



Voluntary Member Contribution

What is it?

A voluntary member contribution of \$20 a year was established by a vote of the CTA State Council of Education in June 2008. This money will go to help promote public schools, fight attacks on public education and to create a CTA Foundation to provide more scholarships to members and support teachers' ideas to improve public schools. Through a reverse check-off, the 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.

Who is included?

All CTA members (including agency fee payers, community college members and CFA) are included. Members of the CTA Student and Retired programs are not.

What if I want to opt out?

If you do not want to contribute, you do not have to. All members will be enrolled in the default allocation option established by Council, but can choose to request a full refund, partial refund or allocate all of the money to one category. Continuing members can opt out* of the program or adjust their allocation by November 1, 2008, in a number of ways:

- Use the simple interactive online form on the members-only website. (From the CTA home page, locate "Voluntary Member Contribution" in the left column and click on "Manage your contribution here.")
- Complete the change form on page 34 of the Sept. 2008 *Educator* magazine.
- Download a printable change form from www.cta.org. Complete and mail.

* You **only** have to opt out once. You **do not** have to opt out at the beginning of each school year.

Why do I have to log in to opt out?

When using the interactive web form, members are asked to log in to the members-only portion of the CTA website in order to verify membership and to ensure their changes are reflected and saved in their membership profile of our database. **However, members can also download a printable change form from the cta.org home page without logging in** (left column under heading "Voluntary Member Contribution").

Where can I get more information?

You can read more about this voluntary contribution on the members-only portion of the CTA website and on page 34 of the September 2008 issue of the *Educator* magazine.

Voluntary contribution helps teacher advocacy, new foundation

A voluntary member contribution of \$20 a year has been established to help fight attacks on public education and to create a CTA foundation to provide more scholarships to members and support teachers' ideas to improve public schools.

CTA is continually working to promote policies to improve public education such as more funding for our public schools and smaller class sizes, as well as fighting back attacks on education and teachers. This year alone CTA is battling the largest state budget cuts to public education ever proposed and will be working to erase the punitive provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

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CTA advocacy includes promoting policies to improve public education, such as additional funding for our public schools, smaller class sizes in all grades, and af-

fordable college for all students. It also includes fighting back attacks on teachers and public schools, such as massive budget cuts, voucher programs, NCLB, and legislation to decrease education employees' pensions or attack teachers' professional rights.

The CTA Foundation for Teaching and Learning consists of the CTA Institute for Teaching (IFT) and the Scholarship and Grant Programs of CTA. IFT works to ensure that teachers have a decision-making role in efforts to improve public schools, with a mind toward creating better teaching and learning conditions in all schools and to help struggling students and schools.

The Grant Programs of CTA include: CTA Disaster Relief Program; CTA Scholarships for Members; CTA Scholarships for Dependent Children; L. Gordon Bittle Memorial Scholarship for Student CTA Members; Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarships; CTA César E. Chávez Memorial Education Awards Program; and GLBT Safety in Schools Grant and Scholarship Program.

Options for changing your donation

- CTA members can choose to contribute the suggested amounts to support CTA advocacy efforts (\$10) and the work of the CTA Foundation (\$10). **This is the default choice. If this is your choice, you do not need to use the form.**
- CTA members can choose to opt out of a portion of the \$20 contribution by requesting a partial refund or by simply choosing to contribute to only one of the two categories.
- CTA members can choose to allocate the entire \$20 contribution to support either CTA advocacy efforts or the work of the CTA Foundation.
- CTA members can choose to opt out of the entire \$20 contribution by requesting a full refund.

The easiest way to make a desired change is by using the CTA website at www.cta.org/mycta. You may also use the form below.

Complete All Fields (please print)

Name _____

Individual ID _____
(From membership card or Educator label)

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Local Association _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Alternative Contribution Options (check one)

- \$20** to CTA Advocacy Efforts
- \$20** to the CTA Foundation for Teaching and Learning
- \$10** to the CTA Foundation for Teaching and Learning and \$10 refund
- \$10** to CTA Advocacy Efforts and \$10 refund
- \$20** Refund

ONLY USE THIS FORM to make changes to the recommended donation.

Mail to:

California Teachers Association
Contribution Change
PO Box 4178
Burlingame, CA 94011-4178

Requests for refunds received after the 1st of the month will be processed the following month. Requests for refunds or redirection must be received by Nov. 1 for continuous enrollment members. New enrollment members have 30 days from enrollment to request 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. Each rebate must be sent in a separate envelope.

Please keep a copy of this document for future reference.