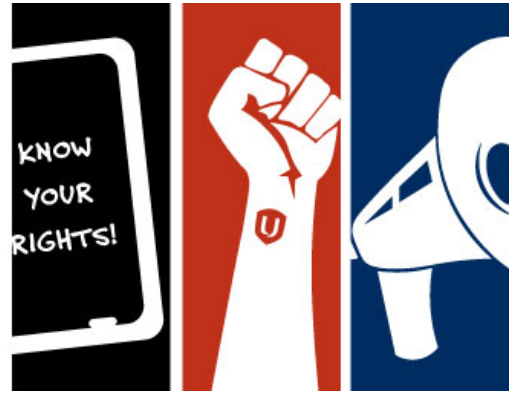


# UNIFOR Education



Greetings,

Does a family vacation on the shores of beautiful Lake Huron in Ontario at a resort-like facility where accommodations and food are all looked after at no cost to your members or the local sound too good to be true? Unifor's Family Education Program offers this and so much more.

The Unifor Family Education Program is funded by the National Union. There is no cost to the Local Union and you are not required to have PEL negotiated in your collective agreements in order to have members participate in the program.

The Department will be hosting two sessions in 2025.

- **Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> inclusive**
- **Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> inclusive** (ASL interpretation available)

The Call Letter and an application form can be found attached. Please have each member of your local interested in participating in the Family Education program complete the application and return it via email to [family.education@unifor.org](mailto:family.education@unifor.org) no later than Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Members are not eligible if they attended the Family Education Program within the last (7) seven years. The program is open to members and their immediate families (spouse/partner and dependant children up to and including 18 years of age only). This does not include grandchildren, nieces, nephews etc.

Successful applicants will be notified beginning the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Also find attached, a poster that can be displayed in workplaces that your local represents. We have provided space on the poster for you to write in your Local Union contact person along with their contact information. Additionally, Eligibility Requirements and Instructions are attached with the Call Letter.

If you require further information, please send an email to [family.education@unifor.org](mailto:family.education@unifor.org) and one of our Administration staff will get back to you.

I look forward to meeting and sharing this wonderful experience your members and their families.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Robin Fairchild Clennell'.

Robin Fairchild Clennell  
Director, Education Department

# 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...



## 2025 Unifor Family Education Program

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](http://uniforeducation.org) or email [Family.Education@unifor.org](mailto:Family.Education@unifor.org).

**Your Local Union contact is....**

**if interested, send an email to [unifor6008@unifor6008.com](mailto:unifor6008@unifor6008.com) with completed form and cc**

President - William Reid - [williamreid@unifor6008.com](mailto:williamreid@unifor6008.com)

Secretary Treasurer - Michelle Vatafu - [michellevatafu@unifor6008.com](mailto:michellevatafu@unifor6008.com)

# 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, March 14<sup>th</sup>. (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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup>](#) to:**

**Michelle Vatafu**  
**Unifor Local 6008**  
**Secretary / Treasurer**  
**[unifor6008@unifor6008.com](mailto:unifor6008@unifor6008.com)**

**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.**



**Will dependent children attend the program with you? If so, please provide their information below.**

**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 (Month / Day / Year)	Gender

**Our ability to accommodate is based on the information you provide to us in advance.** Do you, or anyone in your family, have special needs/requirements we should be aware of (including, but not limited to: wheelchair access, food allergies, learning disabilities, hearing/vision impairment, ADHD, Autism, behavioural issues, etc.)? **When completing this section, be sure to note the family member you are referring to.** Please provide complete details so we can be prepared so that you and your family can enjoy the program. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

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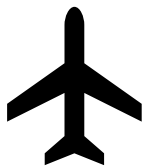
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Listed below are the dates of each program scheduled for this summer. Indicate your first choice by placing a “1” in the appropriate box. If you are available and able to attend an alternate session, place a “2” in the box of your second choice. ***IF IT’S NOT POSSIBLE TO ATTEND AN ALTERNATE SESSION DUE TO WORK VACATION SCHEDULE, DO NOT NOTE A 2<sup>ND</sup> CHOICE. EARLY DEPARTURES FROM THE PROGRAM CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED.***

- SESSION #1 – Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> inclusive**
- SESSION #2 – Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> inclusive**



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

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Please read and check off 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, MILEAGE OR PER DIEM WILL BE PAID.**
- Plane tickets will be provided by the National Union if you are travelling more than 500 km one way.
- Your 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.
- Program runs from Sunday evening through to the following Sunday at approximately 11:00 am - early departures from the program cannot be accommodated.
- 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.**

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**(PLEASE PRINT)**

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

**President**       **Financial Secretary**

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

**Return completed applications BEFORE FRIDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> to:**

**Michelle Vatafu**  
**Unifor Local 6008**  
**Secretary / Treasurer**  
**[unifor6008@unifor6008.com](mailto:unifor6008@unifor6008.com)**

***Selection of applicants will take approximately two weeks AFTER the deadline date. All applicants will be advised in writing of the disposition of their application. Questions can be directed to Amy Buckley at [Family.Education@unifor.org](mailto:Family.Education@unifor.org) or 1-800-265-3735, extension 3217.***