

Robert J. Thompson
NBEA/WBITE Membership Endowments
Applications Now Being Accepted

Robert J. Thompson has been very good to us the past four years by providing endowment money paying NBEA/WBITE Student Membership for several Business Education Majors and NBEA/WBITE Professional Membership for a first year teacher from each STP. He again wants as many student registered for NBEA/WBITE as possible this year. Dr. Thompson added greatly to his previous commitment with an announced endowment whereby interest will help with this commitment for years to come.

Robert J. Thompson Student
NBEA/WBITE Membership Endowment

Each school (College or University) in the WBITE region having a business education program is encouraged to submit paperwork for one qualifying student (See Requirement No. 1) to received the Robert J. Thompson Student Membership Endowment. All applications for those qualifying students are to be sent to Dr. Alden A. Talbot.

The student membership year, unlike other NBEA memberships runs from July 1 through June 30 regardless of when membership dues are paid. In order for students to take advantage of the benefits of student membership, *qualifying student paperwork must be received by Dr. Talbot no later than October 31, 2007.*

First-Year Business Education Teacher
NBEA/WBITE Membership Endowment

The recipient of this Endowment will be selected by that State's, Territory's, or Province's Professional Business Education organization.

Qualification for Endowment

Each state, territory, and province (STP) with a fully organized Professional Business Education organization will select a fully qualified first-year business teacher from their state, territory, or province to receive a **one-year membership to NBEA/WBITE.**

It was decided at the WBITE Executive Board meeting in February, 2007, that each qualifying STP could decide how to select their First –Year Business Teacher. For example, a few states give an award to a New Business Education teacher in their state—New may mean a first-, second-, or even a third-year teacher qualifies for the award in the State. If a state gives a New Business Education Teacher award in their state, they may decide to forward that same person as their candidate to receive the Robert J. Thompson First-Year

Business Teacher Endowment. Each STP must be reasonable in their selection and select a fairly new Business Education Teacher to be eligible for the First –Year Teacher Award. We are considering renaming this endowment.

See accompanying paperwork.