

2026-2027 APPLICATION FOR THE ANNE SHEEHAN HONOR GRANT

Background: The Anne Sheehan Grant was established in 2009 when Anne Sheehan, long-standing member of MEA retired and a delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly for many years, suddenly passed away. She was committed to education and educational opportunities for advanced study for those in the profession. Her family desired that arrangements be made for donations to a memorial in honor of her long-term commitment to education and MEA-Retired. The grant totals \$1500.00. It will be awarded in whole if only one applicant is approved, or divided equally at the discretion of the Legacy Committee if there are more. The Maine Education Association-Retired is sponsoring this honor grant.

The \$1500 grant sum will be awarded for the 2026-2027 academic year at the discretion of the Legacy Committee, and may be used to defray any expenses incurred.

The applicant must:

1. Be a full time educator practicing in Maine;
 2. Be enrolled in a humanities program leading to a graduate degree in the arts, science, or education;
 3. Be a member of the local Education Association, a member of MEA, and a member of NEA.
- Applications must be received by **February 1, 2026**.

The Legacy Committee will review all applications. The grant will be awarded based on the information contained in the application. The decision of the Legacy Committee is final. The recipient(s) of the Honor Grant will be announced at the MEA Retired Convention on April 29, 2027.

Reminder: The Application form must be filled out completely, and include all required information.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Name and place of graduate program currently enrolled: _____

Dates of attendance or acceptance.: _____

Course of study _____

Current employment School or District _____

Teaching Assignment (grade level, subject area):

Personal Experience, College(s) attended: _____

Date(s) of graduation: _____

City: _____

Degrees held _____

Please complete the following in 200 words or less using at least 12 font and double space. Explain your reason for applying for this grant and tell how your field of study will impact your long term goals. Please include 2 letters of recommendation: ONE from each of the following categories.

1. A member of administration (superintendent, principal, vice principal, association leader, guidance counselor)

2. A teaching colleague. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of the persons writing the recommendations.

1. Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

2. Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Signature of the applicant _____

Date _____

Applications **must be received by February 1, 2026**. Send the completed application to:
Charles Oehrtmann, 70 Ward Road, Windham, Maine 04062

For further information, email: orty1@earthlink.net