

Union Notes – January 22, 2021

NEA-RA Declaration of Candidacy

Candidates for NEA-RA state delegate must submit a declaration of candidacy. The NEA-RA will be virtual again this year, so there will be no funding available to delegates. The declaration of candidacy form is **due January 29, 2021**. The online form can be found [here](#). The paper form can be found in your Dec/Jan California Educator magazine. Your CTA/NEA ID can also be found on the back of the magazine.

Know Your Rights: Life Insurance Coverage Rights Through Your Union Contract

Did you know that our union contract provides a life insurance benefit for SDEA union members? This benefit provides for a life insurance benefit, through the Hartford Life Insurance Company, that is equal to the member's annual salary.

Also, it's important to make sure that you have the correct beneficiary listed under this plan for you. **Here are helpful tips** on how to sign up for [The Hartford's online platform](#) for managing your life insurance benefit.

Make The Most of Your CTA Membership

Your CTA membership gives you access to exclusive benefits, like CTA-endorsed Disability and Life insurance plans from Standard Insurance Company (The Standard). This special enrollment opportunity ends May 15, 2021. Learn more and apply online at standard.com/cta/sdea.

Join The Standard for a virtual open house this **Wednesday, January 27, between 7 - 8 p.m.** This will be an informal session where you can speak to a Benefits Consultant and learn more about the benefits available to you. [Register Here](#)

Don't Let These Scholarships, Awards, & Grants Go Unclaimed!

CTA offers several different educational scholarships, grants and awards to members and their dependents throughout the academic year. Deadlines are quickly approaching. Online application forms and details can be found on the [CTA website](#).

District Beneficiary Designation

During the hiring process, SDUSD employees designate a beneficiary for district employee benefits, such as your final paycheck from the district. This form is in addition to any other beneficiary designations, such as CalSTRS/CalPERS or life insurance. If your beneficiary has changed since your hire date, you can download the form, and mail it to the HR department. [Beneficiary Designation Form](#)

VEBA Resources

VEBA is committed to providing comprehensive, up-to-date [COVID-19 Vaccination Information](#) to all of its members. [The VEBA Resource Center](#) is virtual and now offers online classes, workshops and programs. Whether you prefer to participate in a group class or individual class, there is something for everyone!