

January 2020

TO: Presidents, Recording Secretaries, Unit Chairpersons
Unifor Local Unions (*English & Bilingual language locals*)

2020 Family Education Program

Greetings!

The moment you have been waiting for! The “official” letter and documents for the 2020 Family Education Program.

The Unifor Family Education Program is funded by the National Union. There is no cost to your local, and you are NOT required to have PEL in your collective agreement in order to apply or send members to this program.

This year, July 2020, we are holding three (3) English language sessions:

2020 DATES

Session 1 – Sunday, July 5th through Sunday, July 12th
Session 2 – Sunday, July 12th through Sunday, July 19th
Session 3 – Sunday, July 19th through Sunday, July 26th

Applications must be received in our office no later than Friday, April 17th, 2020.

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.***

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Any extra application forms, information packages or posters you require can be photocopied or printed off our webpage at uniforeducation.org.

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

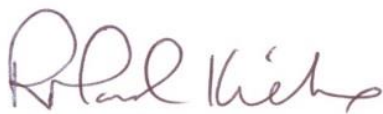
Show the promotional video at your next unit meeting. Have copies of the program information, application forms and posters available for your members to take back to their workplace for posting. Your co-operation in getting this information to your members is appreciated.

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 Michelle Barrett in the Toronto office at 1-800-268-5763, extension 8484, or by e-mail at education@unifor.org.

In solidarity,



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Unifor Family Education Program

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.

TEENS - 13 to 18 years, 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 - 4 to 12 years will have a program supervised by trained recreation counsellors with activities ranging from arts and crafts to games and sports.

CHILDREN - 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 organized and unorganized recreation activities.

If this sounds like something you and your family would be interested in, complete an application and submit before the registration deadline of Friday, April 17th. (See application to find out where to return your completed application.)

Have questions? Contact Michelle Barrett in the Unifor Education Department at 1.800.268.5763, ext #8484 or by e-mail at education@unifor.org.