

ECOEA presents April Showers with Member Benefits

Each Monday and Thursday at 4:30 throughout the month of April, ECOEA members are invited to engage with NEA Member Benefits via Zoom and be **SHOWEED WITH INFORMATION** about Student Loan Forgiveness and Retirement. The ZOOM link will be the same for all five occurrences of each topic. Each presentation will last an hour but the presenter(s) will be available about 30 minutes prior to the start time for members who may just have a question or two before committing to stay. And, of course, the presenter(s) will stay on following the presentation for questions that anyone may have.

Student Loan Forgiveness Options for ALL Education Employees

With more than 44 million borrowers and over \$1.6 TRILLION in outstanding debt, the impact of student loans is impacting not only borrowers but communities at large. But despite the resistance of some to loan forgiveness, it remains available to education employees. Depending on where you work, what you do and what types of loans are outstanding, teachers and EDUCATION SUPPORT PERSONNEL may be eligible to have all or some of their loans forgiven. And with the new NEA Student Loan Forgiveness Navigation Tool, NEA members can determine if there is a more economically advantageous payment option as well as determine which forgiveness option(s) are applicable and provides the tools to apply – for free!

Join us on any Monday in April (April 5, 12, 19, 26 AND AN ENCORE ON MAY 3) at 4:30 and learn more. To join a meeting on any of the above dates, simply click on the link below:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#) or to join by phone, dial 301-715-8592. If needed, use meeting 983 9048 8551 and passcode 231068.

When Can I Afford to Retire or Will I Just Die At My Desk?

Retirement is so confusing and planning is usually far more complex than members realize. And it is even more complex if you are married to someone working in the private sector because of Social Security's Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset. But with this workshop, we will increase members' awareness of their retirement system, their pension payout options, health care costs and more. Participants will be able to determine if they are on the right track in their retirement preparations and, if not, what are their options, including sheltering severance pay and purchasable service credit options.

Join us on any Thursday in April (April 8, 15, 22, 29 AND AN ENCORE ON MAY 6) at 4:30 and learn more. To join a meeting on any of the above dates, simply click on the link below:

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