

# The MEA Advantage :

For Your Career  
For Your Rights  
For Your Wallet  
For Public Education

## Benefits of MEA membership\*

### Members receive:

- Belonging to an organization that advocates for public schools, school employees and students
- Supporting MEA's political, legislative and public relations efforts for great public schools
- Free online professional development
- Employment liability insurance for both civil and criminal cases, with \$1 million coverage for civil liability damages
- MEA Advantage members-only discounts
- Legal services for:
  - unemployment cases
  - certification issues
  - retirement issues
  - discrimination based on union activity
  - discrimination under federal and state laws based on race, sex, age, color, religion, national origin, disability, family and medical leave, etc.
  - teacher tenure, wage and hour and whistleblower cases
  - layoff and recall litigation for teachers under the Revised School Code
  - constitutional claims
  - other claims outside the coverage of the collective bargaining agreement
- Training and consultation regarding special education issues
- Advice on employment-related statutory rights
- Subscriptions to *MEA Voice* & *NEA Today* magazines and other email newsletters
- Access to MEA and NEA conferences, including:
  - Bargaining, Public Policy & Professional Development Conference
  - Summer Leadership Conference
  - Higher Education Conference
  - ESP Conference
- Ability to attend local and regional MEA-sponsored trainings
- Assistance in obtaining National Board Certification
- Right to attend local association meetings and social functions
- Voting privileges (contracts, officers, etc.) at the state, local and national levels

*Benefits continue* ►

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## MEA membership benefits, continued

- Eligibility to hold elected office at the state, local and national levels
- Access to MEA Financial Services programs:
  - Group automobile insurance discounts
  - Group homeowners insurance discounts
  - MEA Credit Card (with special payment options due to job actions)
  - MEA Sponsored Group Term Life Insurance
  - Long Term Care Insurance – member discounts
  - Member Investment programs
  - Local access to an MEA Financial Services Representative
- Access to discounted personal legal services through the Goodman Acker firm
- NEA Term Life Insurance at no additional cost
- Access to NEA Member Benefits programs:
  - NEA Home Financing Program
  - NEA Smart Option Student Loan
  - NEA Personal Loan
  - NEA Academy online learning
  - NEA Click & Save online discounts
  - NEA Auto Buying Program
  - Jeep Preferred Pricing Program
  - NEA ID Theft Protection
  - NEA Magazine Service
  - And more...

### Benefits as of 11/2015

\*If you are covered by a collective bargaining agreement with a valid agency shop agreement and you resign your membership, you will be converted to a fee payer. You will continue to receive the same benefits fee payers have always received, which are significantly less than membership. Fee payers must typically pay a service fee to the MEA, NEA, and sometimes to their local as a condition of employment. Contact the MEA Help Center at (866) 632-4357 if you have any questions.

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get answers to your MEA questions.

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# For Your Wallet

## Turning Dues into Savings

Through the collective power of MEA, your dues turn into savings for you and your family. And we're not talking about just a few dollars here and there—as an MEA member, you can save more money in a year than you spend on dues! Here's an example:

*John and Mary Smith are a married MEA couple—Mary is an instructor and John is a custodian. They work hard, own a modest home and two American-made cars, and have two children. Combined, they make about \$80,000 per year and are paying about \$1,000 in MEA dues. Like every working family, they have to meet a budget and make ends meet. Here's how they turn their MEA dues into savings:*

### MEA Financial Services Insurance

Through MEA Financial Services, they save **\$300-500 per year on their home and auto insurance premiums.\***

\* NOTE: Savings can vary significantly based on your personal situation—please call MEA Financial Services for a free, no-obligation quote at 800-292-1950 option 2, or go online to [www.meafs.com](http://www.meafs.com).

### MEA Everyday Rewards Credit Card

John and Mary carry the MEA Visa Signature Credit Card which gives them 3% cash back on groceries, 2% on gas, travel and universities, and 1% on all other purchases. Each month, they spend an average of \$700 on groceries and \$350 on gas and other expenses they put on their card. Their cash back rewards add up to **more than \$300 in just one year**. For details and to apply, visit [www.meavisa.org](http://www.meavisa.org).



### MEA Membership Card Discounts

Using discounts provided through their MEA Membership Card that they find using both the Members Only area of [www.mea.org](http://www.mea.org) and the My Deals mobile app, John and Mary **save more than \$1,600 per year** on everything from shopping and local services to entertainment and vacations!

So, \$300-500 saved on insurance.

More than \$300 in credit card rewards.

More than \$1,600 in discounts.

**John and Mary turn their MEA dues into real savings of more than \$2,200 per year and you can too!**

To access these and more ways to save, visit the **Members Only** section of [www.mea.org](http://www.mea.org).

### The Savings Really Add Up!

Purchase	Frequency	Typical Savings per purchase	Purchases per Year	Yearly Savings
<b>FOOD</b>				
Grocery Store Coupons	5 items per week	\$1.00	36	\$180.00
Dining-Lunch	1 meal/week	\$3.25	52	\$169.00
Dining-Dinner	2 meals/month	\$7.50	24	\$180.00
Pizza	2 purchases/month	\$8.00	24	\$192.00
<b>EVERYDAY NEEDS &amp; SERVICES</b>				
Apparel	8 items per year	\$15.50	8	\$124.00
Home Improvement	2 purchases/yr	\$50.00	2	\$100.00
Carpet Cleaning	1 purchase/yr	\$20.00	1	\$20.00
Misc. Shopping	8 purchases/yr	\$9.00	8	\$72.00
Flowers/Gifts	2 purchases/yr	\$4.50	2	\$9.00
Oil Changes	5 oil changes/yr	\$8.00	5	\$40.00
<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>				
Bowling/Lasertag/Minigolf	4 purchases/yr	\$5.50	4	\$22.00
Theme Park Visits	4 passes/yr	\$15.00	4	\$60.00
Concert/Sports/Event Tickets	4 tickets/yr	\$19.00	4	\$76.00
Golf	4 rounds/yr	\$8.00	4	\$32.00
<b>TRAVEL</b>				
Hotel Stays	7 nights/yr	\$28.00	7	\$196.00
Car Rental	5 days/yr	\$14.00	5	\$70.00
Cruise	1 cruise for two/yr	\$35.00	2	\$70.00
<b>TOTAL SAVINGS</b>				<b>\$1,612.00</b>



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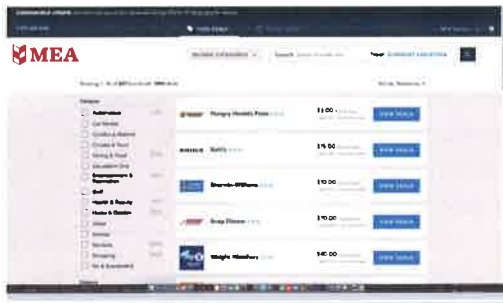
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# 2 WAYS 2 SAVE

at restaurants, movie theatres, groceries, hotels and more!

## 1 print coupons & shop online

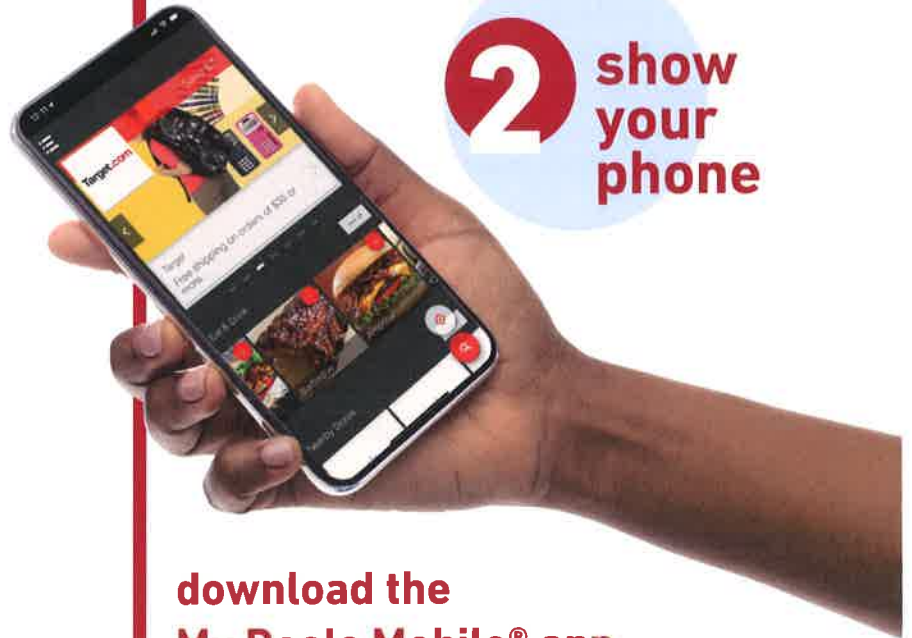
- Enjoy enhanced search capabilities
- Has advance keyword searches
- Find more deals faster
- Use Google Maps to find deals near you



## log in & register

1. Log in at [www.mea.org/membersonly](http://www.mea.org/membersonly)
2. Register with your MEA membership ID
3. Create your own username and password

## 2 show your phone



## download the My Deals Mobile® app

- Use your email address and Access password to get started! You will be prompted to enter your Program Key: **1018-** (must include hyphen) and your MEA Membership ID
- Show your phone to save



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## shop smart & save

- Save up to 50% on deals near you
- Discounts to over 350,000 locations nationwide
- Exclusive deals in dining, shopping, movies, hotels, & more

**you can save over \$1000 annually!**



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**access**

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## What do you get for your dues dollars?

Here are just a few advantages of MEA membership:

### The MEA Advantage for Your Career

- Professional development help on issues like certification, including National Board Certification, as well as online professional development opportunities.
- Training opportunities for education employees at one of MEA's many conferences or at the local level.

### The MEA Advantage for Your Rights

- Services from UniServ directors who have the training and expertise in bargaining, grievance processing, arbitrations, unemployment hearings and retirement.
- Legal assistance to protect your rights and privileges.
- Up to \$1 million of professional liability insurance if you are faced with a civil or criminal complaint in the course of your work.

### The MEA Advantage for Your Wallet

- Help offset the cost of dues using steep group discounts offered through MEA Financial Services ([www.meafs.com](http://www.meafs.com)) for products we all use, including car, home and life insurance, credit cards and assistance in retirement and financial planning.
- Members-only discounts of up to 50 percent are available with your MEA Membership Card. Go to the Members Only section of [www.mea.org](http://www.mea.org) to save on items like oil changes for your car, meals out on the town, shopping at name-brand stores, and travel discounts from hotel rooms to rental cars to cruise packages.
- National benefits through NEA Member Benefits ([www.neamb.com](http://www.neamb.com)) include complimentary life insurance, home and personal loan programs, auto purchase discounts, free online learning and more.

### The MEA Advantage for Public Education

- The collective power of school employees being engaged members gives MEA the ability to be the state's foremost advocate for public education.
- Collective bargaining results in better contracts and better schools when powered by full membership and the expertise of the UniServ staff those member dues employ.
- MEA's role as the state's strongest legislative and political voice for public education comes from the collective action of members and the talents of experienced lobbyists and political action professionals. Electing friends of public education matters for your career, your livelihood and your students.
- Member-only communications such as the *MEA Voice*, *Capitol Comments* and other electronic updates keep you informed on issues facing MEA members across the state.



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# DISCOUNTS

## The MEA Advantage Card

- Log in and register online at [www.mea.org](http://www.mea.org)
- Click on Members>Members Only and then find the Discounts section. Register with your membership number.



## Print Coupons & Shop Online

- Save up to 50% on deals near you.
- Over 300,000 locations nationwide.
- Exclusive deals on groceries, dining, shopping, movies, hotels and more



## Homeowners & Auto Insurance Discounts

- Visit [www.meafs.com](http://www.meafs.com) or call 800-292-1950 to get your quote today!
- They will shop around the companies they use (including Auto-Owners, Citizens, 21<sup>st</sup> Century and Progressive) to find you the best deal plus you get an additional discount as a member!
- Insurance available for auto, home, rental properties, businesses, motorcycle, boat, RV, snowmobiles and more!
- Flood insurance.

## Investments

- Mutual Funds and Annuities.
- Long-Term Care Insurance.
- Commercial Insurance and Bonds.



## Other MEA Programs to Save You Money

- MEA Online Professional Development SCECHs, college credit, and more!
- MEA Scholarships.



## Shopping, Discounts, Travel & More!

- Click & Save Program — savings on name brands and accumulate WOW points for free merchandise.
- Restaurants.com — discounts on dining out.
- Discounts on AT&T and DIRECTV.
- Auto buying program — discounts on new and used!
- Car rentals, guided vacations, and so much more!



Great Public Schools for Every Student

## Finance & Insurance

- Credit cards rewards, smart rates.
- Home financing and equity loans.
- Personal and student loans.
- \$1,000 Complimentary Life Insurance.
- Pet insurance.

