

Maintaining Your Union Membership

Upon retirement, any member of a NYSUT local automatically becomes a NYSUT and AFT retiree member. If your local provides for retiree membership, you must remain a member in your local to maintain your membership in NYSUT and AFT. If your local requires retiree dues, payment of those dues is a requirement for local, NYSUT and AFT retiree membership.

Your NEA membership can continue with a one-time payment of \$300 for a lifetime membership, or you may take advantage of other payment options that the NEA offers retired members. You must maintain your NYSUT membership (to maintain any NEA member benefits) if you want to participate in any of the NEA Member Benefits programs.

Your union continues to fight for your rights, your pension and all that you've earned in your professional career.



Stay Connected!

NYSUT has many opportunities for you to stay involved and engaged in retirement.

- Engage socially in luncheons with retired colleagues in your area
- Participate in retiree webinars
- Join the Committee of 100 to advocate for issues related to education, health care, earned benefits, etc.
- Help with holiday activities for those in need
- Contribute to VOTE-COPE
- Become a mentor and nurture the future of our profession
- Participate in programs to provide books and backpacks to students
- Send a letter to your legislator on behalf of education
- Be part of a campaign or rally; participate in a phone bank
- Stay engaged culturally — take interesting day trips with other retirees
- Join a committee and help make policies

For information about getting involved with your local or Retiree Council chapter, participating in NYSUT's Representative Assembly, lobbying legislators as part of the Committee of 100, or running for elected office ... **see the Retiree Activist Handbook:** nysut.org/retireehandbook

Your union is here for you:

Phone: 800-342-9810 / 518-213-6000

Email: Retiree.Services@nysut.org

Website: nysut.org/retirees



If you prefer, go online to update your contact information:

nysut.org/RetireeEmail



You made it to retirement ... Congratulations!

We hope you can take some time to take a deep breath, and enjoy the free time that you deserve after all your years in the workforce. You've earned it.

And the other good news? You're still part of a union, so you're not just set adrift into the world. You have the opportunity to maintain your union membership for the rest of your life, and keep the power of more than 600,000 people on your team. Even though you stopped working, your union is still working for you, and will provide you with connection, stability and safety.

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Retirees

Experienced

Resourceful

Engaged

NYSUT has your back, and we have people to help you.

Now that you have time to spend on pursuits you may have been putting off for years, you can do so with peace of mind. As a union member, you have people. If a problem or a question comes up, let us know, and NYSUT's statewide staff can help you.

Looking for information? You've got resources.

Concerned about keeping up with news on your pension? Medicare updates? Social Security? Cost-of-Living Adjustments? As a member of NYSUT, you'll stay informed and know that NYSUT is there for you, fighting for your rights and making sure your voice is heard.

You're part of the NYSUT Community.

Over the next few months you may come to miss your workplace colleagues and all the interactions with those in school. When you want to connect, we're there for you ... you are part of the NYSUT community. Make sure we have your personal email address so you get the latest news and updates; stay connected on social media and through the digital and printed editions of *NYSUT United*. You can also stay connected through your retiree chapter and council newsletters.

Contact us by email: Retiree.Services@nysut.org or for updates on news and events, visit nysut.org/retirees.

NYSUT Retirees: Strength in Numbers

We are the people who have retired from the education, health care and human services professions in New York State. More than 250,000 strong and growing, we are retired NYSUT/AFT/NEA members in retiree councils across New York and Florida.

We are friendly people who get together to meet with people of similar interests. We meet to take care of business, to continue our education, to communicate and to keep informed.

Sometimes, we plan luncheons and social activities just for the fun of it!

We still care about the education, and the health and well-being of our communities, our colleagues and of ourselves. We continue to grow, and to give of ourselves unselfishly.

We have roots here; we helped build this union. As part of the NYSUT/AFT/NEA family, our interest and participation continue.

Looking for some quality deals?

NYSUT Member Benefits has the buying power of hundreds of thousands of members. This means you get exclusive access to a variety of discount deals and offers, from preferred rates on rental cars to choice vacations in Orlando. You can also get quality deals on everything from pet insurance to home office supplies. NYSUT Member Benefits offers dozens of endorsed programs and services.

The following is just a sample of the endorsed benefits available to NYSUT retiree members through NYSUT Member Benefits:

- Term Life & Level Term Life Insurance
- Auto & Homeowners Insurance
- Personal Property & Liability Insurance
- Member Benefits Discounts & Deals
- Long-Term Care Insurance
- Dental, Vision & Hearing Plans
- Legal & Financial Services
- Preferred Banking Interest Rates
- Travel & Tour Programs
- Discounted Movie & Concert Tickets
- Bose Educator Discounts
- Medical Alert Services
- Heating Oil, Propane & Solar Energy Savings

NYSUT Member Benefits also offers a MAP Alert email service so members can stay updated about the latest Member Benefits information. Learn more by calling 800-626-8101 or by visiting memberbenefits.nysut.org.

NYSUT Retiree Members can also shop and compare programs available through NYSUT Member Benefits as well as AFT and NEA (NYSUT's national affiliates).

NYSUT Member Benefits
800-626-8101
memberbenefits.nysut.org

AFT+ Member Benefits
800-238-1133, ext. 8643
aft.org/benefits

NEA Member Benefits
800-637-4636
neamb.org