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To: All Region 1A Local Union Presidents, Vice Presidents, Financial & Recording Secretaries, and Full-Time Chairpersons

From: Mark DePaoli, Director

**Re: 2026 UAW-FEC Family Scholarship Application**

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Attached, please find an application and information for the 2026 UAW Walter and May Reuther Family Education Center Family Scholarship Program for the week of **July 12-17, 2026**.

- The applications are self-explanatory, but please note that each application requires a \$50 refundable deposit from the member. **Applications without the deposit cannot be processed.**
- Must be a UAW member in good standing for one year.
- Must be willing to contribute their time. It can be regular vacation, personal leave time, or union leave where contracts permit.
- **Past participants in the Scholarship Program are NOT eligible to reapply.**

This is a very popular program, please advise your member(s) to get their application(s) and deposit(s) in as soon as possible.

Thank you for helping to fulfill Walter Reuther's dream and our goal-educating the membership.

In solidarity,

Mark DePaoli, Director  
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# WALTER AND MAY REUTHER UAW FAMILY EDUCATION CENTER



# Family Scholarship

**July 12-17, 2026**

For more than 55 years, the Family Education Center has been where UAW members and their families come together for an experience combining education and recreation.

It's a place to learn about our union, unlock ideas, and build new friendships with other UAW families. This one-week summer experience will give you and your family a spirit guaranteed to strengthen your understanding and appreciation of our union.



# Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center Scholarship Program

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Since 1970, thousands of UAW members and their families have participated in the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center Scholarship Program (Family Scholarship or Family Scholarship Program)—changing their lives and those of their loved ones forever!

Located in scenic Onaway, Michigan, on Black Lake, the Family Education Center (FEC) was envisioned by legendary UAW President Walter Reuther to be a place where UAW members and their families could come together to learn and have fun.

Through educational and recreational activities, the Family Scholarship Program allows adults and children to learn and think about how our union empowers us to change our workplaces and communities for ourselves and future generations.

These lessons are learned through daily adult and children’s programs and family activities. Below are the most frequently asked questions about the UAW Family Scholarship Program.

### Who can participate in the program?

All active or laid-off UAW members in good standing can apply for the Family Scholarship Program if they have never attended. You must also be willing to use your regular vacation, personal leave, or union leave time (where permitted by contract) to attend. Past participants are not eligible to reapply.

Your spouse/domestic partner (must reside at the same address) and children/grandchildren 4-18 years old may attend with you. You may be required to provide a birth certificate or proof of legal guardianship for each attending child.

Children under four years old cannot attend. Other relatives, non-relatives, and retirees are not eligible to participate—no exceptions!

Pets are **NOT** allowed at the Family Education Center.

### What costs does the Family Scholarship cover?

The UAW pays all lodging, food, and program costs for the one-week session. The scholarship does not cover group photographs or any other personal spending costs. Expenses for meals, tolls, or additional costs incurred during travel to and from the FEC are not covered.

### What about transportation to the FEC? How is that handled?

You must submit a \$50 refundable registration fee if you choose to drive. The \$50 check is payable to your local. Applications not including this refundable payment will not be processed. You will be reim-bursed the entire registration fee upon completion of the program. If you choose not to attend the program and don’t notify the Center 10 days before your ses-sion, you will forfeit the registration fee.

**Transportation funds are provided for applicants whose worksites are more than 500 miles (one way) from the Center. You and your family have the option of flying or driving.**

### If I drive, what are the rules regarding vehicles?

Vehicles allowed to park at the FEC must be union-made and have a VIN number beginning with 1, 2, 4, or 5 (i.e., made in Canada or USA). VIN numbers are located on the dashboard or door jamb of vehicles. Upon arrival at the Family Education Center, security guards check each vehicle’s VIN. If the VIN is anything other than 1, 2, 4, or 5, parking accommodations are available in a lot of adjacent to the Family Education Center’s front gate. An FEC bus will transport those delegates to the hotel registration desk.

### What are the housing arrangements?

The Family Education Center consists of a main hotel and adjacent buildings with sleeping rooms and full bathroom and shower facilities. Soap, towels, and all bedding are provided. Children are housed with their parents/grandparents.

To maintain a family atmosphere, irresponsible behavior is not tolerated and may result in a family being asked to leave at their own expense.

### What is the typical daily schedule?

The family must participate in all scheduled programs from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. The UAW member and spouse/domestic partner attend classes together while children/grandchildren participate in their programs, which feature age-appropriate learning and typical camp activities. A family activity is held after dinner most evenings, and families are free to stroll on the beach, dip in the Center’s indoor pool, or talk about the day.

Families have Wednesday afternoon off to explore the FEC campus and nearby attractions, including the Black Lake Golf Course, Mackinaw City, St. Ignace, and Mackinac Island.

On Thursday evening of your session, an adults-only activity is planned while children participate in their programs in a supervised setting from 7-11 p.m.

### Tell me more about the children’s program.

The children’s program is designed for the child’s age and grade they are entering in the fall to ensure age-appropriate lessons and recreational activities. Children’s groups are divided into pre-K to 1st grade, 2-5th grades, 6-8th grades, and 9-12th grades. Teens 15-18 may participate in the adult program, depending on the registration numbers for that week.

The youngest pre-K to 1st grade students learn in a playful environment with creative activities, music, and games in the gym and at the beach. Elementary school students (2nd-5th graders) enjoy days filled with union awareness workshops and various outdoor activities, including swimming, golf, and unique arts and crafts. Middle schoolers (6-8th graders) will enjoy a schedule filled with union involvement

workshops, golf, swimming, and gym games. High school students (9th-12th graders) will participate in workshops focusing on the labor movement to help prepare them for the workforce.

Instructors are experienced union facilitators. All children must sign a Code of Conduct form with their parent or guardian to emphasize responsible behavior while at the Center.

### Will I need any special clothes?

Attire is informal, and casual clothes are acceptable for classes and evening activities. However, you may want to pack additional items for Wednesday’s free afternoon and Thursday evening’s adult-only activity. A recommended packing list will be shared upon arrival of the program

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Please complete your registration no later than Monday, June 1, 2026.

### Register Via Link:

<https://conference.uaw.org/family.php>

**Username:** 2026FAMILYSP

**Password:** FamilySP26

Have the following information available when registering:

### MEMBER

- Legal FIRST and LAST Name
  - Local Union #, UAW Region, and Date of Membership
  - Social Security # (Last 4 digits only)
  - Age of applicant
  - Gender
  - Martial Status: Married/Domestic Partnership (must reside at same address) or Single. (Single participants not accompanied by spouse or children/grandchildren are roomed with another participant).
  - Home Address
  - Cell Phone
  - Personal Email
  - Employer and Location
- If the spouse/domestic partner and children/grandchildren accompany the UAW applicant tot he Family Education Center, please complete the following:

### SPOUSE/DOMESTIC PARTNER

- Legal FIRST and LAST Name
- Age

### CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN

- Legal FIRST and LAST Name
- Date of Birth
- Age
- Gender
- Grade in school child will be entering

Please indicate any special needs for yourself/family members, i.e., disability or other medical condition in the appropriate section.

You will be asked to check a box for **RELEASE** of photographs and videos.

If driving, you must submit a \$50 registration fee to your local. Applications received by the Region without registration fee cannot be processed.

**The Scholarship Program is open only to active UAW members in good standing who have never attended the Family Scholarship Program before, their spouses/domestic partners, and dependent children and grandchildren. The program is not open to other relatives or children under 4 years of age or over 18 years of age. You may be required to provide each child with a birth certificate or proof of legal guardianship.**

**For more information, visit:**

**[uaw.org/education/family-scholarship](https://uaw.org/education/family-scholarship)**

