

2011 NRTA/AARP Unit & Chapter Service Award

Ruth Lackey of the Manhattan Area Retired Educators Association was a recipient of the 2011



NRTA/AARP Unit & Chapter Service Award for her outstanding work as the chairman of their scholarship committee. Each year MAREA awards three to four \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are entering college or technical school. Ruth has led the committee in soliciting donations from members, sending out applications for the scholarships/grants to area school counselors, and selecting each year's scholarship/grant recipients.

Ruth taught for 32 years mainly at the 4th grade level, and for the last 27 years she taught in USD 383 at Roosevelt and Amanda Arnold Elementary school in Manhattan. She has been very involved in the care of her parents, in church, and MAREA activities and committees. She was also a 4-H leader for the 15 years her children were involved in that group. Ruth is a shining example of volunteerism and the impact it has on our communities.

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