

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- Annual Conference [Save the Date](#)
- Request a speaker for an upcoming event! [Speaker Request Form](#)
- [Annual Conference RFP's Open](#)

ATTENTION TEACHER LEADERS! LAST CHANCE

We would love your input as teacher leaders on the competition lineup for the state conference in March! Back by popular demand will be Job Interview, Children's Literature, and Educators Rising Moment, and we are looking to add one new competition to the mix. Please take a moment to fill out the survey below to make your selection and be sure to [submit your response by September 20](#).

[Teacher Leader Competition Survey](#)

HAPPY NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR!

Membership in the Educators Rising Middle/High School division runs annually, following the academic year from July through June, and must be renewed each year to stay active. Teacher Leader and Middle School student memberships are free. High School student membership is \$25.

Please remember to update your membership rosters regularly so they stay current. This information is essential: we rely on accurate, up to date rosters when applying for grant funding and when tracking data as a Career and Technical Student Organization.

Thank you so much for keeping your rosters current, and for everything you do to support the next generation of our profession!

[Sign-up for Educators Rising Membership](#)

[Check your School Roster](#)

Please feel free to reach out to Educators Rising at info@educatorsrising.org, with any membership or roster questions!!

ANNUAL CONFERENCE INTEREST SURVEY

We are gearing up for the March conference and want to hear from you. We are collecting interest for a few different ways to get involved, including judging competitions, presenting breakout sessions, and being a vendor at the organizational fair. Please take a few minutes to fill out the interest survey below and let us know which opportunities you would like to be considered for. Thank you for all your support of our program!

[Interest Survey \(Judges, Presenters & Vendors\)](#)

STUDENT T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION



Calling all Illinois Educators Rising students! Show off your creativity and design this year's official conference t-shirt. This competition is a chance to celebrate the incredible creativity of aspiring educators from every corner of Illinois, and to put your talent on display for the entire Educators Rising community. Your design should capture the spirit of Illinois Educators Rising and celebrate our community of future teachers.

The winning design will be printed on t shirts for every attendee at the Annual Conference in March, and the winning student will be recognized for their work. By submitting a design, students grant Illinois Educators Rising and IEA permission to print, reproduce, and use the winning design for the conference and future promotional materials. Get creative and submit your design today. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

Submissions are due on December 1st

[SUBMIT YOUR DESIGN TODAY!](#)

SAVE THE DATE

UPCOMING STATEWIDE EVENTS

2026 Educators Rising Fall Regional Events

NOVEMBER 17, 2026

Location: Northern Illinois University, DeKalb IL
Registration opens September 24th

NOVEMBER 13, 2026

Location: Southern Illinois University, Carbondale IL
Registration opens September 24th

2027 EDUCATORS RISING CONFERENCE

Competition Date: March 8, 2027

Conference Date: March 9, 2027

Location: Illinois State University, Normal IL

- Competition Registration opens October 15th and will close January 24th
- Conference Registration opens on October 15th and will close on February 15th
- Cost per individual will be \$15
- Interested in presenting a breakout session? [Submit an RFP here!](#)
- Would you like to host a vendor table or be a competition judge? [Fill out our Interest Form!](#)

TEACHER LEADER QUICK LINKS

- [Teacher Leader Handbook](#)
- Illinois Educators Rising [Past Newsletters](#)
- Join the [Teacher Leader Facebook Group](#)
- Request a speaker for an upcoming event! [Speaker Request Form](#)
- Additional program information can be [found on our website!](#)

IMPORTANT ED RISING ILLINOIS DATES

- August 1 – November 1: Fall recruitment open, don't forget to [Register Members!](#)
- October 15: Illinois Ed. Rising Competition Registration Opens
- October 15: Educators Rising Illinois Annual Conference Registration Opens
- November 13: Educators Rising Southern Regional Event, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
- November 17: Educators Rising Northern Regional Event, Northern Illinois University
- December 1: Last day to submit a design for the conference t-shirt contest. [Submit your design today!](#)
- December 1 – February 1: Spring recruitment opens, don't forget to [Register Members!](#)
- December 15: Last day to [submit an RFP](#) for the Annual State Conference
- January 24: Last day to register for Illinois Ed. Rising Competitions
- February 15: Last day to register for the Illinois Ed. Rising Annual Conference
- March 8: Illinois State Competition Day, Illinois State University
- March 9: Educators Rising Illinois Annual Conference, Illinois State University

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

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