



Hello!

For those of you who don't know me, I am Aaron Schaefer, president of the State Student Arkansas Education Association (S-AEA), and a Music Education major with an emphasis in performance at Henderson State University at Arkadelphia. I welcome and thank you for becoming part of this great organization, the S-AEA. As a member of S-AEA, you are also the part of the National Education Association (NEA) and the Arkansas Education Association (AEA).

One of my goals is to get members across Arkansas to become more involved in the community and increase communication with one another. I want to meet as many members as possible so that we become a tight network to share resources. I want to hold more conferences locally and get more people involved in our conferences. Conferences are an excellent way to gain knowledge, make connections, share ideas, and get resources.

As a member of S-AEA you have access to many benefits, such as the discounts you can get through NEA's Click & Save program. You can get discounts on everything from pet supplies to car discounts through Landers Auto, and you can even purchase gift cards at a discount. S-AEA members are also covered by NEA liability insurance while interning or on other on-site assignments at a school.

We have an S-AEA, AEA, and a student NEA page on Facebook. Please join these pages, and I encourage you to take pictures of your S-AEA organization and post them. Please e-mail me if you have any questions or ideas. If I cannot answer the question, I will find someone who can. My e-mail is naturalstateeducation@gmail.com. Secretary Santana Coronado's e-mail is rugrat_brat10@yahoo.com. You can also contact the AEA staffers assigned to work with the Student Program, Marlo James (marlo.james.aea@gmail.com) and Brenda Walton (ar-bwalton@nea.org).

Looking forward to a great year!!!

Sincerely,

Aaron Schaefer