

Report of the Scholarship and Grants Committee
Submitted by Dashiell Rohan, Sioux County Education Association

Members of the committee are Chair Dashiell Rohan, Sioux County; David Witt, Hastings; Kevin Pettigrew, Valentine; Amy Burns, Kearney; Renae Noble, Chadron; Justin Potts, Omaha; Mindy Diller, Lincoln; Sarah Dragon, Omaha; and Jenni Benson, NSEA President (ex-officio).

The committee administered the Belz-Lynch-Krause Educational Grant Fund this past year. The grant is named for John Lynch, NSEA's executive director from 1959 to 1974; Paul Belz, who held that post from 1974-84; and Helen Krause, former NSEA president and Nebraska's first member of NEA's Executive Committee. Eligible recipients of the Belz-Lynch-Krause Educational Grant Fund include NSEA members, groups of NSEA members or NSEA local associations.

Grant requests shall be related to improving a local association, development of instructional materials or to provide staff development for individuals of a local association. Applications must include a project abstract, not to exceed four typed pages, including the following information: need; how the project will address the need to relate to professional growth goals; a project description; timeline; a budget; and a method of evaluating the project.

The committee met March 22, 2021, at 6:00 central time via Zoom to discuss two applications for the Belz-Lynch-Krause grant. The committee decided to fund both projects: One from the Lincoln Education Association was granted \$2,000 for engagement of new and prospective members. The other request was funded at \$700 to Stephanie Miller of Heartland Education Association to advance agricultural education. After approving the grants, the committee adjourned at 6:30 central time.