

Member Engagement

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FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

This budget line exists to provide funding for local membership activities intended to get members more connected with one another and more involved in the Federation.

Activities can be in-school social gatherings, off-site social events, or information sessions that help members better understand the workings of OSSTF, both provincially and in the District.

Examples of activities eligible for funding include the following:

Social Events:

- in-school breakfast, lunch or coffee social
- offsite food and non-alcoholic refreshments social
- offsite activity, such as bowling, curling, outdoor hike ...
- volunteer activity (such as at a local food bank)
- outing to an event (such as a local play or sports event)
- Federation presence at a local event (eg. a booth at a fair or farmer's market)
- Federation sponsorship of a local event (eg. community fair, parade, sports tournament)

Information/Education Events:

- lunchtime or afterschool sessions on issues of member concern
- political action, such as a letter-writing campaign to local MPPs, visits to MPPs offices, an ad in a local paper promoting OSSTF and/or OSSTF's position on an issue.
- joint meetings with other teacher affiliates and unions (eg. ETFO, CUPE)

*The activity must be available to all members of the Branch. If there are limited spaces available, all members of the branch must be invited and spaces distributed on a first come first serve basis.

Application Rules:

Any member may submit an application or claim, but the form must be signed by the Branch President.

Funding will be limited to a maximum of \$500 per event, with a Branch limit of \$1,000 per school year. If funds remain in the account as of March 31, a Branch may make an application for additional funding.

If Branches are combining funds for a joint event, an application must come from each Branch, with names of co-organizers at the other Branch(es) identified on the form.

Applications will be examined by the Member Engagement Committee, and any approval given will be based on the guidelines provided here. **NOTE:** All activities must wait for an official go-ahead in order to be reimbursed by this Fund.

Itemized receipts must be received by the District Office, sent to the Treasurer (who will bring the claim forward to District Executive for approval). The actual number of OSSTF members at the event also must be submitted with the receipts.

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Application

Branch _____ Name of contact _____

(If a joint event, identify any other Branches involved and the contact name at each Branch):

Identify the type of event you are planning (provide general description):

Details of event/activity:

Date of activity (projected) _____ Estimated cost \$ _____

(If a joint event, state the total amount, as well as the share of the total being requested by the Branch)

Itemize the projected expenses, attach if necessary.

Number of OSSTF participants _____ (anticipated)

Signatures:

Contact (listed above) _____ Non Board email address: _____

Branch President _____ Date _____

Forward the completed form to: District 16, Member Engagement Fund (courier) or FAX: 905-836-6210

Copies of this form are available on the District 16 website: www.d16.osstf.ca