GPA MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the GPA program is to educate, organize and recruit member activists to accomplish the goals of IEA-IPACE through grassroots political action and policy advocacy efforts.

GPA EXPECTATIONS
Organizing Expectations
• Maintain ongoing recruitment efforts to ensure at least 10 members in your region (GO-Team) are available to assist with various grassroots activities
• Build, update and maintain a list of members interested in legislative and political action
• Communicate regularly with GO-Team and region

IEA Internal Activities
• Attend region council meetings to provide a report
• Submit report if unavailable to attend

IEA Legislative Activities
• Build a legislative contact program in collaboration with Government Relations (GR)
• Initiate contact with state senator(s) and state representative(s)
• Meet with a legislator at least two times per year
• Attend at least one legislative reception/event (per IPACE/IEA lobbyist invite)
• Commit to act on all IEA Calls to Action
• Conduct a school tour with a legislator

IEA Political Activities
• Attend IPACE Candidate Recommendation meetings (when applicable)
• Assist lobbyist with attendance at IPACE Candidate Recommendation meetings
• Participate in election activities including phone banking and canvassing during the campaign season (as determined by GR)
• Conduct at least one school board training

NEA Activities
• Sign up as a NEA Cyber Lobbyist
• Conduct at least one NEA Cyber Lobby sign-up event
• Conduct at least one NEA Fund Drive event
GPA ACCOUNTABILITY
The GPA will submit three reports detailing his or her activities and provide an update on additional GO-Team members. Reports will be submitted to his or her Region Chair, UniServ Director, lobbyist and GPA program staff.

• Report #1 – TBD
• Report #2 – TBD
• Report #3 – TBD

GPA TRAINING
We encourage attendance at three training opportunities offered throughout the year. These trainings provide the skills GPAs need to be effective and meet the expectations of the program. They will be at the IEA Professional Development Center in Springfield.

• Kick-Off - Friday, August 2 and Saturday, August 3
• Bootcamp - Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12
• Mini-Convention - Friday, January 24 and Saturday, January 25

If a GPA is unable to attend the scheduled trainings, the GPA must contact his or her Region Chair, UniServ Director, lobbyist and GPA program staff by email.

GPA PROGRAM
• GPAs are selected by their Region Chair and UniServ Director
• GPAs serve a two-year term and may serve a total of three terms (six years)
• GPAs receive a small stipend and expenses reimbursed for work promoting political action and advocacy in their region

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1st Time Applicant _______  Reapplying _______

Name ____________________________________________________________

Street Address ___________________________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State ______ Zip ______________

Home Phone __________________________ Work Phone __________________________

Mobile Phone __________________________ Personal E-mail __________________________________________

Local Association

Local Name __________________________________ Region ______

Membership Type

K-12 Teacher _______ ESP ___________ Higher ED ______ Retired ______

What year did you join the Illinois Education Association-NEA? _________________

Please describe your organizing skills (e.g., community, church, volunteer, or political activities):

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Do you understand that in this role, once an organizational position is taken, active support for this policy or political position is expected? YES _______ NO _______

Applicant Signature __________________________________ DATE

Region Chair Signature __________________________________ DATE

UniServ Director Signature __________________________ DATE

Deadline for Submission is July 12, 2019