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TO: OEA Local Presidents

This is Student-Centered Advocacy Grant Opportunity – *Deadline October 22, 2018* from NEA, please read the memo excerpt below:

We are pleased to announce that NEA’s Collective Bargaining and Member Advocacy Department (CBMA) is now accepting applications for its *2018-2019 Student-Centered Advocacy Grants*. Grants will be awarded to affiliates to design and implement student-centered initiatives through collective bargaining or other forms of advocacy. The grants are designed to:

- assist affiliates with their student-centered contract campaigns, or
- help them create new programs, or
- refine existing practices that demonstrate a commitment to improving learning conditions that are sustainable beyond the term of the grant.

The online application form, application template, FAQs, grant terms and conditions, and student-centered advocacy attributes document can be found at [http://www.nea.org/grants/63562.htm](http://www.nea.org/grants/63562.htm).

**The grant application is due no later than October 22, 2018.**

This is the fourth year of our student-centered advocacy grant program. Check out these links for stories of some of the grantees:

- Keene Paraprofessionals Association [http://neatoday.org/?s=Keene](http://neatoday.org/?s=Keene)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact CBMA staff Andy Jewell ([ajewell@nea.org](mailto:ajewell@nea.org)) or Charles Holmes ([cholmes@nea.org](mailto:cholmes@nea.org)). Thank you for all you do in advocating for our members and the students they serve.