



# MARE Focus

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## ENDORSEMENTS

- American Fidelity Assurance Co.
- Claim Care, Inc.
- CTS Group
- Erate Program, LLC
- Forrest T. Jones & Co.
- IMS
- L.J. Hart & Company
- MEUHP
- Mike Keith Insurance
- M.U.S.I.C.
- MO. Consultants for Ed.
- Pro-Energy Solutions
- SOCS

## MARE PARTNERSHIPS

- LEGAL HOTLINE
- EDUCATIONP LUS
- AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
- MISSOURI ADMINISTRATOR JOB POSTING

**MARE Superintendent Searches** - MARE has completed searches for the following districts this year: *Tarkio R-I, Bowling Green R-I, Jamestown C-1, Mid-Buchanan Co. R-V, Cooper Co. R-IV, Silex R-I, Harrisburg R-VIII, Smithton R-VI and Stoutland R-II.*

## **Other Administrator Positions Listed on the MARE website:**

**Silex R-I High School Principal – Deadline: March 15, 2017. Contact is Dr. Paul Ricker – (573) 365-4703.**

**Lonedell R-XIV Elementary (K-8) Principal – Deadline: (open until filled). Contact is Janis Huff – (636) 629-4974.**

**Woodland R-IV Elementary Principal – Deadline: (open until filled). Contact is Dan Schlieff, Superintendent – (573) 238-3343.**

## **School Board Training Dates:**

- Maryville, MO – May 19, 2017 and May 20, 2017 (8:00-4:00)*
- Poplar Bluff, MO – June 2, 2017 and June 3, 2017 (8:00-4:00)*
- Palmyra, MO – June 2, 2017 and June 3, 2017 (8:00-4:00)*
- Bolivar, MO – June 16, 2017 and June 17, 2017 (8:00-4:00)*
- Sedalia, MO – July 14, 2017 and July 15, 2017 (8:00-4:00)*
- Lake Ozark, MO – October 18-20, 2017 (Conference)*

- Access [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com) – Board Training.

## **High School Seniors Scholarship Opportunity:**

*We are pleased to announce that we had 50 applications submitted for this new scholarship opportunity. The applications will be screened beginning this week. MARE will announce the winners before April 15, 2017.*

## **Guidelines for the Rural Missouri Scholarship Fund:**

The level of economic development of an area is directly related to the quality of education available. To improve economic development in rural Missouri, an adequate number of well trained, dedicated teachers must be available to instruct in rural school districts. MARE is making available 10 -- \$1,000 scholarships.

**Application and guidelines are now available on the MARE website ([www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com)).** All Missouri colleges/universities offering teacher education programs have been notified of this scholarship

opportunity.

Components of the Scholarship Selection Criteria:

- Only junior and senior level Missouri college/university students qualify as scholarship recipients. (Exception – Colleges/Universities that do not approve students' major in education until they are enrolled in a 5<sup>th</sup> year program.)
- Eligible students are those who have successfully completed 60 credit hours and have declared a major in education.
- A scholarship recipient may reapply in a subsequent year for another scholarship.
- Applicants must have achieved 2.5 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Application Deadline: **March 24, 2017.**

**The annual National Rural Education Association Foundation Essay Contest** allows contestants to participate in three divisions:

elementary, middle/junior high and high school. Grades 3-8 may participate in a written essay contest using the provided prompt and rubric. Grades 9-12 may participate in a video essay contest using the provided prompt and rubric. The winner of the elementary division (3-5) receives \$250. The runner-up will receive \$100. The winners in the middle/junior high and high school divisions receive \$400. The runner-ups receive a \$200 prize. For contest guidelines, prompts, and rubrics go to the National Rural Education Association website ([www.nrea.net](http://www.nrea.net)). **Deadline to submit is April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Annual Election of Executive Board Members:**

*Missouri Association of Rural Education Executive Board Members shall serve two-year terms and are eligible for re-election. Elections or appointments shall be scheduled by the Executive Board with new Executive Board members taking office effective July 1, which is the beginning of the new fiscal year. For more information access this link: [Annual Election of Executive Board Members](#). **Deadline to file is Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon!***

**MARE Mobile Application:**

We at MARE understand the importance of staying connected with our community. We are very excited to announce we now have a App, which will provide easy access to the information you need.

Select the App available for you to download from Google Play and App Store



**Altis Reach – Grant Opportunity** – Through our partnership with Education Technology Partners, MARE is able to promote an exciting grant opportunity for Altis Reach. Altis Reach is a reading program targeting 4<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who are struggling with reading. For more information and an application, please access the MARE website.

**Call for Presentations** – The call for presentation proposals for the 2017 MARE/MO K-8 Conference is now posted on the MARE website. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please access the information on our website. You may submit your proposal by mail, fax or electronically.

**Save the Dates:**

**2017 MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament** – Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at Osage National Golf Course – 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. An electronic registration form is now available on the website.

**2017 MARE/MO K-8 Conference** – Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at The Lodge of the Four Seasons. The electronic registration form will be posted by March 17<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found on our website.

**Quote of the Week:**

“I think the teaching profession contributes more to the future of our society than any other single profession.”

John Wooden

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