  
(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)

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

### VERMONT-NEA MEMBER / PARENT INFORMATION

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

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

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

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 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) 223-1253

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