

THE WEDNESDAY READER
October 12, 2022

Please note, with the New CTE Professionals Hybrid Workshop 2022 and the Montana ACTE Fall Institute 2022 next week, there will not be a Wednesday Reader for Wednesday, October 19.

MBEA Offering Fall Institute First-Time Attendee Scholarship—Applications Due Friday

The Montana Business Education Association (MBEA) is offering a [scholarship](#) for Montana Business Educators attending the [Montana ACTE Fall Institute](#) for the first time this fall.

The scholarship will be awarded based on financial need and distance from the conference.

The deadline for [scholarship application](#) submissions is October 15, 2022. The 2022 Institute is being held in Billings on October 20 & 21 at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center.

Scholarship recipients will receive a check in the mail following attendance at the conference. Being present at the MBEA business meeting at 8:00 am on Friday, October 21 is mandatory.

NBEA Calls for 2023 Convention Session Proposals Due Friday

The [National Business Education Association](#) (NBEA) 2023 Annual Convention will be held in Kansas City, April 3-6, 2023, and NBEA would like you to submit a proposal to present an educational session.

Chosen speakers will receive a \$100 discount on the convention registration. Act fast, as NBEA experienced a substantial increase in the number of proposals at the last convention, and are expecting the same for 2023.

[Make your proposal here](#) or find out more about the 2023 convention at [NBEA.org/Convention](#). The deadline to submit proposals is October 15, 2022.

2022 NICE K12 Cybersecurity Education Conference Early-Bird Registration Ends Friday

[Early Bird Registration](#) for the 2022 NICE K12 Cybersecurity Education Conference is open now through October 15.

The [2022 NICE K12 Cybersecurity Education Conference](#) takes place on Monday and Tuesday, December 5-6, 2022, at the Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. Pre-Conference Workshops will take place on Saturday and Sunday, December 3-4, 2022.

This year's event will provide education and learning tools that educators and schools can use immediately. The [2022 NICE K12 Conference](#) will be jam-packed with keynote speakers, presentations, panels, and break-out sessions covering five tracks:

- Track 1: Increasing Cybersecurity Career Awareness
- Track 2: Engaging Students Where Disciplines Converge
- Track 3: Stimulating Innovative Cybersecurity Educational Approaches
- Track 4: Promoting Cybersecurity Career Pathways
- Track 5: Promoting Cyber Awareness

The conference agenda will include over 30 LIVE programming sessions in St. Louis plus additional on-demand videos that will be available to attendees for three months post-event. There will be abundant networking opportunities including discussion boards, social groups, one-on-one meetups, and gamification built into the agenda.

Join your fellow educators, administrators, school counselors, students, and representatives from government and industry at what is sure to be an AWESOME event. The \$275 [Early Bird Registration](#) pricing lasts only until October 15, 2022, so get your tickets now.

Montana ACTE Fall Institute 2022 Kick-Off Event on Wednesday, October 19

Join Montana ACTE, the Montana Chamber Foundation, and RDO Equipment Company for a Kick Off event on Wednesday evening, October 19.

Montana ACTE Institute attendees are invited to meet in the lobby of the Billings Hotel and Convention Center Wednesday evening by 7 pm and take the five minute walk to RDO Equipment Company (5221 Midland Road).

Join Montana ACTE partner, the Montana Chamber Foundation, for a fun and informative evening to start the Fall Institute off right, 7-8:30 pm. Snacks, drinks, and activities will be provided by the Montana Chamber Foundation.

NGPF Announces Registration for Certification Cohort 28

[Next Gen Personal Finance](#) (NGPF) announce [registration](#) is now open for Certification Cohort 28. Certification courses run October 17-November 17 with the certification exam window open November 18-25.

Six courses will be offered.

- [Banking & Budgeting](#): Wednesdays, 3-5 pm (MT)
- [Career](#): Tuesdays, 5-7 pm (MT)
- [Cryptocurrency Basics](#): Wednesdays, 5-7 pm (MT)
- [Investing](#): Tuesdays, 3-5 pm (MT)
- [Paying for College](#): Thursdays, 3-5 pm (MT)
- [Psychology of Money](#): Mondays, 3-5 pm (MT)

Certification Courses are NGPF's most in-depth professional development format. Each course combines nine (9) hours of live virtual sessions focused on a core personal finance content area with a 1-hour assessment exam.

These courses are 100% FREE.

What's in it for you? Aside from deepening your understanding of a personal finance topic, you will also:

- Earn [NGPF Academy credit](#) and get swag by the end of the next quarter (November 30)
- Receive a digital badge to add to your email signature and resume.
- Achieve the [NGPF Distinguished Educator](#) award when you complete six (6) or more certifications

Want more details on what you'll learn in each course? View the [Course Catalog](#).

If you participate in any of the NGPF Certification Courses, be sure to work with your district/school to earn OPI Renewal Units for hours completed.

CSTA 2023 Conference Call for Proposals

The [Computer Science Teachers Association](#) (CSTA) is now accepting [Call for Proposals](#) for the CTSA 2023 Conference. The 2023 conference will be held virtually, July 11-13, 2023.

Presentation Types Available

Breakout Session (45 minutes): Should be a mix of presentation and discussion/hands-on activity. Breakout session presenters will have the option to upload an outline of their proposed presentation as a part of the submission process. Outlines are strongly encouraged, but not required.

Workshop (90 minutes): Should mostly have participants doing or discussing rather than listening. Workshop presenters will have the option to upload an outline of their proposed presentation as a part of the submission process. Outlines are strongly encouraged, but not required.

Mini-session (20 minutes): 15 minute presentation and 5 minutes for discussion/questions. Mini-session presenters will have the option to upload an outline of their proposed presentation as a part of the submission process. Outlines are strongly encouraged, but not required.

[Submissions](#) are due by November 6.

WBEA 2023—Registration is Now Open; Submit to Present, Book Your Hotel Room

[Registration](#) is now open for the Western Business Education Association (WBEA) 2023 Conference. The early-bird MBEA/NBEA member rate is \$250 and includes three meal functions—Friday’s Vendor Reception, Saturday’s Luncheon, and the Awards Banquet and Closing Session on Sunday. The early-bird rate ends January 15, 2023.

The conference will be held in Helena at the [Best Western Plus Great Northern](#), February 16-20, 2023. Rooms can be booked at the Great Northern at the conference rate of \$140. The rate includes breakfast each day, parking, and Wi-Fi.

Interested in being a part of the conference program? Have a lesson or resource you would like to share? Submit a [Call for Presentations](#) today. Breakouts sessions will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 18 and 19.

Please visit the [WBEA 2023 Conference](#) website for more details, including a schedule at-a-glance for planning purposes, a complete conference schedule, and information regarding vendors and sponsorships.

The 2022 Payback Challenge—Over \$70,000 in Scholarships for Students Available

[Next Gen Personal Finance](#) (NGPF) is excited to announce the [2022 Payback Challenge](#) with \$70,000 of scholarship funding for high school students.

The [Payback Challenge](#) is NGPF's annual scholarship contest that gives students a chance to win a \$2500 Grand Prize for their educational pursuits while developing an understanding of what college life will be like. More than \$70,000 in scholarships is available.

The challenge is based on NGPF's Arcade Game, Payback, which allows students to simulate financial decisions to get to and through college. Afterward, they respond to the question: What did you learn from the game that you'll be able to apply to your future experiences?

How to Enter

1. Have your students play Payback in class or at home
2. Students write a 250-word essay OR create a 90-second video
3. Collect your students' responses and nominate ONE student entry for the Payback Challenge Scholarship.

Submissions are open now. Nominations are due November 16.

Student can win over \$70,000 in scholarships. Scholarship winners will be announced in December 2022.

The following prizes will be awarded:

- National Grand Prize: 2 winners at \$2,500 each. All entries are eligible.
- Honorable Mention: 45 winners at \$1,000 each. Remaining entries are eligible.
- Fee Grant Districts: 22 winners at \$1,000 each (2 per district). Students from Financial Empowerment & Equity (FEE) Grant districts are eligible

[View the Payback Challenge rules and regulations.](#)

Applications for 2022-2023 Perkins Rural Reserve Grants Now Open

Applications for the [Montana Perkins Secondary Rural Reserve Grant](#) can be submitted for the 2022-2023 grant cycle. The purpose of this year's [Montana Perkins Secondary Rural Reserve](#) grant is to create career awareness, recruit, and retain students within a CTE Secondary Program of Study that leads to a high skill, high wage, or in-demand occupations.

There are currently 176 schools offering over 260 Career and Technical Education courses to students in grades 5-8 in our Montana schools. The most offered course is in career exploration. Since Montana does not receive enough funding to allow us to provide Perkins funding for middle school programs this year's Rural Reserve Grant will be to encourage pathway work for the middle grades.

Schools could use the funds to help:

- establish innovative delivery methods for career exploration
- expose students to employability skills earlier
- establish foundational elements for work-based learning
- improve transitions from middle grades into secondary Career and Technical Education pathways.

[Grants](#) of up to \$5,000 each will be available to secondary Perkins eligible school districts to support CTE work in the middle grades (5-8). Schools will have had to complete the Perkins Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA), and their E-Grant application must be approved for the 2022-2023 Grant cycle before applying.

Schools that were awarded in previous years are eligible to apply, however, preference will be given to new applicants. The 2022-2023 application can be downloaded from the [CTE page](#) of the OPI website under the Funding menu.

Fun Facts & Trivia

Disney's *Alice in Wonderland* is an animated version of Lewis Carroll's famous story of Alice and her adventures after falling down a rabbit hole.

Following a White Rabbit, she meets such strange creatures as a talking doorknob, who helps her through a keyhole into Wonderland, Tweedledum and Tweedledee, who tell the story of "The Walrus and the Carpenter," the Caterpillar, and the Mad Hatter and the March Hare celebrating an unbirthday at their tea party.

Finally, Alice has a showdown with the Queen of Hearts and her army of playing cards. The whole thing becomes such a nightmare that Alice awakens from her dream to the recitations of her sister and the purring of her cat, Dinah.

Alice in Wonderland premiered in England on July 26, 1951, and was released in the U.S. two days later.

An edited version aired on television on November 3, 1954.

Alice in Wonderland was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Scoring of a Musical Picture.

Alice in Wonderland had been on Walt Disney's mind since 1933, when he considered a live action version starring Mary Pickford

The film was rediscovered by the psychedelic generation, when it was made available on 16mm for schools, and it was rereleased in theaters in 1974 and 1981.

In 2010, director Tim Burton released a live-action version of *Alice in Wonderland*.

In Burton's version, a 19-year-old Alice is trying to escape from an unwanted marriage proposal and falls down a hole and returns to the whimsical world she first encountered as a young girl.

She has no memory of her previous visit, and her childhood friends the Mad Hatter, the White Rabbit, Tweedledee and Tweedledum, the March Hare, the Dormouse, the Caterpillar, and the Cheshire Cat wonder if she is the right Alice.

Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland* was released on March 5, 2010, in regular, 3D and Imax versions, after a February 25, 2010, Royal World Premiere in London.

The 2010 *Alice in Wonderland* stars Mia Wasikowska (Alice), Johnny Depp (the Mad Hatter), Helena Bonham Carter (Iracebeth, the Red Queen), Anne Hathaway (White Queen), Crispin Glover (The Knave of Hearts), and the voices of Alan Rickman (Absolem, the Blue Caterpillar).

The film won two Academy Awards, for Art Direction and for Costume Design.

The Alice in Wonderland Fantasyland dark ride attraction opened on June 14, 1958, at Disneyland.

Shanghai Disneyland is home to the Alice in Wonderland Maze Fantasyland attraction.

The Alice in Wonderland Maze was inspired by Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland*. Opened June 16, 2016, guests choose their own garden path and wind through giant hedges and flowers on their way to the Mad Hatter's tea party.

Along the way, they encounter the Cheshire Cat, the White Rabbit, and sculptures of other characters.

Issues of the Wednesday Reader are archived on the Montana Business Education Association (MBEA) website at www.mbea.info. The Wednesday Readers are under the Newsletter section and listed most recent first.

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