Choosing to Make a Difference

Working to promote policies to improve public education such as more funding to attract and retain much-needed educators and support professionals for our schools and colleges, healthy and safe teaching and learning conditions, paid COVID-related sick leave in addition to existing leave, as well as fighting back attacks on unions and public education is always a top priority for CTA.

In an effort 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 $10 to support CTA advocacy efforts and $10 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.

The choice is yours.
CTA Advocacy ($10)

• 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 ($10)

CTA Institute for Teaching

• The Institute for Teaching (IFT) works to support teaching and learning in California classrooms and promotes teacher leadership to ensure that our members have a voice in school improvement.

• The IFT’s Grant Program funds strength-based, member-created projects from pre-K to Higher Education and over $5.8 million in grants has been awarded to CTA members since 2010.

• The IFT advocates for teacher-driven solutions to increase graduation rates, expand parental involvement, promote universal preschool, and close achievement gaps.

For more information on the Institute for Teaching visit www.cta.org/IFT

CTA Scholarship, Grants, and Awards Programs

• CTA Disaster Relief Program – Provides grants to CTA members if their home or classroom has been damaged or destroyed by a disaster.

• 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 member, who are enrolled in institutions of higher education
  • Student CTA members who are getting their degrees or credentials in 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: www.cta.org/scholarships.