



## Choosing to Make a Difference

**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, teachers and other education professionals is always a top priority for CTA.**

This year alone, we are fighting the largest state budget cuts ever proposed to public education, and we are working to erase the punitive provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act.

In an effort to continue successfully fighting such attacks, 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 below for a listing of Advocacy and CTA Foundation Activity.) This foundation will promote teacher-driven solutions to improve public schools through the CTA Institute for Teaching. It will also support 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.

*The choice is yours.*

**Complete All Fields (Please Print)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Individual ID (From membership card or Educator label) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Local Association (do not abbreviate) \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternative Contribution Options (circle one)**

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| <b>\$20</b><br>to CTA Advocacy Efforts | <b>\$20</b><br>to the CTA Foundation for Teaching and Learning | <b>\$10</b><br>to CTA Advocacy Efforts and \$10 refund | <b>\$10</b><br>to the CTA Foundation for Teaching and Learning and \$10 refund | <b>\$20</b><br>Refund |
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**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. 1st 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.*



### **CTA Advocacy (\$10)**

- Promoting policies to improve public education such as additional funding for our public schools, smaller class sizes in all grades, and affordable college for all students.
- Fighting back attacks on teachers and public schools, such as massive budget cuts, voucher programs, No Child Left Behind, and legislation to decrease education employees' pensions or attacking teachers' professional rights.
- None of the money can be spent on political candidates.

### **CTA Foundation (\$10)**

#### *CTA Institute for Teaching*

- The Institute for Teaching works to ensure that teachers have a decision-making role in efforts to improve public schools.
- The IFT is working to create better teaching and learning conditions in all schools and to create teacher-driven solutions to help struggling students and schools, reduce high school dropouts and close achievement gaps.
- The IFT promotes universal preschool and helping California's schools of greatest need.
- The IFT's pilot High School Outreach program worked with seven high schools to support teacher-driven efforts to improve student learning.

*For more information on the institute for Teaching visit [www.teacherdrivenchange.org](http://www.teacherdrivenchange.org).*

#### *Scholarship and Grant Programs of CTA*

- **CTA Disaster Relief Program** – Provides grants to CTA members if their home or classroom has been damaged or destroyed by a disaster.
- **CTA Scholarships for Members** – Provides scholarships to CTA members who are continuing their education.
- **CTA Scholarships for Dependent Children** – Provides scholarships to dependent children of CTA members who are enrolled in institutions of higher education. One scholarship is provided by the Ralph J. Flynn Memorial Fund. Another is provided by the Del A. Weber Scholarship Fund and is given to a continuation or alternative high school student.
- **L. Gordon Bittle Memorial Scholarship for Student CTA Members** – Provides scholarships to Student CTA members who are getting their degrees or credentials in education.
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarships** – Provides scholarships to help ethnic minority students enter the teaching profession. Scholarships given to CTA members, Student CTA members or dependent children of CTA members and retired members.
- **CTA César E. Chávez Memorial Education Awards Program** – Provides recognition grants to students and their teachers who demonstrate an understanding of the vision and guiding principles of civil rights and union leader César Chávez.
- **GLBT Safety in Schools Grant and Scholarship Program** – Provides grants to CTA members, students and schools that promote human and civil rights by making our public schools safe for GLBT students and faculty.