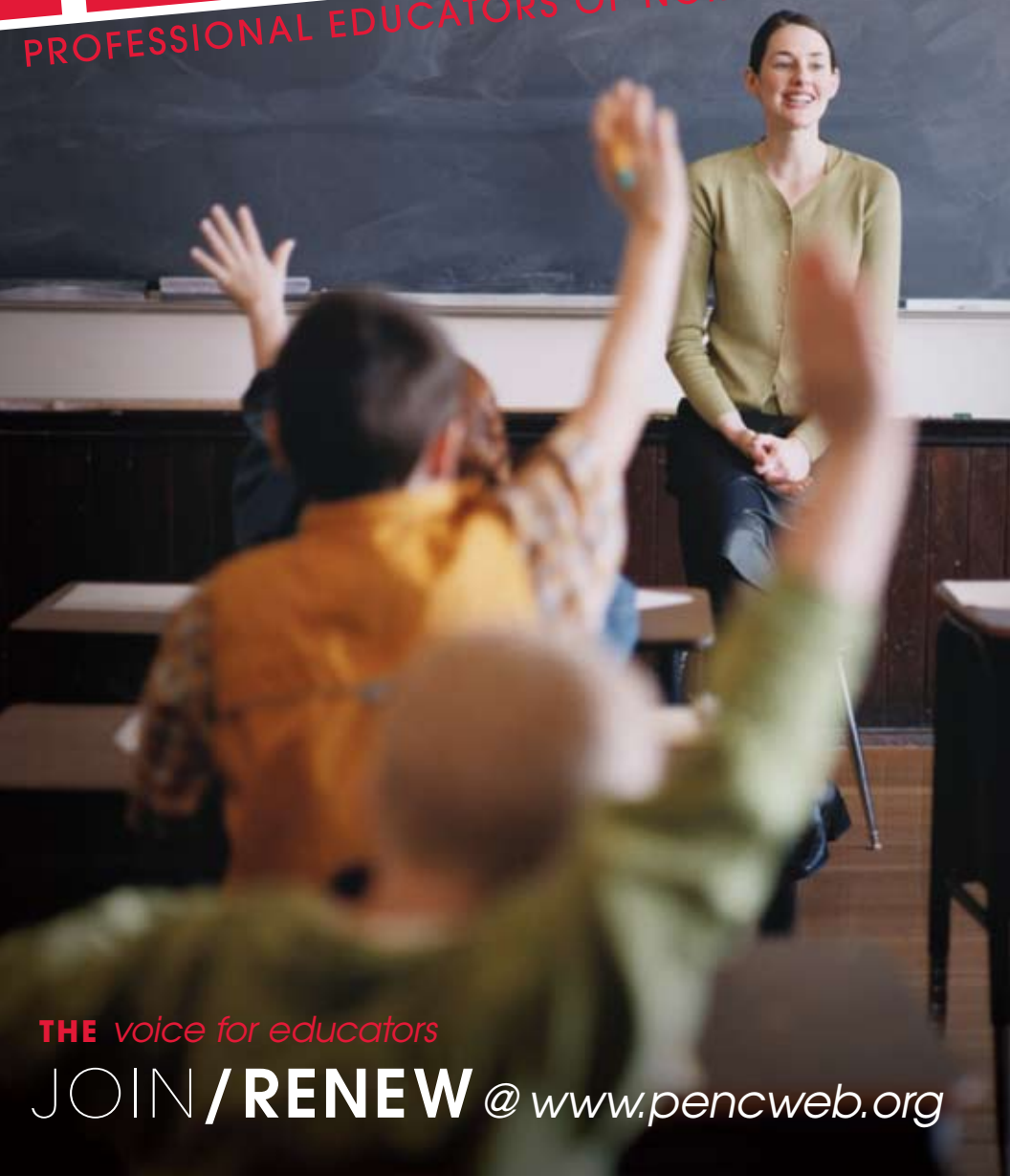


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We cannot hold a torch
to light another's path
without brightening our
own. *Ben Sweetland*



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the penc MISSION

The Professional Educators of North Carolina is a professional organization that serves as:

- THE voice for educators in policymaking
- the forum for developing professional relationships
- the advocate for improving the learning environment for every educator and student

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Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do... *Mark Twain*



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pen is:

Focused on education

Our mission is to promote education reform for the benefit of all North Carolina children while ensuring the recruitment, development and retention of qualified educators.

Independent

While we are a member of a coalition of independent associations nationwide, our focus is on education issues having an impact on North Carolina.

State-based

Member dues remain in North Carolina and are used to support member services and education initiatives.

Nonpartisan

While we neither endorse nor contribute to political campaigns or political action funds, we work with all education policymakers to ensure quality education reform.

Affordable

We believe educators should enjoy the best services and benefits available at a reasonable cost. We continually strive to make protection and involvement accessible to all educators.

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what we do for you:

PENC Employment Support

As a member, you are always welcome to call our office to request information on your professional rights and responsibilities. Any question regarding education law or your rights as a North Carolina educator (this includes administrators) will be answered in a timely manner. Members are also welcome to email Carol Vandenberg at Carol@pencweb.org for quick answers to policy-related or legislative questions.

Member Representation

You will have a PENC representative by your side if you are asked to attend a meeting with a supervisor or colleague where your rights may be jeopardized.

One Million Dollars, Liability Insurance

If you are named in a lawsuit as a result of your employment as an educator, you may be covered by our policy, regardless of whether you win or lose.

Attorney Consultations, Employment Support

Your professional liability insurance policy with PENC provides up to \$7,500 for consultations with an education law attorney. This part of our policy applies when you have not been sued, but still need the advice of an attorney for other issues concerning your employment. You pay NOTHING out of pocket! Our insurance provider handles all fees through PENC.

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Identity Theft Insurance

Your insurance policy with PENC provides up to \$1,000 for reimbursement of attorneys' fees incurred as a result of being a victim of identity theft.

Bail Bonds

PENC membership provides a \$1,000 premium on bail bonds. Insurance does not cover Level D Associate Members

Legislative assistance

- We work with the Governor's Office on initiatives affecting education in NC.
- We keep members informed with legislative updates regarding the General Assembly.
- We are an ongoing presence at the General Assembly and lobby for membership priorities.
- We answer member questions about bills and legislation.
- We help members learn how to take a more active role in policy reform and development.

Education policy and research assistance

We research and answer members' education questions and concerns using current school policies and laws. No problem is too small or too large! You get prompt professional responses.

Publications

- *the Voice*
- Legislative email updates and alerts
- School law and legislative guides

Workshops

- Financial Planning
- Retirement Planning
- Professional Development
- Praxis Preparation
- National Board Certification

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Opportunities

- To serve on regional and statewide committees, commissions and boards
- To voice your opinion on our legislative committees
- To apply for Continuing Education Scholarships
(see page 9 to apply for First Year Teacher Grants)

Discounts

As a PENC member, you receive discounts and special offers from the companies listed below:

• Discounted Tickets

*Adventure Island
Biltmore Estate
Busch Gardens
Kings Dominion*

*Carowinds
Sea World
Six Flags over Georgia
Water Country USA*

*White Water Atlanta
Emerald Pointe Water Park
Universal Studios
Dollywood*

- Enterprise Car Rentals
- Best Western
- AAA (American Automobile Association)
- Cricket Wireless
- Nationwide
- Jiffy Lube
- FinMark Financial Group

*life insurance
long term care
annuities*

*financial planning
health insurance
dental plans*

*estates
disability insurance
auto/homeowners insurance*

• Primerica-Evans & Associates

*life insurance
financial planning
health insurance*

*estates
auto insurance
homeowners insurance*

- SunCom Wireless
- Cabot Cheese
- Vision care – NC Vision Health Family Plan
- Office Depot
- State Employee's Credit Union
- Wachovia Bank
- BB&T Bank

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First-year Teacher Grants

PENC is proud to offer First Year Teacher Grants for members in their first year of practice who demonstrate a need for instructional supplies. PENC will award four \$250 grants per PENC region (there are eight geographic regions). Grant applications require teachers to make a proposal in 300 words or less, explaining how the \$250 will be used for instructional materials that will have a direct impact on student learning. PENC encourages applicants to propose innovative ways to utilize instructional materials that actively engage students. Teachers from all areas of practice are encouraged to apply.

First Year Teacher Grant applications are available in late summer. Request an application by calling the PENC office or by downloading a copy from our website. The deadline for applications is typically by the end of the first semester. If you have any questions about the application process, call us at 800.542.8844. Good Luck!

Professional Development/ Continuing Education Scholarships

Each year, PENC awards two \$1,000 scholarships to PENC educators who pursue graduate studies in education. We support your professional endeavors by making the check out directly to your college/university.

Professional Development Scholarship applications are available in late summer. Request an application by calling the PENC office or by downloading a copy from our website. The deadline for applications is typically in early January. If you have any questions about the application process, call us at 800.542.8844. Good Luck!

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MEMBERSHIP levels

LEVEL A: *Educator* | \$120

For teachers, administrators, support staff, professors, teacher assistants, coaches, substitute teachers, and all other school personnel who want complete services and benefits.*

LEVEL B: *Student* | \$25

For North Carolina full-time college, university or community college students (undergraduate or graduate) who want complete services and benefits.*

LEVEL C: *First-year teacher* | \$60

For first-year teachers who want complete services and benefits.*

LEVEL D: *Associate* | \$25

Open to individuals or retirees who do not need professional liability and employment rights insurance but who want to enjoy the other benefits of membership.

***Partner membership* | FREE**

Any PENC Member who enrolls 3 new PENC members in a membership year is eligible to receive a free membership for that same year. To claim your free membership, you must collect the membership forms for the 3 new members.** Send these 3 membership forms with your membership form to PENC's office. If you have already paid your dues, but sign up 3 new members, we will provide you with a reimbursement upon proof of your recruitment.

PENC Membership runs from July 1 through June 30 each year.

**includes professional liability and employment rights insurance*

***these members must be first time members*

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A good teacher explains...
a superior teacher demonstrates...
a great teacher inspires.

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membership form

DATE RENEWAL NEW MEMBER

MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30 EACH YEAR. NOTIFY PENC IF INFORMATION CHANGES. 800.542.8844 OR WWW.PENCWEB.ORG.

FULL NAME SOCIAL SECURITY #

HOME ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

HOME PHONE CELL PHONE

EMAIL SCHOOL

CITY/COUNTY POSITION/SUBJECT YES IN EDUC.

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR DESCRIPTIONS

LEVEL A: EDUCATOR \$120 LEVEL B: STUDENT \$25 LEVEL C: FIRST-YEAR TEACHER \$60 LEVEL D: ASSOCIATE \$25

(TO FIND OUT HOW YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A REIMBURSEMENT OF YOUR CURRENT PENC MEMBERSHIP DUES PLEASE VISIT WWW.PENCWEB.ORG)

METHOD OF PAYMENT

DEDUCT FROM PAY (COMPLETE FORM TO RIGHT) CHECK ENCLOSED* VISA MC AMEX DISCOVER

CC# CVV CODE EXP. DATE

SIGNATURE

*MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PENC AND MAIL WITH FORM TO PENC, PO BOX 17129, RALEIGH, NC 27619.

PAYROLL DEDUCTION FORM

SIGNED FORM MUST BE RECEIVED IN PENC OFFICE NO LATER THAN
SEPTEMBER 3 TO ENSURE INCLUSION IN PAYROLL DEDUCTION.

FULL NAME

SOCIAL SECURITY #

CITY/COUNTY

SCHOOL

I hereby request my employer, (name of school system/county)

to deduct from my salary the sum of \$120 (total amount) for PENC annual dues at a rate set by the school system. ***This authorization will continue to be in effect for each ensuing membership year until the school district and PENC have received written notification of termination of this authorization.*** If for any reason, except death, my employment is terminated, amounts still owing under this authorization shall be deducted from final pay due. PENC will notify annually the member and school district of any necessary adjustment in the annual dues amount.

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