

2025 Unifor Family Education Program



Have you ever thought of taking a family holiday with your union?

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

Do you want some quality time in a resort-like setting where qualified child care staff provide programs for your children?

Do you want to meet people from across Canada, learn about our union, 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...



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Session 1 - Sunday, July 6th through Sunday, July 13th

Session 2 - Sunday, July 20th through Sunday July 27th

American Sign Language Interpretation available for Session 2

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - Friday, March 14th, 2025



The program is held at the Unifor Family Education Centre in Port Elgin, Ontario, on the shores of Lake Huron. For more information on the program, and to obtain an application form, contact a member of your Local Union Executive Board, visit our Education webpage at uniforeducation.org or email Family.Education@unifor.org.

Please submit applications to Local 111 at: officeadmin@unifor111.com in order to get approval and signature by **Friday, February 28, 2025**

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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, March 14th. (See application to find out where to return your completed application.)

Have questions? Contact Amy Buckley in the Unifor Education Department at 1-800-265-3735, ext #3217 or by e-mail at family.education@unifor.org

Eligibility Requirements and Instructions

- ✓ You are eligible to apply for the Family Education Program if you are a Unifor member in good standing and have a spouse/partner and/or children 18 years of age or younger. *(If you do not have a spouse/partner and/or children 18 years and younger to attend with you, you are not eligible – please investigate attending one of our Paid Education Leave Programs instead.)*
- ✓ 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 7 years.
- ✓ **Unifor will provide, free of charge, food and lodging for 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, PER DIEM OR MILEAGE WILL BE PAID.**
- ✓ The program runs from Sunday dinner through to the following Sunday at approximately 11:00 am. Early departures from the program cannot be accommodated. Please ensure you can attend the entire program before applying.
- ✓ 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 all 3 pages of the application by [Friday, March 14th](#) to:**

Amy Buckley, Unifor Education Department
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If you, or a member of your family, require special medical consideration or have dietary needs while participating in the Family Program, please ensure you complete the section on page 3 of the application with full details.