

BUY BACK YOUR DUES!

Education Support Professional members pay \$366.50 to join the Illinois Education Association-NEA. This may seem like a lot of money, however, once you understand **WHAT that \$366.50 does for you** and your career, you know that becoming a member is the right thing to do. Luckily, this membership brings members hundreds of different benefits that they can use to help buy back dues. **Here is a breakdown of how one IEA member could have bought back dues this year so far.**



Benefits Used	Money Saved	Notes
NEA Cash Rewards World MasterCard	\$600 monthly groceries = \$12 saved \$200 monthly gas = \$6 saved Avg. monthly credit card bill is \$1500 for daily purchases = \$15 saved January-June savings: \$398 total savings (Including my \$200 bonus!)	1% cash back on purchases <i>everywhere, every time</i> ; 2% cash back at grocery stores; 3% cash back on gas. *\$100 cash rewards bonus available *low APR and no annual fee
Purchased plane ticket to Austin, TX and used our NEA website to book.	Saved \$50 on round trip ticket.	Our NEA website partners with Expedia to give us an extra discount. You HAVE to use the NEA website to receive it. Expedia.com will not do it.
Rental Car for trip to Florida.	Saved \$150 on mini-van.	These are name brand businesses like Hertz, Avis, and Enterprise.
Purchased my laptop for grad school.	Price was reduced \$100 compared to local store prices.	Purchase your laptop through our shopping tab and save! Delivery was quick!
Restaurant Certificates. Spend \$5 and receive a \$25 gift card is a monthly special that we receive. I always buy one, if not more, a month!	January-June savings: \$160 saved for 8 gift certificates so far this year!	NEA partners with <i>Restaurant.com</i> to bring you the best deals. Just browse through the restaurants and purchase your gift certificate at a discounted rate!
Magazine Subscription	\$10 for two-year subscription to TWO magazines. This normally goes roughly \$30 for EACH magazine. Total Savings: \$50	Later, NEA offered me two more magazines for FREE for two years as a reward for using my benefits. Cha-Ching!
Movie Tickets. Members save 35% ALWAYS off movie tickets. That is roughly 3.60 for a \$10.50 regular ticket.	Total Savings: \$110	You must purchase these through our NEA website. They are for any movie, any time! You will always save 35%! I use this all the time when going to the movies with my friends and family members. I have bought about 30 tickets with this deal just this year!
WOWpoints: When making a purchase, you also earn WOW-points that can be used towards future purchases. They are as good as cash and never expire. 100 WOWpoints = \$1. ALWAYS! Just another extra incentive to use this program.	\$9 waiting to be used on my next purchase!	I can use this WOWmoney to purchase TWO more restaurant certificates once I reach \$10! Each certificate is worth \$25 so my WOWmoney would save me another \$40 . *Credit Card purchases do not count in this program. Only purchases you make through the NEA website.
Total Savings January-June 2016	\$1,027 in savings on purchases I would have made anyway!	Dues are \$366.50, so really my membership paid me \$660.50 in savings!



Please note: These expenses are an example of how an IEA member can save enough money in purchases to actually recoup annual dues dollars and more.

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