

Educators Rising History

The Educators Rising organization has existed under several names and has been sponsored by several organizations over the course of its history. The National Education Association founded the Future Teachers of America in 1937 to inspire young people to consider careers in education. In the mid-1980s, the organization's name changed to Future Educators of America. In 1994, PDK International provided FEA with permanent headquarters, and in 2005, PDK changed the name to Future Educators Association to more accurately reflect the international nature of the organization. Throughout its existence, more than 10 national education organizations have supported FEA, including

- [AACTE](#), the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education,
- [ATE](#), the Association of Teacher Educators, and
- [NASSP](#), the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Even before it sponsored FEA, PDK was actively involved in helping students earn education degrees through its support of numerous scholarship opportunities, including endowed scholarships, PDK chapter-based scholarships, and the Prospective Educator Scholarship program. Now, through its sponsorship of FEA, PDK is even more directly involved. Although FEA has had many homes during its rich history, its purpose has remained the same. FEA is focused on exposing students to the rewards, joys, and challenges of careers in education. FEA has been renamed and is now known as the Educators Rising organization.