



Arkansas Education Association Scholarships

T.W. COGGS IN-SERVICE GRANT

A grant of \$500 is awarded annually to enable a member of the Association to carry out a project, study or research that will benefit education in some specific area. The deadline for scholarship applications is February 17, 2012



T.W. Coggs

ELIGIBILITY

The grant is available to any AEA member.

APPLICATION

To apply, submit a proposal for a professional project that would provide opportunities for development of professional tools and techniques, professional improvement, or advancement of professional association work and leadership. The project may involve study, research, travel, service to local and state associations, or some combination of these activities.

Contact your UniServ director or the Arkansas Education Association for an application.

You may reach AEA at:

T.W. Coggs Scholarship
Arkansas Education Association
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Little Rock, AR 72201-1064
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Proposals that would be acceptable under the grant could include such projects as teacher placement, teacher retraining, community support, teaching resources, and leadership development.

ABOUT T.W. COGGS

AEA honors T.W. Coggs for his contributions to education in the form of a grant funded by the ATA Endowment Program. Coggs served as both president and executive secretary for the Arkansas Teachers Association, the African-American teacher association that merged with the AEA in 1969. He emphasized the need for professional training and higher standards, and led the association through the turbulence of school desegregation.

ABOUT THE ATA ENDOWMENT PROGRAM

Funding for this scholarship is provided by the ATA Endowment Program as a living memorial to the Arkansas Teachers Association. The Endowment also provides for the T.E. Patterson Memorial Scholarship.

ATA was organized to secure equality of educational opportunities for every child and equality of professional status for every teacher in Arkansas. The Endowment provides motivation and helps to develop opportunities for young people of African-American descent to enter the teaching profession, and it helps to advance the placement of qualified African-American educators in schools throughout Arkansas.

Following the merger of the Arkansas Education Association and Arkansas Teachers Association, the ATA building was sold in July 1970. The net proceeds from the sale were invested, and the interest is used to finance this program.

The AEA Human and Civil Rights Committee will serve as a policy-making group to set up and implement the endowment program.