

# Illinois Education Association-NEA



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The Illinois Education Association is proud to announce that it has awarded a **\$500.00** grant to a member of the Carbondale Community High School Illinois Educators Association.

**Jenna Jamieson** applied for the grant as part of the IEA's Schools and Community Outreach by Educators program, which provides grants earned by educators in the first 10 years of their career for money for a service project.

**Mrs. Jamieson** works as a **Business Teacher** at **Carbondale Community High School**. She has been employed in this position for 2 years.

The project proposal Mrs. Jamieson chose to do is host her 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Backpacks for Success drive in collaboration with Circle K of SIU to provide backpacks and school supplies to students in need in the Carbondale area. The Backpacks for Success drive will take place the month of February. Please follow @jennarpjamieson1 on Twitter and facebook.com/jennarpjamieson1 for details on where to drop off backpacks.

More than 50 grants were awarded for 2017-18 to educators' projects across the state. Educators' application ideas were creative, varied and were based both inside and outside schools. All of them benefitted students, students' families and the community.

Volunteer trips, food pantries, plans to get parents involved in schools, increased access to supplies and community service projects were just some of the ideas that were funded.

"We're thrilled another year of this wonderful program resulted in a range of ideas submitted by our members and we are so pleased with such creative effort," said IEA President Kathi Griffin.

"We know that our educators are in the schools every day giving 100 percent, but there are unmet needs as well. So many of them wanted to do more. It's in their nature. We were glad to help them make their ideas come to fruition."

The IEA represents more than 130,000 members, including teachers, education support professionals, higher education faculty and staff, retired educators and students planning to become teachers.