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For Local 8 Members at Washington Federation of State Employees

June 11, 2025

Education Committee Submissions

It's that time of year again to submit your requests to the elected Education Committee. Per our collective bargaining agreement (CBA):

Section 15.4 WFSE will maintain the training fund for formal job-related career development academic training for members of the bargaining unit. WFSE will make available to this fund up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) each year of this Agreement. By June 30th of each year, the Education Committee will inform WFSE of the bargaining unit members who participated and the training received, and unused money will lapse to the WFSE operating fund at that time. The Education Committee will authorize expenditures from this fund on a reimbursement basis for tuition, books, room and board and travel for bargaining unit members. The WFSE will provide the Education Committee with a written reconciliation of the account by July 31st of each year.

All bargaining unit members in good standing can apply for reimbursement from this fund. Examples for reimbursement may include:

- Labor Notes or other Union Education conference
- Tuition reimbursement and school supplies reimbursement like books for college credits that enhance your skills for your current position and/or working towards a promotion within the WFSE

*Please note: These requests are for reimbursement and not for prepayment of participation.

The Education Committee process document is attached and explains what information you must submit to the Education Committee for consideration. All requests must be submitted, in writing, to Committee Members Peter Tetrick, Autumn Zemke, and Richard Link as well as Union Representatives Byram Simpson and Jesse Holtzinger-Cruz **by 5:00pm on June 20th, 2025**. Please be sure to include all relevant information including but not limited to transcripts, travel receipts, hotel receipts, and certificates of completion.

The Education Committee will review all submissions and submit approved requests to the WFSE accounting department by June 30, 2025. The accounting department must reconcile all requests by July 31, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Jesse Holtzinger-Cruz at Jesse@opeiu8.org or call 206-441-8880 ext. 140 or Byram Simpson at Byram@opeiu8.org or 206-441-8880 ext. 118.



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