



Become a member of the AFT Local 604 by scanning the QR code below with your phone or by using the following link:

<https://myift.ift-aft.org/join>



You will receive a copy of your membership card in your personal e-mail address . School e-mail addresses can NOT be used.



ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF TEACHERS—AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS/AFL-CIO

Membership Database Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (non-employer) \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Hire \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 Digits of SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Worksite \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Local Union Number 604 Local/Council Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Statement:** I hereby apply for membership in the Union and agree to abide by its Constitution and Bylaws. I authorize the Union to act as my exclusive representative in collective bargaining over wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment with my Employer. I understand that if a majority of the employees in the bargaining unit sign authorization cards, these cards may be used to obtain recognition without an election. My membership in the Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT) and my Local Union, including any other Local Union which is my exclusive bargaining representative and is affiliated with the IFT, shall be continuous unless I notify my Local President in writing that I intend to resign.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues Authorization:** During my employment, I hereby voluntarily authorize and direct my Employer to deduct from my pay each pay period, regardless of whether I am or remain a member of the Union, an amount equal to dues certified by the Union, and to remit such amount monthly to the Union. I understand that signing this card is not a condition of my employment.

**Revocation Window:** This voluntary authorization and assignment shall be irrevocable, regardless of whether I am or remain a member of the Union, for a period of one year from the date of authorization and shall automatically renew from year to year unless I revoke this authorization by sending written notice to the Union by the United States Postal Service postmarked between August 1 and August 31.

**IRS Disclaimer:** Payments to the Union are not deductible as charitable donations for federal income tax purposes. However, they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

**Telephone Consumer Protection Act Statement:** By providing my cell phone number, I understand that the Union and its affiliates may use automated calling technologies and/or text message me on my cell phone on a periodic basis, and that I can unsubscribe from these messages. The Union will never charge for text message alerts; carrier message and data rates may apply to such texts.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Internal Purposes Only:





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## Designation of Beneficiary for Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy

Underwritten by Federal Insurance Company, a member insurer of the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 of Social Security No.: XXXX-XX-\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Local Union No. \_\_\_\_\_

Policyholder **American Federation of Teachers**

Policy No. 9908-80-61 & 9908-81-09

Name of Beneficiary \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**This card, when completed, is to be retained by the local until coverage under the policy terminates with respect to the named member, unless sooner changed or revoked by the member.**

Signature of Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Required)

 AFTBenCard - 01-21



# ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT POLICY

As a member of a local union affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers, you automatically receive a \$5,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy as part of your membership. Please use the QR Code below to designate your beneficiary.



This online form is replacing the current pink, yellow, or white paper form. If you have already filled out the form online, you do not need to fill out the paper form.





## Welcome to American Federation of Teachers Local 604

AFT Local 604 consists of 77 autonomous councils with a membership of over 11,000. We are the second largest educational employees' union in the state of Illinois and the fourteenth largest local in the national organization, the American Federation of Teachers.

Geographically, our councils stretch from the Pembroke Council on the Indiana border to Hampton on the Mississippi River and from Waubensee Community College in Sugar Grove to Iroquois West in Gilman. Our councils are supported by a team of elected officers, field service directors, and support staff out of our office in Crest Hill.

Here are some examples of the types of support provided by AFT Local 604:

- Negotiations
- Grievance handling
- Job security protection
- Licensure issues
- Legislative updates
- Advice and assistance with legal matters
- Workshops on leadership skills, member organizing, student loan forgiveness, etc.
- Professional development classes

There are many areas that AFT Local 604 devotes time, energy and resources toward, such as education funding, pension equity and sustainability, member trainings, legislative lobbying, and political endorsements, to name a few.

AFT Local 604 is governed by the Local 604 Senate which consists of the elected officers of the Local, each council president and additional senators based on the size of a council's membership. The Senate currently consists of over 100 members.

As president of Local 604, I invite each and every one of you to become active in your council and take advantage of the robust support offered to you through this office, our executive board and our capable team of field service and office support staff.

AFT Local 604 has a long tradition of strength and respect. We exist for the benefit of our members and our power comes from our members. I encourage you to be part of this organization so that together we can continue to fight to improve the lives of our members and those whom we serve.

In unity,



Dan Mercer, President  
AFT Local 604

## AFT Local 604 – Past and Present



The new or potential AFT Local 604 member may be heard asking, “What does the union do for me?” And, if that question is asked in the company of other new members, everyone might shrug their shoulders and share a moment of wonderment.

Perhaps the union has not spent enough time educating its members about its history. Consequently, there are fewer Local 604 members who remember the days when we didn’t have contractual agreements. In the “old days” prior to unionization, educational workers had few, if any, benefits or input into decisions affecting their workplace. Workers were told what their salaries, working conditions and benefits were going to be. There were no grievance procedures with final, binding arbitration. In fact, there was literally nothing!

Over the years, members of AFT Local 604 have changed all of that. Educational workers now have rights guaranteed by collective bargaining agreements, and a union to enforce those rights. In the 1960’s and 70’s, the Local fought battle after battle in district after district, so that it could represent educational workers and give them a voice. Collective bargaining was not yet provided for by law, so districts were not obligated to hold elections for their employees to determine whether they wanted to form a union. Some districts saw the positive side of union recognition and allowed elections for representation without much resistance. Other districts, however, had to be persuaded by more militant actions by workers, such as picketing and striking.

Once elections were held and AFT Local 604 won, the work was just beginning. The union had to assemble and bargain contractual agreements in each district. So, when you look at the contractual agreement that the union has bargained in your district, remember that none of the benefits that you are entitled to came easily. Every provision in that document and every benefit that you enjoy was obtained over many years of hard, dedicated work on the part of union members like you.

The work of the union is never complete. It is an ongoing process. In addition to bargaining contracts and protecting the rights and job security of its members, the role of the union is now expanded into other areas.

AFT Local 604, with just over 11,000 members, is considered one of the major players in influencing educational worker legislation in Springfield. Local 604 actively supports pro-education legislation and fights bad legislation with everything at its disposal. In addition, AFT Local 604 works diligently to help elect pro-education officials to every level of government, to boards of education, the State House and Senate, the courts and State officer positions. We do this because the decisions these elected officials make impact our schools, our members and the communities we serve. For this reason, it is imperative that we maintain a strong influence in politics.

There is much the union does in your district, some of which may be unknown to most members because of issues of confidentiality. Such things include TRS, IMRF, SURS and Social Security/Medicare retirement issues, licensure matters, worker compensation questions, grievances and member representation issues.

In addition, AFT Local 604 is committed to providing workshops and professional development to its members, providing programs at the Local office and bringing them to councils as needed.

The bottom line is AFT Local 604 is an active, responsive, energetic organization that works diligently to provide and protect the rights of its members. The contract you work under is the result of the hard work of union members like you, and together we will carry this work into the future!

# About Your Local...



## Available to Union Members

- AFT Local 604 has a wealth of information on contract language and negotiations, educational issues, and legal opinions.
- AFT Local 604 has a well-equipped office, a conference room, and secretarial services available to all councils.
- AFT Local 604 offers free workshops throughout the year on topics such as pensions, negotiations, grievance processing, and staff development.
- AFT Local 604 offers classes through the AFT's TEACH Program. The AFT TEACH Program was designed by teachers for teachers to improve their effectiveness and sharpen their classroom teaching skills. Topics include Classroom Management and Managing Anti-Social Behavior for teachers and support staff. Beginning Reading, Reading Comprehension and Thinking Mathematics have been redesigned to include the new Common Core Standards. College and/or district credit is usually available, and also recertification credit.
- AFT Local 604 offers legal assistance, when necessary, in job-related matters with no cost to individual members.
- AFT Local 604 provides legislative representation at the state and national level to promote and protect the interests of our members.

## Member Benefits – AFT Plus

The American Federation of Teachers is your full-service union; you will find resources at every level of the organization to meet your needs – both on and off the job. The AFT works hard to improve your professional life, from the workplace to Capitol Hill.

They also recognize that you have a personal life. AFT PLUS member Benefits strives to add value to your union membership through money saving discounts and services. They can help you buy or refinance your home, pay off your student loans or save money on caring for your pet. We will help you be a smart shopper and save money. Many of these benefits can be extended to cover your family.

The American Federation of Teachers has a celebrated tradition of being out front for our members both professionally and personally. The AFT is eager to show you ways the union can help you both on and off the job. They are proud to serve you.

To view the money-saving benefits available to union members, go to the AFT website at [www.aft.org/members](http://www.aft.org/members)

## AFT Local 604 Senate Meeting Schedule

Meetings start at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays at the AFT Local 604 office.

August 07, 2024 (6pm)                      February 19, 2025 (6pm)

October 16, 2024 (6pm)                      April 16, 2025 (6pm)

December 09, 2024 (5:00 pm) Holiday Celebration@ IBEW Hall in Joliet

The AFT Local 604 Senate is the governing body of the local. The latest *most relevant information* on matters such as union policies, professional concerns, negotiations, recertification, legislative issues, and politics are discussed, reviewed, and disseminated.

Each council president is an automatic senator to AFT Local 604. Councils are then allowed additional senators according to the number of members. **All councils are expected to be represented at Senate Meetings.** In the event a council president/senator cannot attend a meeting, another representative should be in attendance. **If you are interested in representing your council at the local level, please contact your council president.**

### AFT Local 604

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**Secretary:** Julie Harris

**Office Staff FSD:** Renee Calabrese, Adam Harding, Tony Floriani, Kim Crowe, Dan Mercer, Todd Stachowiak, Katie Kollross

**Secretaries @ Local 604:** Kristy Ledvina & Stella Kapusta

**Office Manager:** Darlene Mercer



# ABOUT YOUR UNION...



## Council Federation

Each council is autonomous, having its own constitution, officers, and meeting schedule, but relies on AFT Local 604 for information, aid and advice when needed.

The council program is worked out cooperatively by the members of each council. Council publications and programs deal primarily with district issues. Their members elect council officers. Each council sends representatives to the Local Senate. (See next page of this section for more information on Senate meetings.)

## AFT Local 604 Federation

AFT Local 604 consists of at least 80 councils representing teachers, office staff, paraprofessionals, school-related personnel, and community college faculty.

AFT Local 604 is over 11,000 members strong, making it the largest Local (outside Chicago) of the Illinois Federation of Teachers. The Local is autonomous, having its own charter, constitution, officers, and meeting schedule.

The Local Senate works out the Local program. (See next page for a schedule of Senate meetings.) Local publications and programs deal primarily with Local issues. The Local 604 Senate elects AFT Local 604 officers and delegates to the national conventions. AFT Local 604 is affiliated with the local, state, and national branches of the AFL-CIO for purposes of mutual endeavor and concern.

### KNOW YOUR CONTRACT

If you ever feel that your contract is being violated, you should notify your building representative or council president at once. The Union will first attempt to resolve the problem informally. If necessary, the Union will then file a grievance and follow the appropriate steps to resolve the issue.

### UNION REPRESENTATION

If you are ever called in for a meeting with your supervisor or administrator that is or could be disciplinary in nature, you have the right to have your union representative present.

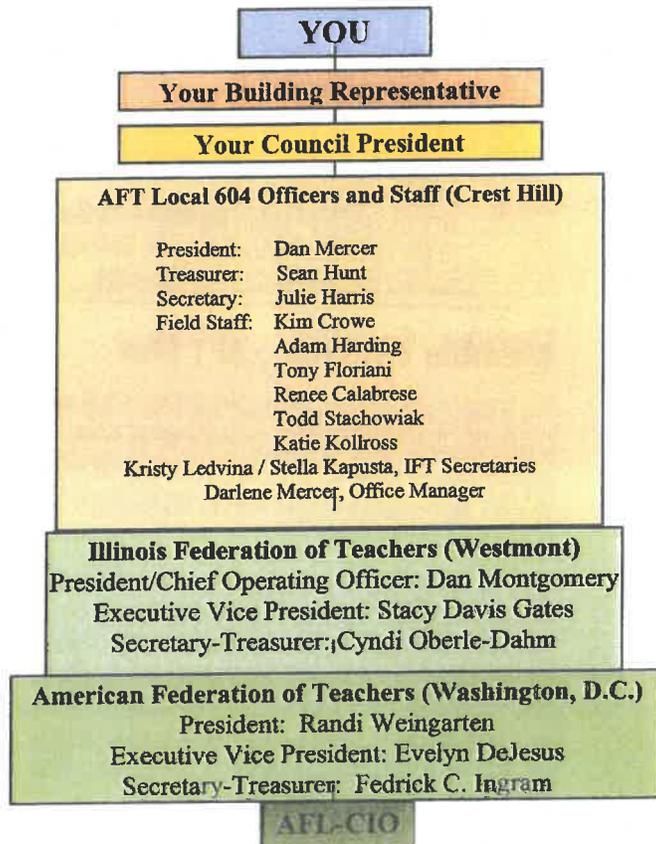
## State Federation

The Illinois Federation of Teachers is the point of communication between all locals within the State. The IFT performs various services to its local affiliates, such as defense in litigation procedures, working for favorable statewide legislation, organization of new locals, collective bargaining assistance and publication of news of statewide interest.

The IFT holds conventions every three years. Between conventions, the Executive Board governs the IFT. (Local 604 currently has three members on the IFT Executive Board.)

## National Federation

The American Federation of Teachers, our national body, performs all the services of the state but on a national level. Its headquarters and their officers are in Washington, D.C. An AFT regional office and staff are housed in the IFT Westmont office. The president and 39 vice presidents are elected at our national convention for two-year terms.



# LOCAL 604/IFT/AFT MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ❖ \$1,000,000 occupational liability insurance
- ❖ \$5,000 upfront money in criminal charges
- ❖ Up to \$36,250 accidental death & dismemberment policy
- ❖ Professional staff assistance
- ❖ Free legal assistance for job related matters
- ❖ Reduced legal services available for personal matters
- ❖ Grievance administration assistance
- ❖ Information exchange with union leaders from other school districts
- ❖ Personal participation in decisions affecting your profession
- ❖ Representation at the Illinois General Assembly and the U.S. Congress
- ❖ Education classes for recertification and/or college credit
- ❖ Affiliation with IFT, AFT, and the AFL-CIO
- ❖ Informational/training workshops on student debt, pensions, negotiations, grievances, leadership, recertification
- ❖ Involvement in political action, and professional issues
- ❖ Meeting room available for Council membership meetings
- ❖ Secretarial assistance for Council publications, mailings
- ❖ Subscriptions to Local, State and National Union publications
- ❖ Low-cost group insurance plans, including long-term care, disability and life, home and auto
- ❖ Auto roadside assistance club
- ❖ Travel program
- ❖ Discounts on Fannie May gift cards
- ❖ Discounts on popular magazines, flowers, entertainment
- ❖ Discounts on auto rental
- ❖ Low interest AFT Plus Credit Card
- ❖ Mortgage program which offers members and their children an easier and more affordable way to obtain a mortgage or refinance their existing mortgage
- ❖ Hotel discounts
- ❖ Theme Park Discounts
- ❖ Discount on Wireless plans
- ❖ Identity Theft Protection

**UNION MEMBERSHIP DOESN'T COST...  
IT PAYS!**

*For more information about your benefits, write or call AFT Local 604  
1520 N. Rock Run Drive # 1, Crest Hill, Illinois 60403-3153  
815-725-0402*



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### What are the Benefits of Membership?

- Members belong to an organization that is the collective voice for public schools, school employees, and students.
- Members have a voice in or can participate in any Council union meetings and social events.
- Members can vote on contract ratification, election of officers, or any other union matter.
- Members can serve on a local bargaining team.
- Members can provide input into negotiations of the contract.
- Members are eligible to attend IFT/AFT training on student debt, special education, employment law, bargaining, legal issues, common core, evaluation, grievance processing, leadership development, etc.
- Members can hold union office at the Council, Local, state, or national association level.
- Members can be appointed to IFT Executive Board committees, task forces, and constituency councils.
- Members can attend IFT/AFT conferences including but not limited to bargaining and public affairs conference, summer leadership conference, higher education conference, and PSRP conference,
- Members' dependents are eligible to apply for any scholarship provided by the local union, the IFT, the AFT, or the AFL-CIO.
- Members receive \$1 million employment liability insurance. This protects members if sued for events in the workplace, and if exonerated members will not be responsible for personal legal defense and payment of any judgment. The AFT plan provides for damages and attorney fees up to:
  - \$1 million per member from claims arising out of a member's employment activities due to: (1) accidental bodily injury to a student or staff member, (2) accidental property damage of school or student property, or (3) personal injury claim against you by a student, such as slander, libel, false arrest, false detention, imprisonment or invasion of privacy.
  - Defense cost reimbursement of up to \$250,000 per member per year for suits involving the denial of constitutional rights.
  - Up to \$1 million per member per year for inadvertent acts or omissions, including "failure to educate."
  - Defense cost reimbursements up to \$35,000 per member per year for criminal charges arising out of school activities or sexual harassment if exonerated, otherwise \$5,000
  - Up to \$5,000 for defense of covered claims in licensure board or credential hearings resulting from educational employment activities.
  - \$10,000 in the event of death due to assault while working.
- Members are eligible for Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance in an amount ranging from \$5,000 to \$62,500 if they accidentally die or accidentally lose a limb or sight.
- Members are eligible for AFT Advantage discounts on travel, electronics, restaurants, auto buying program, home appliances and services; AFT's "American Educator," IFT's "Union Link" and other union periodicals, discounted personal legal services, etc.



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## Additional Information

The premium for this AD&D benefit is 100% paid by the American Federation of Teachers and our local union.

Coverage terminates on the date the Person is no longer an active working or a retired member in good standing in the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO or if the coverage terminates for a reason outlined in the policy.

This policy has eligibility criteria, limitations, exclusions, and terms under which the policy may be continued in force or discontinued. This is an accident only policy and does not pay benefits for loss from sickness. Please review the Description of Coverage for full coverage details.

Insurance described is offered by HUB International New England, LLC. Insurance is underwritten and provided by Federal Insurance Company, a Chubb company. Chubb is the marketing name used to refer to subsidiaries of Chubb Limited providing insurance and related services. For a list of these subsidiaries, please visit our website at <http://www.chubb.com>. All products may not be available in all states. This communication contains product summaries only. Coverage is subject to the language of the policies as actually issued. Chubb, 202 Halls Mill Road, Whitehouse Station, NJ.

### **For the American Federation of Teachers' AD&D Plan Details, Contact:**

Tish Olshefski, Senior Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer  
202-879-4520  
[aftplus@aft.org](mailto:aftplus@aft.org)

American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO  
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Washington, DC 20001  
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## Group Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance

**\$36,250 Coverage for AFT Active Working Members and \$5,000 for Retired Members**

Whether an accident happens at work or in your personal life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) insurance helps provide members of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) with financial support needed by you or your family. As a benefit of the American Federation of Teachers membership, the national AFT has arranged for all active working and retired members in good standing to have \$5,000 of AD&D coverage from Federal Insurance Company, a Chubb company. Plus, our local union provides an additional \$31,250 coverage for all active working members.

**Life is unpredictable. Insurance shouldn't be.**

AFT members who spend their lives working to provide stability for their families should have extra protection if a work-related accident occurs. That's why the policy provides extra benefits for workplace accidents.

FEATURE	DETAILS
Standard Benefit*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coverage for both on-the-job and off-the-job accidents</li> <li>• Coverage extends to accidents occurring anywhere in the world</li> <li>• Full benefit is paid to member's beneficiary for accidental loss of life</li> <li>• Benefits also for accidental loss of hand, foot, sight, speech or hearing, quadriplegia or paraplegia</li> <li>• Partial benefit for lapsing into a coma as the result of a covered accidental injury</li> <li>• Extensions of insurance available for exposure and disappearance</li> </ul>
Double Benefit**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Injury or death occurring at the workplace associated with your AFT membership. This double benefit does not include travel to and from work.</li> </ul>

\* This policy has eligibility criteria, limitations, exclusions, and terms under which the policy may be continued in force or discontinued. Please review the Description of Coverage for full coverage details.

\*\* Retired members are not eligible for this double benefit.

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TRAUMA COVERAGE  
EMPOWERING RECOVERY™



A NEW BENEFIT FOR AFT MEMBERS<sup>1</sup>

## Trauma Coverage to empower recovery

Trauma counseling and additional benefits, available to you beginning **April 1, 2020**

AFT members understand that our work to educate, heal, help and serve our communities often carries its own stresses and strains. As professionals, we are challenged to be fully present for others even as we shoulder the burden of our own traumas.

On April 1, the AFT is introducing an innovative form of mental health care and support—trauma counseling. It will be available to AFT members, free of charge, anywhere in the United States at any time in the one-year aftermath of a traumatic incident.

### This no-cost benefit:

- Offers therapy, which can be scheduled 24/7, when you need it, where you need it.
- Connects you with a licensed, certified, master's level (or higher) therapist with special training in post-traumatic care.
- Uses the latest communication technologies—phone, video, text and even AI (artificial intelligence)—to provide help that works with your schedule.
- Is confidential and free as a benefit to AFT members.

### Traumas to AFT members covered by this new insurance include:

#### 24/7:

- Aggravated assault
- Domestic violence
- Sexual assault
- Mass shootings/Terrorist acts
- Major disaster

#### At work:

- Bullied, harassed or threatened
- Traumatized by witnessing a violent incident
- Infected by contagious disease
- Secondary trauma

1. Working members from Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) educators are all covered by this benefit. Retired members and members who pay a fee for representation (agency fee payers) are not eligible for this benefit.

2. Documentation/proof of injury is required in some categories. For more information, visit [www.aft.org/benefits/trauma](http://www.aft.org/benefits/trauma).

## How does this program work?

Members will gain access to the program through the AFT Member Benefits members-only portal. Privacy is ensured; no information about your use of this benefit is reported back to your employer.

Members meeting the criteria for a covered trauma<sup>2</sup> will have access to a total of 21 hours of counseling—as many, or as few, hours as needed—over a three-month period. Generally, the counseling period follows an arc with initial assessment and planning, then a series of sessions in lengths of both 50-minutes and 15-minutes, and finally a closing session for review of treatment results. Everything is confidential and jointly scheduled with your counselor for mutual convenience.

At the conclusion of these AFT-paid sessions, a member who seeks additional trauma counseling may purchase a member-paid policy. In addition, members can purchase expanded trauma coverage for the entire family, available to our members at a discounted rate.

To learn more about the AFT-paid Trauma Coverage benefit and find resources for communicating the benefit, visit [www.aft.org/benefits/trauma](http://www.aft.org/benefits/trauma).

To access the counseling benefit, visit the AFT member-only portal at [www.aft.org/members-only](http://www.aft.org/members-only) or call Trauma Coverage toll-free at 1-855-631-1421. After you initiate a claim, you will be contacted within 48 hours to schedule your initial session with a trauma counselor.

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis and are having thoughts of hurting yourself, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255 or call 911. You can learn more about the Lifeline at [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org).



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Trauma Coverage was founded by insurance executive Jason Stabile as a response to a shooting in his hometown in 2009, which deeply traumatized his community. Stabile, using the tools available to him as a business developer, founded Trauma Coverage to support and empower families in trauma recovery through focused, accessible and convenient counseling. This insurance is underwritten by the venerable Lloyd's of London. Counseling is provided by the eHome Counseling Group (Orlando, Fla.), which offers high-quality, technologically advanced services for trauma recovery to a broad and diverse market, which includes first responders and the military.

Trauma Coverage Administration  
c/o International Specialty Insurance  
U.S. Coverholder for Lloyd's of London  
110 Oakwood Dr., Suite 420  
Winston-Salem, NC 27103  
855-631-1421



# AFT + MEMBER BENEFITS

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## TRAVEL

Hotels (Hilton & Wyndham brands)	<a href="http://aft.org/hotels">aft.org/hotels</a>	Hilton (reservations only through AFT link) Wyndham 877-670-7088, code 8000000297
		Avis 800-698-5685 B723700 Budget 800-455-2848 V816100 Dollar 800-800-4000 3042236 Enterprise online only Hertz 800-654-3131 205666 National online only Payless 800-729-5377 A071900 Thrifty 800-847-4389 3042238
Car Rental	<a href="http://aft.org/benefits/carrentals">aft.org/benefits/carrentals</a>	
Southwest Airlines <sup>1,2</sup>	<a href="http://aft.org/members-only">aft.org/members-only</a>	
Vacation Tours	<a href="http://unionplus.org/tours">unionplus.org/tours</a>	844-868-2685

## EDUCATION AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Affordable College	<a href="http://unionplus.org/collegeplus">unionplus.org/collegeplus</a>	
Scholarships	<a href="http://aft.org/scholarships">aft.org/scholarships</a>	Union Plus and Porter scholarships
Student Debt Clinics	<a href="http://aft.org/debtclinic">aft.org/debtclinic</a> ; <a href="http://forgivemystudentdebt.org">forgivemystudentdebt.org</a>	email: <a href="mailto:debtclinic@aft.org">debtclinic@aft.org</a>
Share My Lesson	<a href="http://sharemylesson.com">sharemylesson.com</a>	
Summer: Simplifying Student Debt <sup>2</sup>	<a href="http://aft.org/members-only">aft.org/members-only</a>	

## FINANCE

Free Identity Theft Fraud Resolution Consultation		866-875-8385
Personal Loans	<a href="http://unionplus.org/loans">unionplus.org/loans</a>	888-283-5228
Credit and Budget Counseling	<a href="http://unionplus.org/creditcounseling">unionplus.org/creditcounseling</a>	877-833-1745
Credit Union: AFL-CIO EFCU	<a href="http://aflcioefcu.org">aflcioefcu.org</a>	301-683-2800 ID: AFT
Credit Cards	<a href="http://aftcard.com">aftcard.com</a>	800-522-4000

## LEGAL<sup>3</sup>

Prepaid Legal Service (MetLife)	<a href="http://metlaw.unionpluslegal.com">metlaw.unionpluslegal.com</a>	
CLC Basic Legal Discount Plan	<a href="http://referral.unionpluslegal.com">referral.unionpluslegal.com</a>	Free 30-minute consultation, 25 percent off regular fees or hourly charges

## STAYING HEALTHY

DinnerTime	<a href="http://dinnertime.com/aft">dinnertime.com/aft</a>
Dental Services and Discounts	<a href="http://unionplus.org/dental">unionplus.org/dental</a>
Vision Services and Discounts	<a href="http://unionplus.org/vision">unionplus.org/vision</a>
Hearing Services	<a href="http://unionplus.org/hearing">unionplus.org/hearing</a>
Free Prescription Discount Card	<a href="http://unionplus.org/rx">unionplus.org/rx</a>



Request your member ID from the AFT  
[leadernet.aft.org/webform/aft-members-only-discounts](http://leadernet.aft.org/webform/aft-members-only-discounts)

## DISCOUNTS AND SHOPPING

AT&T Wireless	<a href="http://unionplus.org/AFTatt">unionplus.org/AFTatt</a>	code 3508840
Cash Back Shopping	<a href="http://unionplus.org/cashback">unionplus.org/cashback</a>	
DinnerTime	<a href="http://dinnertime.com/aft">dinnertime.com/aft</a>	
Magazines	<a href="http://aft.blended.media">aft.blended.media</a>	code HELLOAFT
Dansko <sup>2</sup>	<a href="http://aft.org/members-only">aft.org/members-only</a>	
Social Media Check (LifeBrand) <sup>2</sup>	<a href="http://aft.org/members-only">aft.org/members-only</a>	
Medical Alert Monitoring (LifeStation) <sup>3</sup>	<a href="http://aft.org/lifestation">aft.org/lifestation</a>	800-799-0061
ODP Business Solutions (Office Depot) <sup>2</sup>	<a href="http://aft.org/members-only">aft.org/members-only</a>	
Teleflora Flowers and Gift Baskets	<a href="http://unionplus.org/flowers">unionplus.org/flowers</a>	888-667-7779, code BAAUP25
New Republic	<a href="http://newrepublic.com/union">newrepublic.com/union</a>	
Everyday Discounts	<a href="http://unionplus.org/discounts">unionplus.org/discounts</a>	
Auto Buying	<a href="http://unionplus.org/autobuying">unionplus.org/autobuying</a>	New and used cars

## INSURANCE

Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance (AFT-paid benefit) <sup>4</sup>	<a href="http://aft.org/ADD">aft.org/ADD</a>	202-393-8643
No-Cost Term Life Insurance for New Members <sup>5</sup>	<a href="http://aftbenefits.org">aftbenefits.org</a>	888-423-8700
Auto, Home and Renters Insurance <sup>3</sup>	<a href="http://farmersinsurancechoice.com/aftbenefits">farmersinsurancechoice.com/aftbenefits</a>	877-238-9638
Term Life <sup>3</sup>	<a href="http://aftbenefits.org">aftbenefits.org</a>	888-423-8700
Senior Term Life <sup>3</sup>	<a href="http://aftbenefits.org">aftbenefits.org</a>	888-423-8700
Disability Income <sup>3</sup>	<a href="http://aftbenefits.org">aftbenefits.org</a>	888-423-8700
Trauma Counseling <sup>2</sup>	<a href="http://aft.org/members-only">aft.org/members-only</a>	
Pet Health Insurance <sup>3</sup>	<a href="http://unionplus.org/AFTpets">unionplus.org/AFTpets</a>	877-358-3944
Long-Term Care Insurance	<a href="http://aft-ltc.org">aft-ltc.org</a>	

## MORTGAGES AND HOME SERVICES

Mortgages/Refinancing: AFL-CIO Credit Union Amalgamated Bank	<a href="http://aflcioefcu.org">aflcioefcu.org</a> <a href="http://amalgamatedbank.com/AFT">amalgamatedbank.com/AFT</a>	301-683-2800 (identify as an AFT member) 800-701-8409 (identify as an AFT member)
Real Estate Program	<a href="http://unionplus.org/realestate">unionplus.org/realestate</a>	800-228-3097
Save My Home Hotline	<a href="http://unionplus.org/savemyhome">unionplus.org/savemyhome</a>	866-490-5361
Hertz Vans and Trucks Rental	<a href="http://unionplus.org/hertztruck">unionplus.org/hertztruck</a>	800-654-2200, code 205666
Moving—North American Van Lines	<a href="http://unionplus.org/movingvans">unionplus.org/movingvans</a>	888-813-9595
Budget Truck Rental	<a href="http://unionplus.org/budgettruck">unionplus.org/budgettruck</a>	800-561-1157, code 56000127763

### Notes

<sup>1</sup> Discounts on all Southwest flights for Business Select and Anytime fares, and on "Wanna Get Away" fares on selected flights.

<sup>2</sup> Requires registration at [aft.org/members-only](http://aft.org/members-only). If you do not know your AFT identification number, you can look up your AFT ID through the site or contact AFT + Member Benefits at [aftplus@aft.org](mailto:aftplus@aft.org).

<sup>3</sup> New York State United Teachers members have similar programs through NYSUT Member Benefits Trust. To obtain more information about these plans, members can call 800-626-8101.

<sup>4</sup> All working and retired members have \$5,000 of Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage from the AFT. Agency fee/fair share payers are not covered by this plan. See the Plan Summary at [aft.org/ADD](http://aft.org/ADD) or call for more information.

<sup>5</sup> Retirees, agency fee payers and New York State United Teachers members are not eligible for this coverage.

## DISCLOSURES

The AFT has numerous endorsed programs listed in this brochure for which it receives expense reimbursements. All payments to the AFT are used solely to defray the costs of administering the AFT + Member Benefits programs and, where appropriate, to enhance them.

Many of the AFT's benefits are provided through Union Plus and may require registration on the Union Plus website. The programs listed here are current as of January 2024. Visit [aft.org/benefits](http://aft.org/benefits) for new programs and enhancements.

## QUESTIONS

[aftplus@aft.org](mailto:aftplus@aft.org)  
202-393-8643  
Toll Free: 800-238-1133, ext. 8643  
AFT + Member Benefits

## **Online Resources for Members**



[www.aftlocal604.org](http://www.aftlocal604.org)

Website for the American Federation of Teachers Local 604

### **Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT)**

[www.ift-aft.org](http://www.ift-aft.org)

Website for your state affiliate union, the Illinois Federation of Teachers- find news, professional development opportunities, and more.

[www.ift-aft.org/benefits](http://www.ift-aft.org/benefits)

Additional benefits for members of the IFT and AFT.

<https://m.ift-aft.org/>

MyIFT provides you with information and resources specific to your local.

[www.ift-aft.org/collectivevoice](http://www.ift-aft.org/collectivevoice)

Explains the importance of being a union member.

### **IFT Social Media**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/iftaft/>

Twitter: @iftaft - <https://twitter.com/iftaft>

### **American Federation of Teachers (AFT)**

[www.aft.org](http://www.aft.org)

Website for your national affiliate union, the American Federation of Teachers.

<https://leadernet.aft.org/webform/illinois-memberlocal-beneficiary-form>

Accidental Death & Dismemberment Beneficiary form – Designate or change beneficiary

### **Member Benefits Sites**

<https://www.aft.org/members-only> & <https://www.unionplus.org/>

These sites highlight the service and discount programs offered through your AFT membership.

### **Illinois AFL-CIO**

[www.ilaf-cio.org](http://www.ilaf-cio.org)

The Illinois AFL-CIO, an affiliate of the Illinois Federation of Teachers, is comprised of over 1500 affiliated unions representing nearly 900,000 workers in Illinois.

### **Share My Lesson**

[www.sharemylesson.com](http://www.sharemylesson.com)

The AFT facilitates “Share My Lesson,” a digital platform for U.S. educators to collaborate and share teaching resources and innovative ideas.

### **Illinois Performance Evaluation Advisory Council (PEAC)**

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Evaluations.aspx>

The PEAC council makes recommendations to the state as it develops new performance evaluation systems for teachers that incorporate student growth measures.

### **ISBE Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS)**

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Licensure-Information-System.aspx>

This site is where teachers enter professional development hours and check to ensure that their license, endorsement, and personal contact information is current. Teachers can also renew their licenses here.

## **Online Resources for Members**



### **Illinois New Teacher Collaborative**

[intc.education.illinois.edu](http://intc.education.illinois.edu)

Illinois New Teacher Collaborative online provides resources for new teaching professionals, teacher mentors, and others interested in supporting new teachers.

### **Colorín Colorado!**

[www.colorincolorado.org](http://www.colorincolorado.org)

This site provides resources for teachers and parents who work with English Language Learners.

### **State Board Websites**

[www.isbe.net](http://www.isbe.net).....Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)  
[www.ibhe.org](http://www.ibhe.org).....Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE)  
[www.iccb.org](http://www.iccb.org).....Illinois Community College Board (ICCB)

### **Pension Websites**

[www.trsil.org](http://www.trsil.org).....Illinois Teachers Retirement System (TRS)  
[www.imrf.org](http://www.imrf.org).....Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF)  
[www.surs.com](http://www.surs.com).....State Universities Retirement System of IL (SURS)  
[www.srs.illinois.gov](http://www.srs.illinois.gov).....State Employees Retirement System of IL (SERS)

### **Illinois Legislature**

[www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov)

Illinois General Assembly: House & Senate legislator and committee information, as well as Illinois legislation and laws, can be viewed from this site.

### **Illinois Elections**

<https://ova.elections.il.gov/>

Online voter registration for Illinois residents and other election-related information.

# STUDENT DEBT RELIEF VIRTUAL CLINIC

## Upcoming 2024 Dates



Please choose the Student Debt Clinic that best meets your needs:

- Full Clinic** – This 90-minute program will introduce Income Driven Repayment (IDR) Plans, Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF), legislative updates, and next steps for you.  
 If you are a recent college graduate, or if you took Parent Plus Loans to help your child graduate recently, this Full Clinic is the program for you.
- PSLF Clinic** – This 45-minute program will dive deeper into Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) and answer questions you have about the forms. This program is geared towards people who have already entered into an Income Drive Repayment plan and need help with the PSLF process.
- Q & A Clinic** – This open session is to ask specific questions about your situation. Understand that this is not a one-on-one session. There is no formal presentation to this session; it is targeting those who are already in IDR and/or PSLF plans but need answers.

FULL CLINIC	PSLF CLINIC	Q&A CLINIC
Monday, July 29, 9:00 am	Monday, July 29, 1:00 pm	Monday, July 29, 2:00 pm
Tuesday, August 27, 4:30 pm	Wednesday, August 28, 4:30 pm	Wednesday, August 28, 5:30 pm
Monday, September 9, 4:30 pm	Tuesday, September 10, 4:30 pm	Tuesday, September 10, 5:30 pm
Tuesday, October 22, 5:00 pm	Thursday, October 24, 5:00 pm	Thursday, October 24, 6:00 pm

*\*\*More clinics will be scheduled for future months*

These programs are available not only to teachers but also to **ANY** educational employee.

These clinics are **FREE** to our card-signed union members as a benefit of being part of the IFT. You are encouraged to bring your union peers with you. **All of these clinics are held over Zoom.**

Sign up for one of these clinics by emailing Stella Kapusta ([skapusta@ift-aft.org](mailto:skapusta@ift-aft.org)) or calling the AFT Local 604 office at (815) 725-0402.

**Please have available:**

- Your laptop computer
- Your latest loan servicer(s) statement and/or online account information
- Type of loan(s) held
- Type of repayment plan(s) enrolled



Union members save  
**\$10 PER LINE  
PER MONTH\***  
on the AT&T Unlimited Premium<sup>SM</sup> plan.



**Plus, take advantage of additional savings** including up to \$50 off on activation and upgrade fees, 20% off on eligible wireless accessories and 15% off the monthly service charge of qualified wireless plans, including AT&T 4GB Plan.



**AT&T**

**Sign up today!**

Take this coupon, your union membership card or recent paystub with union dues deducted to your local AT&T store (discounts not available at authorized dealers or kiosks), or register online at [unionplus.org/att](http://unionplus.org/att).



**AT&T Retailer:** The Union Plus Discount Code is **3508840**.

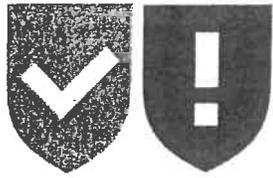
*\*See reverse for details.*



# NewsGuard

For AFT members  
& students

## A free media literacy tool



### What is NewsGuard?

NewsGuard is a media literacy tool provided free to AFT members, their students and their families through a partnership with the AFT. It is appropriate for use with secondary and postsecondary students who access the internet for information-gathering and research.

### How does NewsGuard work?

When AFT members register at [www.newsguardtech.com/aft](http://www.newsguardtech.com/aft), they will be sent an email with directions on how to download a NewsGuard browser extension to computers, iPads, tablets and smartphones, together with passwords to make the extension operable. The passwords work for both members and their students. The browser extension provides continuously updated ratings of the trustworthiness of media sources that provide news and information on the internet. These ratings are developed by trained journalists, using nine apolitical criteria.

Since the basis for each individual rating is provided, with explicit references to the nine criteria, the NewsGuard system gives educators an opportunity to teach students how to evaluate the accuracy and

reliability of all sources of news and information they encounter. Consequently, NewsGuard is a tool that both fights misinformation and promotes media literacy.

### What supports does the AFT provide its members for the dissemination and use of NewsGuard?

The AFT offers professional development resources that will assist members in becoming acquainted with NewsGuard and using it in their classes and with their students.

- A Shanker Institute webinar, "Countering Misinformation in the Classroom: A Media Literacy Discussion with Randi Weingarten and NewsGuard," provides an introduction to NewsGuard and the philosophy behind it. [go.aft.org/si-media](http://go.aft.org/si-media)
- A Share My Lesson webinar, "Teaching Media Literacy," provides a hands-on guide to accessing the NewsGuard browser extension and using it in classroom instruction. [go.aft.org/sml-media](http://go.aft.org/sml-media)
- Share My Lesson provides model classroom lessons for introducing NewsGuard to students and using it to teach media literacy. [go.aft.org/sml-newsguard](http://go.aft.org/sml-newsguard)

### How can the AFT help my local in disseminating NewsGuard to members?

NewsGuard will provide workshops (mostly virtual) for AFT members at state federation conferences and conventions and at-large membership meetings of locals. If your state federation or local is interested in arranging for such a workshop, email Leo Casey, assistant to the president, AFT, at [lcasey@aft.org](mailto:lcasey@aft.org).

We encourage affiliate leaders and staff to download and try out the browser extension themselves, so they can answer general questions from members about NewsGuard. We discourage affiliate leaders and staff from attempting to resolve members' technical issues in downloading and accessing the browser extension, which should be directed to NewsGuard itself for resolution. The email sent to the members upon registration provides instructions on how to get technical assistance.



## Online Registration

**Your future is at stake.**

- Climate change?
- Living wage?
- Income inequality?
- Student debt?
- Corrupting influence of big money?
- Social justice?

Register to vote! With online registration it takes only a few minutes to become eligible to vote. It's easy!

**To vote in Illinois:**

- You must be a United States citizen
- You must be 18 on or before the date of the election.
- You must live in your election precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day

**To register online, you will need:**

- An Illinois driver's license or an Illinois state ID
- The last four digits of your Social Security number

**Contact [ova.elections.il.gov](http://ova.elections.il.gov).**





## SPRINGFIELD OFFICE

2329 S. MACARTHUR BLVD.  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704  
217-782-4141

## CHICAGO OFFICE

69 W. WASHINGTON ST., SUITE LL08  
CHICAGO, IL 60602  
312-814-6440

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# “WHAT FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION MAY BE NEEDED WHEN REGISTERING TO VOTE?”

Two forms of identification with at least one showing your current residence address are needed when you register in-person. If you register by mail, sufficient proof of identity is required by submission of your driver's license number or State identification card number. If you do not have either of those, verification by the last 4 digits of your social security number, a copy of a current and valid photo identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document that shows your name and address will be required. A person may also demonstrate sufficient proof of identity by submission of an identification card issued by a college or university accompanied by either a copy of the applicant's contract or lease for a residence or any postmarked mail delivered to the applicant at their current residence address.

## Registering to Vote in Illinois

### ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

#### WHAT ARE THE VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS?

- Must be a U.S. Citizen;
- Must be 18 years old to vote in a Consolidated or General Election or 17 years of age to vote in a Consolidated Primary or General Primary if the individual will be 18 by the time of the Consolidated or General Election;
- Must have been a resident of the precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day.

#### WHEN MAY I REGISTER TO VOTE?

Regular registration is open year-round except during the 27-day period just prior to an election, 16 days prior to the election for online registration, and during the 2-day period after each election (1 day after in Chicago).

Grace period registration is an extension of the regular registration deadline from the 27th day prior to an election through Election Day. Grace period registration is only available “in-person” at sites authorized by each election authority.

#### WHERE CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE?

County Clerk's Office
Board of Election Commissioner's Office
City and Village Offices
Township Offices
Schools
Public Libraries
Military Recruitment Offices
Locations specifically designated by the election authority
Online

## CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE BY MAILING AN APPLICATION TO MY ELECTION OFFICE?

Yes. Under Federal law, citizens may apply to register to vote by mailing in an application. The applications are available at some public and private facilities. Also, applications can be downloaded from the Illinois State Board of Election's website at: <https://ova.elections.il.gov>. When you apply for registration using the mail-in form, it must be postmarked prior to the close of registration. If you do not provide the necessary identification with your mail-in form, you must vote in-person the first time.

## CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE MY VOTER REGISTRATION ONLINE IN ILLINOIS?

- Yes. An individual may register to vote or update their existing voter registration by accessing the home page of the Illinois State Board of Elections website at [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov) and selecting "Online Voter Registration."

To use this option, an applicant must provide:

- (1) the full Illinois driver's license or State identification number;
- (2) the last 4 digits of your social security number; and
- (3) the date the Illinois driver's license or State identification card was issued.

## IF I MOVE, CAN I STILL VOTE?

If you moved within 27 days of the election in the same precinct, you can vote a full ballot by signing an affidavit.

If you moved more than 30 days before the election within the same election jurisdiction, but outside your precinct, and did not transfer your registration, you may update your registration through Election Day using the grace period and then grace period vote. Alternatively, you may vote for Federal offices only after completing an address correction form.

If you moved within 30 days before the election outside of your precinct but you still live in the State, and did not transfer your registration, you may update your registration to your new address through Election Day and do grace period registration and voting, or vote a full ballot in your old polling place after completing an affidavit.

If you moved more than 30 days before the election out of your county or municipality under a board of election commissioners and did not transfer your registration, you can only vote by re-registering from your new address.

If any change in your name or address has occurred, please remember to contact your election authority to update your registration. However, even if you forget to update your information, note that "Grace Period Registration and Voting" is available through Election Day in Illinois.

# ILLINOIS VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Suggested October 2022

## FOR ILLINOIS RESIDENTS ONLY

### TO COMPLETE THIS FORM:

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#### TO VOTE YOU MUST:

- Be a United States citizen  
Be at least 18 years old (some 17 year olds may vote in the General Primary, Consolidated Primary or Caucus)
- Live in your election precinct at least 30 days
- Not be convicted and incarcerated.
- Not claim the right to vote anywhere else

#### TO VOTE IN THE NEXT ELECTION:

- **Mail or deliver this application to your County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners** no later than 28 days before the next election. ([click here for County Clerk/Election Board listings](#)) or go to <http://www.elections.il.gov>

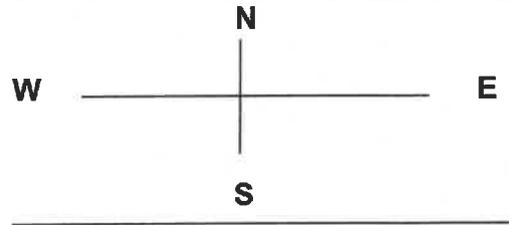
#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- If you do not have a driver's license, State Identification Card or social security number, and this form is submitted by mail, and you have never registered to vote in the jurisdiction you are now registering in, then you must send, with this application, either (i) a copy of a current and valid photo identification, or (ii) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter. If you do not provide the information required above, then you will be required to provide election officials with either (i) or (ii) described above the first time you vote in person or prior to voting by mail.
- If you change your name you must re-register.
- If you register at a public service agency, any information regarding the agency that assisted you will remain confidential as will any decision not to register.
- If you do not receive a Notice within 2 weeks of mailing or delivering this application, call your County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners.

- Box 1-If you do not have a middle name, leave blank.
- Box 3-If mailing address is same as Box 2, write "same".
- Box 4-By providing an email address you agree to receive election related notices via email.
- Box 5-If you have never registered before, leave blank. If you do not remember your former address; provide as much information as possible.
- Box 6-If you have not changed your name, leave blank.
- Box 10-If you have an Illinois Driver's License or Secretary of State ID, check the first box and fill in the number. If you do not have a Driver's License or SOS ID, check the second box and fill in the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you do not have a SSN, check the third box and send a copy of the appropriate document (as described in the "Important Information" section) along with this form.
- Box 11-Read, date and personally sign your name or make your mark in the box.

#### IF YOU HAVE NO STREET ADDRESS,

below describe your home: list the name of subdivision; cross streets; roads; landmarks; mileage and/or neighbors' names.



If you have questions about completing this form, please call the State Board of Elections at (217)782-4141 or (312)814-6440 (or [webmaster@elections.il.gov](mailto:webmaster@elections.il.gov)).

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN BLACK OR BLUE INK

<b>Are you a citizen of the United States of America?</b> (check one) yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Will you be 18 years of age on or before the next election day OR are you currently 17 and will be 18 by the day of the next General or Consolidated Election?</b> (check one) yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> If you checked "no" in response to either of these questions, then do not complete this form.				<b>Office Use</b>							
You can use this form to: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> apply to register to vote in Illinois <input type="checkbox"/> change your address <input type="checkbox"/> change your name											
1. Last Name		First Name		Middle Name or Initial		Suffix (Circle One) Jr. Sr. II III IV					
2. Address where you live (House No., Street Name, Apt. No.)				City/Village/Town		Zip Code		County		Township	
3. Mailing address (P.O. Box)				City/Village/Town, State				Zip Code		4. Email (optional)	
5. Former Registration Address: (include City and State and Zip Code)						Former County			6. Former Name: (if changed)		
7. Date of Birth: MM/DD/YY			9. Home telephone number including area code (optional)			10. ID number – check the applicable box and provide the appropriate number					
8. Sex (circle one) M      F      X			(      )      -			<input type="checkbox"/> IL Driver's License or, if none, Sec. of State ID or <input type="checkbox"/> Last 4 digits of Social Security Number <input type="checkbox"/> I have none of the above-listed identification numbers.					

11. Voter Affidavit – Read all statements and sign within the box to the right.  
**I swear or affirm that:**

- I am a citizen of the United States;
- I will be at least 18 years old on or before the next election **(or the next General or Consolidated Election)**;
- I will have lived in the State of Illinois and in my election precinct at least 30 days as of the date of the next election;
- The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, then I may be fined, imprisoned, or if I am not a U.S. citizen, deported from or refused entry into the United States.

This is my signature or mark in the space below.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

12. If you cannot sign your name, ask the person who helped you fill in this form to print their name, address and telephone number.

Name of person assisting.
Full Address
Telephone No.





A Union of Professionals

AFT+ Member Benefits



A special benefit to you as a recent AFT member - \$5,000<sup>1</sup> Life Insurance with no premium payment required<sup>2</sup>

SECTION 1: Member's Personal Information (All sections must be completed)

Form fields for Member's Personal Information: First Name, Middle Name, Last Name, Social Security Number, Gender (Male/Female), Date of Birth, Street Address, City, State, ZIP Code, E-Mail Address, Home Phone Number, Cell Phone Number. Includes checkboxes for 'I am a new member within the past 12 months' and 'I am actively at work'.

Beneficiary's Information

Form fields for Beneficiary's Information: First Name, Middle Name, Last Name, Relation to Member. Includes a checkbox for 'Yes, I elect \$5,000 of Group Term Life Insurance which is available to me with no premium payment for the first year of my AFT membership...'.

SECTION 2: AFT Information (All sections must be completed)

Form fields for AFT Information: AFT Local Union Name, AFT Local Union Number, AFT Membership Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

You must complete, sign and return this form in order to become insured for the \$5,000 of Group Term Life Insurance being offered here. In no event will you be eligible for this coverage beyond 12 months from your AFT membership date.

I hereby certify that all statements and answers in this form are full, complete, and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that to be eligible for coverage I must be a new AFT member, actively working, and not currently insured under the Group Term Life Insurance plan for AFT members. I understand that my coverage will be effective on the first day of the month following the date this application is signed and received by the Administrator.

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or any other person files an AFT application for insurance or a statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for that purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which may be a crime and may subject such person to criminal and civil penalties.

- Footnote 1: The \$5,000 Coverage will be reduced by 50% at age 65 and by 75% at age 70.
Footnote 2: A portion of the premium collected from the AFT Insurance program's contributory policies is allocated to fund the premium for the Policyholder's Basic Life Insurance Program.
Footnote 3: By providing your email address you agree to receive information about special discounts and products available through our benefit program. You may opt out at any time. Your information will not be sold.

Sign Here box with fields for Signature of Member and Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

In order to make the coverage effective, all of the information requested above must be completed.

The American Federation of Teachers provides this Group Term Life Insurance for one year as a benefit of your AFT membership.

We're Here to Help

For questions: Call toll-free 888-423-8700, visit www.aftbenefits.org

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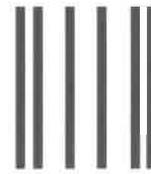
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**APLICACIÓN PARA REGISTRO DE VOTANTES DE ILLINOIS**

Sugerida en Octubre del 2022

**SOLAMENTE PARA RESIDENTES DE ILLINOIS**

**PARA COMPLETAR ESTA FORMA:**

SBE R-19

**PARA VOTAR, USTED DEBERÁ:**

- Ser un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos
- Tener por lo menos 18 años de edad (Algunos de 17 años podrán votar en la Primaria General, Primaria Consolidada o Comité Político)
- Vivir en su distrito electoral por lo menos 30 días
- No estar preso a raíz de una convicción penal
- No reclamar el derecho de votar en ningún otro lugar

**PARA VOTAR EN LA SIGUIENTE ELECCIÓN:**

- Envíe por correo o entregue esta aplicación a la Secretaría de su condado o los Comisionados de la Junta de Elecciones 28 días antes de la próxima elección. Visite [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov) para ver la lista de Juntas Electorales.

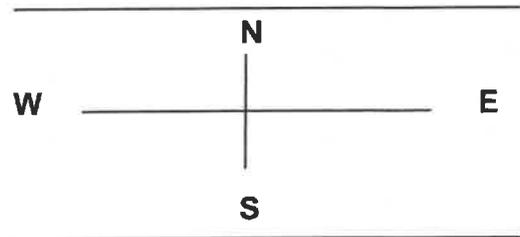
**INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE:**

Si usted no tiene Licencia de Conducir, o una Identificación del Sec. del Estado o un número de seguro social, y enviara este formulario por correo, y nunca se ha registrado para votar en la jurisdicción en que ahora se está registrando, entonces usted deberá presentar con este formulario cualquiera de los siguientes documentos (i) una copia de identificación válida y vigente con fotografía, o (ii) una copia de un recibo de servicios públicos actual, estado de cuenta bancario, una cheque del gobierno, cheque de nomina u otro documento gubernamental que muestre el nombre y dirección del votante. Si no puede proporcionar la información anteriormente requerida, entonces se le requerirá proveerles a los oficiales electorales con cualquiera de las opciones (i) o (ii) que son las anteriores a la primera vez que usted vote en persona o antes de votar usando una boleta electoral por correo.

- Caja 1-Si no tiene un Segundo nombre, déjelo en blanco.
- Caja 3-Si su dirección postal es igual que la de la caja 2, escriba "misma".
- Caja 4 – Al proveer su correo electrónico usted acepta recibir notificaciones electorales a su correo electrónico.
- Caja 5-Si nunca se ha registrado antes, déjela en blanco. Si no recuerda su dirección anterior, proporcione tanta información como le sea posible.
- Caja 6-Si su nombre no ha cambiado, déjela en blanco.
- Caja 10-Si tiene una licencia de conducir de Illinois, marque la caja y escriba el número. Si no tiene una licencia de conducir, marque la caja apropiada y escriba ya sean los últimos cuatro dígitos de su Número de Seguro Social o el Número de su Identificación de la Secretaría del Estado. Si no tiene un Numero de Seguro Social ,marque la tercera caja y mande una copia de la documentación apropiada (como esta detallada en la sección "Información Importante")
- Caja 11-Lea, escriba la fecha y firme personalmente su nombre o haga su marca en la caja.

**SI NO TIENE UNA DIRECCIÓN,**

Describa su casa a continuación: escriba el nombre de la subdivisión; las calles que cruzan; caminos; puntos de referencia; millaje y/o nombres de los vecinos.



Si tiene dudas acerca de cómo completar esta forma, por favor llame a la Junta de Elecciones del Estado al (217)782-4141, (312)814-6440 (o [webmaster@elections.il.gov](mailto:webmaster@elections.il.gov)).

**ESCRIBA CLARAMENTE CON TINTA NEGRA O AZUL**

¿Es usted un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos de América? (marque una) sí <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> ¿Tendrá 18 años de edad el día de la elección o antes de la próxima elección? ¿O tiene ahora 17 años y cumplirá 18 antes del día de la próxima Elección General o Consolidada? (marque una) sí <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> Si marcó "no" en respuesta a cualquiera de estas preguntas, entonces no complete esta forma.					<b>Para Uso Oficial</b>	
Usted puede utilizar esta forma para: (Marque uno) <input type="checkbox"/> Aplicar para registrarse como votante en Illinois <input type="checkbox"/> Cambiar su dirección <input type="checkbox"/> Cambiar su nombre						
1. Apellido	Nombre	Segundo Nombre o Inicial	Sufijo (Marque uno) Jr. Sr. II III IV			
2. Dirección donde vive (No. de Casa, Nombre de la Calle, No. de Apto.)		Ciudad/Aldea/Pueblo	Código Postal	Condado	Municipio	
3. Dirección Postal (Apartado Postal)		Ciudad/Aldea/Pueblo	Código Postal	4. Correo Electrónico (Opcional)		
5. Dirección de Registro Anterior: (incluya Ciudad, Estado y Código Postal)		Condado Anterior	6. Nombre anterior: (si cambió)			
7. Fecha de Nacimiento: MM/DD/AA	9. Teléfono en casa incluyendo el código de área (opcional)		10. No. de Identificación – marque la casilla que aplique y proporcione el número apropiado			
8. Sexo (Marque uno) M      F      X	(      )      -		<input type="checkbox"/> Licencia de Conducir de IL, o si no, Identificación de la Sec. Del Estado o <input type="checkbox"/> Últimos 4 dígitos de su Número de Seguro Social <input type="checkbox"/> No tengo ningún número de identificación mencionados anteriormente.			

11. Declaración Jurada del Votante – Lea las declaraciones siguientes y firme dentro de la caja a la derecha.

**Juro o Afirmo que:**

- Soy un ciudadano de los Estado Unidos;
- Tendré por lo menos 18 años antes de o el día de la próxima elección; (o la próxima Elección General o Consolidada;
- Habré vivido en el Estado de Illinois y en mi distrito electoral por lo menos 30 días antes de la fecha de la próxima elección;
- La información que he proporcionado es verdadera hasta donde tengo conocimiento, bajo pena de perjurio. Si he proporcionado información falsa, entonces podría ser multado, encarcelado, o si no soy un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos, deportado, o se me puede negar la entrada a los Estados Unidos.

Esta es mi firma o marca en el espacio siguiente.

Fecha de hoy: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

12. Si no puede firmar su nombre, pídale a la persona que le ayudó a llenar esta forma que escriba su nombre, dirección y número telefónico.

Nombre de la persona que le ayudó

Dirección Completa

No. Telefónico

