

## Move Up with VATE

There are two ways to join VATE.

- Join your local affiliate for a fee of \$25. By joining the local affiliate, you automatically become a member of VATE. Your name will then be added to the VATE mailing list.
- To join VATE directly, fill out the attached form and mail it along with your \$25 annual dues to the VATE Executive Secretary, Chuck Miller.

All VATE members receive the VATE newsletter, "The Needle's Eye"; the biannual VATE journal, *The Virginia English Bulletin*; reduced conference fees; conference updates; and special publications.

**Visit the VATE website at [www.vate.org](http://www.vate.org) for more information.**

## Contact VATE

Questions about VATE should be directed to the VATE officers. Names and contact information are available on the VATE website.

- President—Conference site
- President-Elect—Conference program
- Executive Secretary—Membership, Honor Schools
- Publications—All publications
- Scholarships and Awards
  - Past President
  - College Member-at-Large
  - High School Member-at-Large
  - Middle School Member-at-Large
  - Elementary School Member-at-Large

Return this form to Chuck Miller, Executive Secretary, 5880 Rockfish Gap Turnpike, Crozet, VA 2932

VATE seeks to increase minority participation in the organization. Kindly assist us by telling us about yourself. Please check one:  
 Asian/Pacific Islander    Black/African American    Latin    Native American Indian    White/Caucasian    Other

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to join VATE. Enclosed is my check made payable to VATE for the \$25 annual dues.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I need more information on VATE in the area(s) of \_\_\_\_\_.

Please join your colleagues across Virginia for publications that inform, conferences that uplift, and friendships that last.

Be Prepared  
for Today  
and Tomorrow  
with



The Virginia  
Association of  
Teachers of  
English

## About VATE

The purposes of VATE are

- to promote a professional spirit among Virginia teachers of English Language Arts
- to provide a medium for the exchange of opinions among these teachers.
- to provide a forum for dissemination of information among these teachers.
- to provide an agency to foster cooperation between Virginia teachers of English Language Arts and the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)
- to provide varied programs and services to meet the needs of all levels of English Language Arts instruction represented in the organization.

## Join the Ranks

Anyone interested in the advancement of the English Language Arts curricula is invited to join VATE. The organization is not limited to English teachers or even teachers. The group wants input and involvement from anyone concerned with language arts instruction from pre-school to graduate school, public and private instruction.

Getting involved with a professional organization such as VATE keeps an individual on the cutting edge of the teaching profession, with a clear vision of what the future of English education holds. VATE is the state affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of English. VATE provides English teachers from around the state and the country with opportunities to meet and share with one another.

Visit our website at [www.vate.org](http://www.vate.org) for more information!

## We're Here to Help

The services that VATE provides are numerous and valuable:

- VATE publications include *The Virginia English Bulletin*, a biannual journal of writings by English Language Arts professionals from around the country, with an emphasis on Virginia writers. Features of *The Virginia English Bulletin* are teaching ideas, reflections and theories with a common theme throughout each issue of the journal. Creative works are also included.
- "The Needle's Eye," the VATE newsletter, is published several times throughout the year and contains information about the group's current work for the good of English Language Arts curricula in the state and nation.
- Special publications may include brochures, maps, booklets, and conference information.

## Be a Leader

VATE offers its members many opportunities for leadership from local to state levels. VATE provides chances for educators of varying levels to grow professionally by holding office or becoming involved with publications or conference arrangements for the group.

Offices in VATE for which there are yearly elections include President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Members-at-Large, Affiliate Presidents, and NCTE Liaison Officer.

Several committees are formed each year to assist with the annual VATE conference.

## A Yearly Boost

The highlight of the year for VATE members is the annual fall conference. Members from around the state gather in October for three days of enlightening speakers, workshops, presentations and discussions focused on the changing needs of the English Language Arts curricula. The conference is held in various locations in Virginia.

Information on the next annual conference is available on the VATE website at [www.vate.org](http://www.vate.org).

## Recognition of Talent & Services

At the annual VATE conference, individuals are recognized for their promise, dedication, and contributions to the English Language Arts teaching profession.

- The Richard A. Meade Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding college senior who is entering the English Language Arts teaching profession.
- The Foster B. Gresham Award is granted to an outstanding teacher of English Language Arts in the state.
- The Frances N. Wimer Award honors a VATE member who has inspired students and teachers alike through his/her dedication to the field of English Language Arts.
- VATE Distinguished Service Award certificates are given to VATE leaders in recognition of their year(s) of service and dedication to the group.
- The Minority Scholarship Award honors a qualified minority student enrolled in a teacher prep program in a Virginia college or university and preparing to teach English Language Arts on any level.