**There is NO NEED to complete and return this form if you want to keep the same contribution as last year.**

**2025-2026 Voluntary Contribution Change Form**

Choosing to Make a Difference

**Working to promote policies to improve public education such as more funding to recruit and retain much-needed educators and support professionals for our schools and colleges, provide healthy and safe teaching and learning conditions, as well as fight back against attacks on unions and public education are all central to our union’s work.**

To continue successfully fighting well-funded attacks on our union, CTA is asking members for a voluntary contribution of $20 a year to help fund CTA advocacy efforts and to support the CTA Foundation for Teaching and Learning. *(See back for a listing of Advocacy and CTA Foundation Activity.)* The foundation promotes strength-based, teacher-driven solutions to improve public schools through the CTA Institute for Teaching and supports CTA’s scholarship and grant program for members, their dependents, and students.

**The reverse-checkoff contribution is voluntary and flexible.** Members are automatically enrolled in the default allocation of $15 to support CTA advocacy efforts and $5 to the CTA Foundation for Teaching and Learning. But no one is required to contribute, and members have many contribution options. Please use the form below if you would like to make a change. **There is NO NEED to complete and return this form if you want to keep the same contribution as last year.**

Choose your allocation by completing the form below.

# The choice is yours.

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| **Complete All Fields (Please Print)****Name Individual ID (From membership card or CA Educator)****Street Address****City State Zip**  **Local Association (do not abbreviate)****Alternative Contribution Options (select one)** | **Mail to:****California Teachers Association Contribution Change****PO Box 4178****Burlingame, CA 94011-4178**Requests for refunds or redirection may be submitted between Aug 1 and Nov 1 for continuous enrollment members. New enrollment members have 30 days from enrollment date to request a refund or redirection of contribution. Incomplete or late submissions will not be accepted. We are not responsible for lost or redirected mail and illegible entries.*Please keep a copy of this document for future reference.* |
| **$20**to CTA Advocacy Efforts | **$20**to the CTA Foundation for Teaching and Learning | **$10**to CTA Advocacy Efforts and $10 refund | **$10**to the CTA Foundation for Teaching and Learning and$10 refund | **$20**Refund |
| **Signature Date** |

**2025-2026 Voluntary Contribution Allocations**

## CTA Advocacy ($15)

* Promoting policies to improve public education such as more funding to attract and retain much-needed educators and support professionals for our public schools and colleges, smaller class sizes, healthy and safe teaching and learning conditions, paid COVID-related sick leave in addition to existing leave, and more.
* Fighting back attacks on public schools, teachers and education professionals, and our union, is always a top priority for CTA.
* None of the money can be spent on political candidates.

## CTA Foundation ($5)

*CTA Institute for Teaching*

* The Institute for Teaching (IFT) advances high-quality teaching and thriving public schools by centering educator voice and leadership.
* The IFT supports educator-led innovation through research, community partnerships, and strength-based grant programs.
* The IFT builds coalitions to promote educator-driven, systemic change in California schools.
* The IFT has awarded over **$8.8 million** in grants since 2010 to CTA members across pre-K through higher education.

*For more information, visit* [*cta.org/IFT*](http://www.cta.org/IFT)

*CTA Disaster Relief Fund*

* May provide grants to CTA members if their primary residence or classroom has been damaged or destroyed by a disaster.

*For more information, visit* [*www.CTAMemberBenefits.org/DRF*](http://www.CTAMemberBenefits.org/DRF)

# CTA Scholarships, Grants, and Awards Programs

* **CTA Scholarship Program** provides scholarships in the following categories:
	+ CTA members who are continuing their education
	+ Dependent children of active CTA members, CTA/NEA-Retired or deceased CTA members
	+ CTA Aspiring Educators (CTA-AE) members who are pursuing a career in public education
* **Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship Program** provides scholarships to encourage BIPOC students to become educators, school nurses, school counselors or school therapists and to promote professional growth for BIPOC teachers and ESP members.
* **César E. Chávez and Dolores Huerta Education Award Program** provides recognition for educators and their students who demonstrate an understanding of the vision and guiding principles embraced by César Chávez and Dolores Huerta.
* **LGBTQ+ Safety in Schools Grant and Scholarship Program in Honor of Guy DeRosa** provides grants and scholarships to promote human and civil rights by making our public schools safe for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning+ persons.

 *For more information, visit* [*cta.org/scholarships*](https://www.cta.org/for-educators/scholarships-awards)*.*