

TAA Union Membership Card

By signing this card, you become a member of the Teaching Assistants' Association, the union of graduate student employees at the University of Wisconsin—Madison. The objectives of the TAA are to promote the welfare of the membership, to provide a voice in the terms and conditions of our employment through collective bargaining, to improve the quality of education, and to cooperate with other segments of our society in the achievement of common goals. TA and PA dues are determined by a democratic vote of the membership. TAs and PAs who do not choose to become union members are assessed Maintenance of Membership fees *at the same rate* as members. RAs, Fellows and others who join (who are not covered by the TAA contract) pay dues at a lower rate also determined by the TAA membership.

Signature _____ Date _____

Name (please print) _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____ Home Phone _____

E-mail _____ Cell Phone _____

Office Address _____ Office Phone _____

Employing Department _____ TA PA RA

Academic Department (if different) _____ Fellow Other

Our success as a union depends upon each of us contributing our talents and efforts toward our mutual benefit. Please circle 'yes' or 'no' below to indicate how you would like to work with other union members. No previous experience is necessary; the TAA provides regular training opportunities. Another union member will be in touch with you soon to discuss specific ways in which you can become involved in these areas.

I would like to:

- Yes No . . . help win equal benefits and working conditions for the full diversity of graduate employees.
- Yes No . . . work to win a stronger contract for TAs and PAs.
- Yes No . . . work to elect membership-endorsed political candidates and lobby for pro-education, pro-labor legislation.
- Yes No . . . help fellow graduate employees who are having problems in the workplace.
- Yes No . . . represent my department in union decision-making and work to make my department more active in the union.
- Yes No . . . continue to strengthen the TAA's relationships with other unions and organizations in the labor movement.
- Yes No . . . help develop and implement the TAA's communications strategy or work on the TAA newsletter.
- Yes No . . . organize and assist with volunteer projects to benefit the Madison community.
- Yes No . . . help out with various projects in the TAA office for an hour or two a week.
- Yes No . . . share my experience or training in _____ (e.g., graphic design, databases, music, web design, etc.). Please contact me when these skills are needed.

PLEASE NOTE: This authorization will be in effect whenever you are employed by the University of Wisconsin System or until you give 60 days written notice to the TAA. Union dues may not be deductible for federal income tax purposes; however, under limited circumstances they may qualify as a business expense.

Questions? Call the TAA office at (608) 256-4375 or e-mail taa@taa-madison.org

TAA-PAC Fund

This money is spent expressly advocating the election of candidates for political office. As such, **only U.S. citizens and permanent residents may contribute.**

YES! I want to help elect pro-union candidates by contributing to the TAA Political Action Committee (PAC) Fund.

Effective immediately, I hereby request and authorize the University of Wisconsin to deduct from my salary:

\$1 \$3 \$5 \$10 \$ _____

per month to be given to the TAA's Political Action Committee. I understand that this deduction is voluntary and I will not be advantaged or disadvantaged because I exercise this right.

TAA Democracy Fund

This money is spent on issue advocacy, member-to-member communication and voter education; it is **NOT** used for expressly advocating the election of specific candidates.

YES! I want to help educate union members and the general public by contributing to the TAA Democracy Fund.

Effective immediately, I hereby request and authorize the University of Wisconsin to deduct from my salary:

\$1 \$3 \$5 \$10 \$ _____

per month to be given to the TAA's Democracy Fund. I understand that this deduction is voluntary and I will not be advantaged or disadvantaged because I exercise this right.

Signature _____ Name (print) _____

This authorization shall remain in effect as long as I am employed by the University of Wisconsin or until I give 60 days' written notice to the TAA. I understand that these donations are not considered a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes. The TAA-PAC and TAA Democracy Fund are administered by the TAA Political Education Committee, the members of which are elected every April at the TAA's General Membership Meeting.

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