

# Ever thought of taking a family holiday with your union?



Want a summer vacation where your accommodations, meals and airline travel (if applicable) are paid for?

Want some quality time in a resort-like setting where qualified childcare staff provide programs for your children?

Want to meet people from across Canada, learn about our union and issues facing Canadian families, and enjoy one of the most beautiful sunsets in the world?

If the answer is YES then you should apply for the

## Unifor Family Education Program

Session #1— Sunday, July 24th to Sunday, July 31st *inclusive*

Session #2— Sunday July 31st to Sunday, August 7th *inclusive*

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE - FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2016

The program is held at the Unifor Family Education Centre in Port Elgin, Ontario, on the shores of Lake Huron. To find out more information on the program, and to obtain an application form, contact a member of your Local Union Executive Board, or go to our Education website at [www.unifor.org/education-en](http://www.unifor.org/education-en).

Your Local Union contact is...

Ray Mortimer @ 905-624-4526 ext 226







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January 21, 2016

**TO: Presidents, Recording Secretaries, Unit Chairpersons and  
Chairperson of Women's, Education & Human Rights Committees  
Unifor Local Unions (English & Bilingual language locals)**

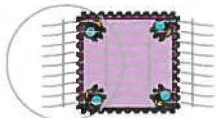
**Greetings!**

This letter (and the enclosed documents) will announce the 2016 Family Education Program.

The Unifor Family Education Program is funded through the National Union and ***NOT*** through the Paid Education Leave (PEL) fund. Unifor members **ARE NOT REQUIRED** to have PEL in their collective agreement in order to apply.

This year we are holding two (2) English language sessions. The French language program will run in 2017. The dates for the sessions this year are as follows:

**Session #1 – Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> *inclusive*  
Session #2 – Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> *inclusive***



**Applications must be postmarked no later than  
Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Any extra application forms and information packages you require can be photocopied or printed off our website at [www.unifor.org/education-en](http://www.unifor.org/education-en).

Colour posters have been included with this letter. It includes space for you to write in your Local Union contact person and their contact information. ***Please find a way to get these information posters displayed in all your workplaces.*** Any additional posters you require can be printed off our website.

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A promotional DVD can be viewed on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5nEjq2IRz4>

Your co-operation in distributing the application forms, program information, and posting the one page colour flyer is appreciated.

We want to restate our practice of first considering families who have never had the opportunity to attend the Family Education Program. Members are not eligible if they have attended within the last 10 years. The program is open to all Unifor members and their *immediate* family. For the purpose of the program, *immediate* family is spouse/partner and dependent children (up to and including age 18 only). **THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES, NEPHEWS, ETC.**

We also want to make a special appeal to achieve our Unifor goal of equity when it comes to membership access to this important education program.

We hope you will do your utmost to promote this amazing opportunity to all Unifor members in your local. If you have any questions, please contact my support staff Michelle Barrett in the Toronto office at 1-800-268-5763, extension 8484, or by e-mail at [education@unifor.org](mailto:education@unifor.org).

In solidarity,



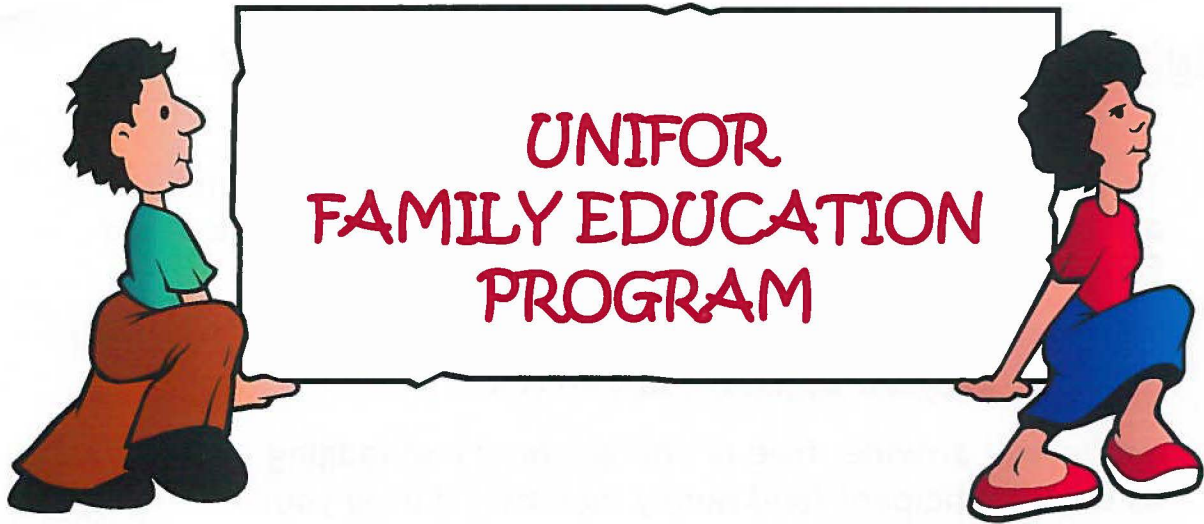
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#### Enclosures

- cc. Jerry Dias, Unifor National President
- Peter Kennedy, Secretary-Treasurer
- Assistants
- National Executive Board
- National Representatives
- Dean Fowler, Director, Unifor Family Education Centre
- Reservations - Unifor Family Education Centre
- Laurie Wright, Director of Childcare, Unifor Family Education Centre





### **What is the Unifor Family Education Program?**

This is a unique program where members and their families learn about our Union and about issues facing Canadian families.

**ADULTS** will discuss current economic and social issues from a worker's viewpoint, as well as the history, structure and policies of our Union. We will also have a number of excellent guest speakers on topics that touch the lives of workers every day: changing society, globalization, our health care system, coalition building, human rights and equality issues, to name a few.

All sessions are held in a comfortable and very informal setting.

**TEENAGERS**, ages 13 to 18, will be involved in their own program that will be geared to the concerns and issues of their age group. Again, the setting for their discussions is informal and relaxed.

**CHILDREN** ages 4 to 12 will have a program supervised by trained recreation counsellors with activities ranging from arts and crafts to games and sports.

**CHILDREN** from infants to age 3 will be cared for in the day-nursery, complete with infant daycare and preschool facilities - including sleeping accommodation, enclosed playground and qualified staff. Please note that infants must be enrolled in child care and will not attend the classroom sessions with parents.

### **Will there be family time?**

Discussions in class generally run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Evenings are free to enjoy an array of recreation activities. The Centre is equipped with sports facilities as noted elsewhere in this application.

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## Eligibility Requirements and Instructions

- ✓ You are eligible to apply for the Family Education Program if you are a Unifor member in good standing. (You do not require Paid Education Leave [PEL] in your contract.)
- ✓ You are ***NOT eligible*** to apply for the Family Education Program if you have attended within the last 10 years.
- ✓ Unifor will provide, free of charge, food and lodging to each participant (and family member) during your stay at the Education Centre.
- ✓ Each participant must contribute *their* time (vacation, personal leave, etc.). **NO LOST TIME WILL BE PAID.**
- ✓ Plane tickets will be provided by the National Union (if you are traveling more than 500 kilometers one way, and choose to fly rather than drive).
- ✓ Those requiring an overnight stay while travelling to and from the Centre, will be provided with hotel accommodations. Costs for meals during this overnight stay are your responsibility.
- ✓ ***Please fill out the entire application form***, including date and signatures. Have it signed by your local union President or Financial Secretary and **return by Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016** to:



Michelle Barrett, Education Department  
205 Placer Court, Toronto, ON, M2H 3H9  
or FAX: 416-495-6554 or E-MAIL: [education@unifor.org](mailto:education@unifor.org)



Have questions? Contact Michelle at:

1-800-268-5763, ext #8484  
or by e-mail at [education@unifor.org](mailto:education@unifor.org)

If you, or a member of your family, require special medical consideration or have particular dietary needs while participating in the Family Program, please advise Michelle in the Education Department.





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# 2016 Family Education Program Application Form

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**--- PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY ---**

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First NameLast Name

<input type="checkbox"/> Male
<input type="checkbox"/> Female

Local Union No. \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Employed at: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the **LAST 6 DIGITS** of your Social Insurance No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(This is required for tracking attendance of past participants.)*

Complete mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Apt. #, house number, street name, P.O. Box, R.R. #)*

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you or your spouse/partner previously attended the Family Education Program as a member of **ANY** Unifor Local? Yes  No

If yes, what year did you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: You are NOT ELIGIBLE to attend the Family Education Program if you have attended within the last 10 years.**

Will your spouse/partner accompany you? Yes  No

If yes, provide First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Will dependent children accompany applicant to Education Centre? Yes  No

List the dependent children that will attend the program with you.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Your dependent children (up to and including the age of 18) may accompany you. ***This DOES NOT include nieces, nephews, grandchildren, etc.*** Bring proof of health coverage for emergency medical.

First & Last Name	Date of Birth (MM / DD / YYYY)	Gender

Do you, or anyone in your family, have special needs/requirements (i.e. wheelchair access, food allergies, learning disabilities, etc.) while participating in the program? Please provide complete details.

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Listed below are the dates of each program scheduled for this summer. Indicate your first choice by placing a "1" in the appropriate box, and your second choice by placing a "2" in the appropriate box provided. ***IF IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO ATTEND AN ALTERNATE SESSION DUE TO WORK VACATION SCHEDULE, DO NOT SELECT A 2<sup>ND</sup> CHOICE.***

- SESSION #1 – Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> *inclusive*
- SESSION #2 – Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> *inclusive*



If your trip involves air travel, please specify the city from which you would like your initial flight to originate: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read the important information below, and sign that you have read and understood the following:

- Each participant must contribute *their* time (vacation, personal leave, etc.) **NO LOST TIME OR MILEAGE WILL BE PAID.**
- Plane tickets will be provided by the National Union if you are travelling more than 500 km one way.
- Application must be signed by your Local Union PRESIDENT or FINANCIAL SECRETARY, to verify you are a member in good standing, and therefore eligible to attend the program.
- Participation in class is ***mandatory*** for ***ALL*** family members - including infants and children.
- Unifor will provide, free of charge, food and lodging to each participant (and their family members) during your stay at the Education Centre.

***I have read and understood the above:***

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note to Local Union President/Financial Secretary:**

All members are eligible to attend the Family Education Program, providing they are Members in Good Standing. Paid Education Leave (PEL) is not required to attend this program, as no lost time is paid, and members contribute their own time to attend (vacation, personal leave, etc.). Your Local will not be billed for any costs as a result of this applicant attending the Family Education Program.

I certify the Applicant to be a member in good standing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE)

President       Financial Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Applications should be returned by mail to Michelle Barrett, Unifor Education Department, 205 Placer Court, Toronto, Ontario, M2H 3H9, or by fax at 416-495-6554, BEFORE FRIDAY, APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2016.***

***Selection of applicants will take approximately four weeks AFTER the deadline date. All applicants will be advised in writing of the disposition of their application. Questions can be directed to Michelle at [education@unifor.org](mailto:education@unifor.org) or 1-800-268-5763, extension 8484.***