

# BUY BACK YOUR DUES!

IEA certified members pay \$661 to join the Illinois Education Association-NEA. This may seem like a lot of money, however, once you understand **WHAT that \$661 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 = <b>\$12 saved</b> \$200 monthly gas = <b>\$6 saved</b> Avg. monthly credit card bill is \$1500 for daily purchases = <b>\$15 saved</b> January-June savings: <b>\$398 total savings (Including my \$200 bonus!)</b>	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 <b>\$50</b> on round trip ticket.	Our NEA website partners with Expedia to give us an extra discount. <b>You HAVE to use the NEA website to receive it.</b> Expedia.com will not do it.
Rental Car for trip to Florida.	Saved <b>\$150</b> on mini-van.	These are name brand businesses like Hertz, Avis, and Enterprise.
Purchased my laptop for grad school.	Price was reduced <b>\$100</b> compared to local store prices.	Purchase your laptop through our shopping tab and save! Delivery was quick!
Restaurant Certificates. Spend \$5 and receive a <b>\$25 gift card</b> is a monthly special that we receive. I always buy one, if not more, a month!	January-June savings: <b>\$160</b> 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: <b>\$50</b>	Later, NEA offered me two more magazines for <b>FREE</b> 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: <b>\$110</b>	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!
<b>WOWpoints:</b> 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. <b>100 WOWpoints = \$1. ALWAYS!</b> Just another extra incentive to use this program.	<b>\$9</b> 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 <b>\$40</b> . *Credit Card purchases do not count in this program. Only purchases you make through the NEA website.
<b>Total Savings January-June 2016</b>	<b>\$1,027 in savings on purchases I would have made anyway!</b>	<b>Dues are \$661, so really my membership paid me \$366 in savings!</b>



**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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