

Cochran Scholarship

2025 Application

Peggy Cochran, retired Executive Director of Missouri NEA, and her deceased husband, Paul, served education for a combined total of 74 years. Both came from families of teachers. Two of their children are teachers in the St. Louis area. The Cochran's believe that teaching is the most rewarding career anyone can choose. To encourage people to become teachers, they created a \$500 scholarship in support of one of these individuals each year.

Eligibility: Applicant must be a *Missouri NEA Student Member* currently enrolled in a Missouri teacher education program and pursuing a career in teaching. Funds are for undergraduate work in Fall 2025.

Application Deadline: Received on or before **January 31, 2025**, or postmarked by Jan. 24, 2025. Return to: Missouri NEA, Lauren Vinson
1810 E. Elm Street, Jefferson City, MO. 65101 or email to Lauren.Vinson@mnea.org

Applicant's full name: _____

Parents' or Guardians' name(s): _____

College Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ School Phone: _____

Home E-mail: _____ School E-mail: _____

College currently attending: _____

Cumulative GPA _____

Attach a copy of current transcript, or your fall grade report IF the grade report includes your cumulative GPA.

Current Scholarships/Grants: (*Please list other scholarships and/or grants which applicant has received*)

Extracurricular Activities/Leadership/Awards/Achievements/Work: As an attachment, please list all extracurricular activities including college and work or volunteer experiences. Please include the number of years you were active in each, and leadership positions held, awards, honors, and achievements.

Essay Question: As an attachment, please answer the following question in 12-point font, (1) page only:
"Why do you think you deserve to be awarded the Cochran Scholarship?"

Letters of Recommendation: As attachments, include one recent letter of recommendation from either a professor/teacher or other non-relative. Each letter of recommendation must clearly state the name of the applicant being recommended, as well as the name, address, and phone number of the person making the recommendation.

Finalists may be called for personal interviews or further information. The winner will be announced in April 2025 and the check will be sent to the Financial Aid Office of your college/university prior to the fall semester of 2025, after the winner sends us their college student identification number.

Questions? Contact: Lauren Vinson, Missouri NEA 1-800-392-0236 ext. 606 or e-mail Lauren.Vinson@mnea.org.