

## What is VRTA?

The Virginia Retired Teachers Association, an affiliate of AARP, is a nonprofit organization of retired and current educational personnel who have had responsibility in the educational process.

(must be 45 or older)

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## Purposes of VRTA

- To promote the general welfare of retired educational personnel
- To act for the membership in areas of vital interest
- To cooperate with the NRTA Division of the AARP and other associations of retired people
- To provide the means of the interchange of information, ideas, and opinions
- To assist district and local units of VRTA in their activities
- To encourage the utilization of the talents, skills, judgment, and experience of retired educators through participation in meaningful community, area, and statewide service activities.

## Benefits of Membership

- Opportunities are provided for fellowship with colleagues.
- Workshops, publications, and current information from VRS are made available to members.
- A paid lobbyist assists the Legislative Committee and represents VRTA during the General Assembly session.
- An annual legislative agenda is designed to protect and promote the well being of retired educators.
- An insurance Agent of Record provides personal consultations and various types of high quality, low cost insurance products.
- VRTA publications are provided periodically.
- VRTA units across the state provide opportunities for participation in worthwhile community and education projects.

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### Insurance Services Contact:

Central Atlantic Insurance Services  
167 Creekside Lane  
Winchester, Virginia 22602  
1-800-543-4287

## Legislative Program

VRTA educates, equips, and encourages members to work for passage of legislation desirable to retired educators.

- Workshops and seminars on the state, district, and unit levels provide explanations of current issues affecting retired educators.
- A network of legislative units across the state provides an efficient vehicle for disseminating information on pending legislation and urgent plans of action.
- Members are provided with techniques to assist them in working with local legislators.

VRTA partners with other organizations that have similar goals to increase its effectiveness.

VRTA constantly works to protect the Virginia Retirement System and to improve member benefits.

VRTA has lobbied successfully for legislation that:

- Increased the multiplier in the retirement formula to 1.7.
- Provided a health insurance premium credit for retired teachers.
- Provided additional income for teachers who retired before 1980.
- Resulted in the passage of a Constitutional Amendment making the VRS a trust fund.

**Virginia Retired Teachers Association**  
**Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

County/City Retiring From \_\_\_\_\_

Local Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00

Lifetime Membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$200.00

Make checks payable to VRTA and send to:

**Weldon Martin**  
1049 Martin's Lane  
Fincastle, VA 24090  
540-473-2636

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
[WWW.vrta.org](http://WWW.vrta.org)

**Why Should I Join  
VRTA If I'm Still An  
Active Employee?**



VRTA is a strong voice on legislative issues that seek to ensure quality public education and that protect the security of the Virginia Retirement System. Insurance programs are available at discounted rates which are especially helpful in retirement planning.

**VRTA**

Working to benefit teachers -  
both retired and current!

**VRTA**

*THE VOICE  
OF  
VIRGINIA'S RETIRED  
TEACHERS*



**Join us and make our  
voice stronger!**