

# HOW TO JOIN OEA-R

## Active members can join anytime!

To receive a personalized membership form, please mail the information below to the following address:

Membership at OEA, 225 East Broad Street,  
Box 2250 Columbus, OH 43216

or

Join online at: [www.ohea.org/retired](http://www.ohea.org/retired)

NAME

HOME EMAIL

PHONE (HOME)

(CELL)

ADDRESS

STATE

ZIP

COUNTY

SCHOOL DISTRICT

POSITION

CHOOSE ONE:  PRE-RETIRED  RETIRED

OEA MEMBERSHIP # OR

LAST 4 DIGITS OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY #

# BENEFITS OF BELONGING

**COLLECTIVE POWER** OEA-R is the only voice in Ohio for all public education retirees. Your voice helps strengthen our ability to fight for public education and protect our students.

**RETAIN BENEFITS** Create a seamless transition with your NEA Member Benefits programs.

**DISCOUNT PROGRAMS** Improve your buying power and save money through extensive member-only benefits and discounts.

**LIABILITY COVERAGE** Receive educator liability insurance coverage when you substitute.

**LEGAL SERVICES** Rely on professional services provided by select OEA plan attorneys.

**EDUCATOR PUBLICATIONS** Stay current on developing legislation, local, state, and national education news.

**POLITICAL ADVOCACY** Have your educational issues lobbied by professionals at the state and national levels.

**ACTIVITIES** Participate in relevant and meaningful state and national conferences and workshops.

**NETWORKING** Continue involvement with OEA and NEA and enjoy activities with former colleagues and new friends.

**SAVINGS** Lock in OEA-R lifetime membership at the lowest possible price and continue saving with NEA Member Benefits throughout your retirement.

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Ohio Education Association

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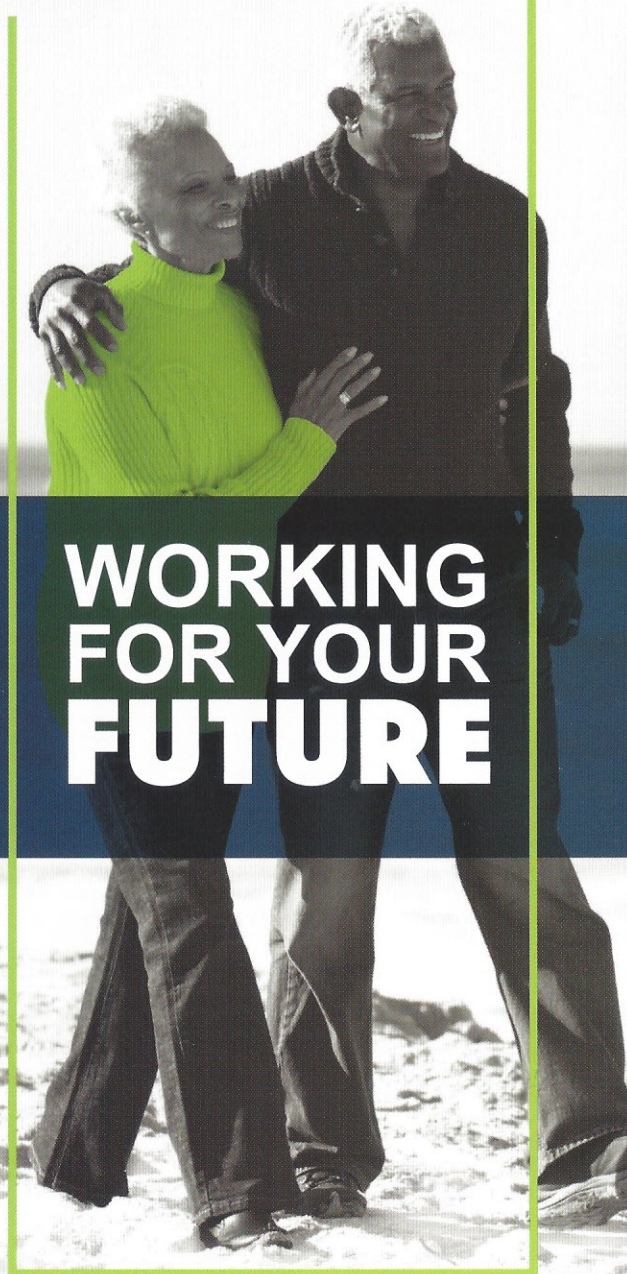
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# WORKING FOR YOUR FUTURE

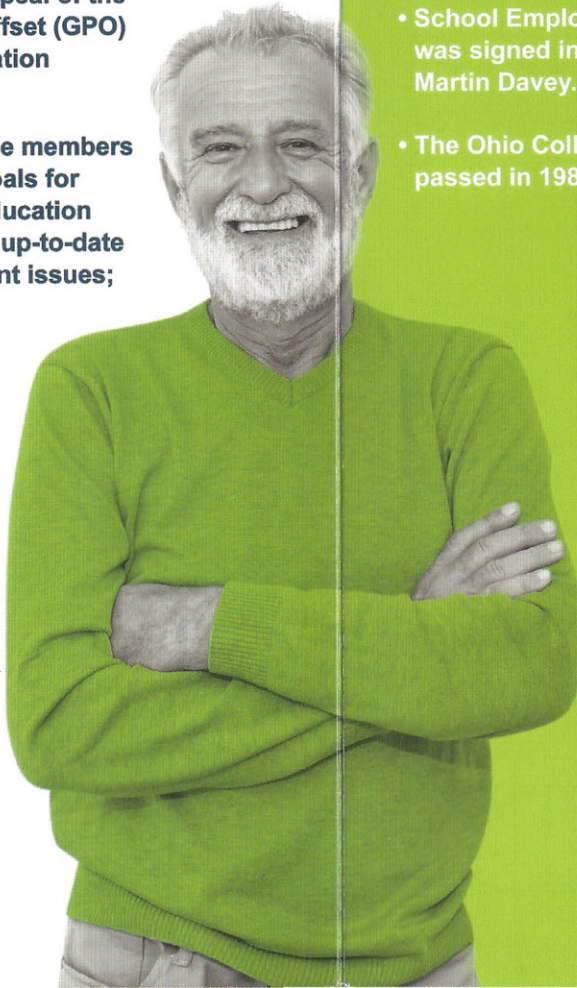
# WE WORK FOR YOUR FUTURE

*We believe empowered retired educators are valuable in protecting public education and improving the lives of our members, students, and communities.*

- OEA-R advocates to maintain state defined benefit pensions, as well as to protect and improve all retirement programs and health benefits;
- Members support the repeal of the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Program (WEP);
- Retirees work with active members to achieve legislative goals for public education and education employees and provide up-to-date information on retirement issues;
- Membership is open to retired and pre-retired certified and classified employees of Ohio school systems;

## OEA-R

- OEA-R is Ohio's only retired association affiliated with the National Education Association (NEA) and offers a unified membership with NEA and OEA, that is over 3-million members strong.



# DID YOU KNOW...

- OEA-Retired is a unique community within the Ohio Education Association (OEA) supporting pre-retired and retired educators.
- OEA began in the early 1900's and was originally known as the Ohio Teacher's Association.
- OEA lobbied the state legislature to establish a liberal retirement program for public school teachers that became the STRS Bill in 1919 and signed into law by Governor James Cox.
- School Employees Retirement System (SERS) was signed into law in 1937 by Governor Martin Davey.
- The Ohio Collective Bargaining Bill was passed in 1983.
- OEA-R represents 10 OEA Districts and is an affiliate of the Ohio chapter of the Alliance for Retired Americans (ARA). Members in each of these Districts often meet to socialize, discuss current issues and learn from others in their area.
- Through a statewide network of over 120,000, members can volunteer in locally based programs that help make their communities stronger.
- OEA-R members can participate in national, state, and regional conferences and seminars that provide relevant and meaningful content to retired educators.

# OEA-RETIRED IS DEDICATED TO MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL EDUCATORS, PROVIDING MEMBER INVOLVEMENT WITHIN OEA AND SUPPORTING PUBLIC EDUCATION



## OEA-R BELIEVES

- Retire from your job not your profession
- Preserve your investment in your profession
- Share your expertise – pay it forward
- Help us keep working for you
- You are essential to our work