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July Opt-Out Period

Anyone that has signed the current membership application (or re-committed) has the month of July to opt out.

Please call the statewide membership information line at:

(518) 640 – 6678 for immediate assistance.

Applications will not be processed until July.

If you would like to rescind your application to withdraw from the union, you must call the membership information line immediately.



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Telecommuting Updates: NEW DEVELOPMENTS

UUP President Fred Kowal is out of state and unable to deliver this message himself, so I am sending it on his behalf. We have notified chapter presidents and vice-presidents, so I apologize if you've already received this message. Since it's late Friday and communications may not be optimal, I wanted to send it to you directly as well.

As a result of continued discussions about the telecommuting pilot program and potential needs going forward, we received positive news today from the Governor's Office of Employee Relations (GOER). While we do not have full details at this time, we wanted to give you general information right away, since this has been a pressing issue for many of our members.

The statewide Telecommuting Pilot Agreement, which involves all other state employee bargaining units and all state agencies, expires on July 2, 2021. However, GOER will now permit SUNY (and other State agencies) to develop their own Telecommuting Policy, subject to GOER guidelines. A SUNY-specific policy can cover COVID-related health concerns, childcare needs, and other ADA health-related accommoda-

tion requests. The new SUNY policy to guide campuses will need to be created before the end of July.

In the meantime, UUP will work with SUNY to continue the terms of the current Telecommuting Agreement through July, until a new SUNY-specific telecommuting policy is created. We have been in communication with SUNY about telecommuting issues across our campuses and will continue to advocate for the best possible new policy.

Please stay tuned for further information from President Kowal as this new development unfolds over the coming weeks.

Sincerely,
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Spring 2021 DA

Virtual Meeting

Friday, June 4th
To
Saturday, June 5th





Help support NYSUT-endorsed candidates and campaign committees that are pro-public education and pro-labor.

Click onto the link below for more information:

<https://uupinfo.org/votecope/>

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Virtual Student Debt Clinics - July dates

Over 12 million people in the United States are struggling to make their monthly student loan payments, and millions more see economic and personal opportunities pass as they prioritize paying down their debt. Does this sound like you or someone you know?

Many of these people may qualify for free federal programs that can help reduce their monthly payments and eventually lead to student loan forgiveness, but these lifeline programs are significantly under-enrolled. In an effort to help our members get access to these programs, United University Professions and the American Federation of Teachers are proud to host a Student Debt Clinic which will provide information on how to enroll in Income-

Driven Repayment plans and Public Service Loan Forgiveness.

We will be offering virtual Members Only Student Debt Clinics on the following dates:

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM via webinar.

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM via webinar.

To attend one of the virtual **Members Only Student Debt Clinics**, you must pre-register here: <http://go.aft.org/StudentDebtClinicRSVP>.

From the “student debt clinic” drop down menu, please select the UUP clinic that you are interested in attending – they are labeled “UUP [Virtual Student Debt Clinic] [date] [time].” In the affiliate field, type in the full name of our local (United University Professions), and it will autofill after a few keystrokes.

Registration is first come, first serve, and we must cap attendance for a single clinic at 75 participants in order to ensure that we are able to provide maximum assistance to attendees. Registration will close 48 hours prior to the virtual clinic. Webinar login information will be provided prior to the clinic to all who register. [If you can’t make one of these virtual clinics, don’t worry – we’re planning on offering them every payday. If you want to help host a chapter-specific virtual clinic, please let us know!]

Managing your student loan debt is the first step in taking on the inequities which plague our system of higher education, and we look forward to seeing you at the virtual Student Debt Clinic and working together to find a collective solution to the problems of student debt and college affordability! Register now!



NYS/UUP Joint Labor-Management Committees

***NEW* EXAM FEE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**

CERTIFICATION LICENSURE EXAM FEE REIMBURSEMENT

The CLEFR Program assists employees with the cost of attaining initial certifications, licenses or designations which are related to their profession or necessary for promotional opportunities and career mobility within the State University of New York (SUNY). Examination fees to renew certifications, licenses, or designations previously obtained by an employee are not reimbursable. Maximum reimbursement is \$1,000 for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

For NYS/UUP CLEFR Program guidelines and application, please go to:

goer.ny.gov/nysuupclefr.

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**Pre-Retirement Workshop: Part 1—
Monday, June 14th (7– 8 pm)
Part 2—Wednesday, June 16th
(7-8 pm)**

Our next monthly Pre-Retirement Workshop presented by UUP's Walter Apple will be in the evening, in order to reach 2 & 3rd shift UUP employees and others who can't make the lunchtime workshops. We encourage all members to attend at least one of these workshops as it gives important information about benefits that the union has negotiated for our members. Feel free to attend multiple times and ask questions as there are important actions that are needed when preparing to retire. We also ask Chapter Presidents to share with their membership the signup information for this month's workshop. To sign up please go

to this link: <https://forms.gle/bLVyt7NSik9H8kTX8>

For this month's workshop taking place *Monday, June 14, 2021 @7:00-8:00pm* *Wednesday, June 16, 2021* and *Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm*.

Let us know if you have any questions!

In Solidarity,
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