



ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FOR RETIREES

WELCOME RETIREES

As an active member of CTA and NEA, you have been well aware of the many benefits of membership. As a retiree, you will want to retain those benefits that are just as valuable to retirees. You are invited to join and become an active participant in CTA/NEA-Retired, the only retiree organization affiliated with your professional organizations, CTA and NEA.

CTA/NEA RETIRED MEMBERSHIP

**Retiring?
Don't lose your
association benefits!**

Help protect the benefits
that took a lifetime to build.



AN AFFILIATE OF CTA AND NEA

FIND OUT MORE

Click on www.cta.org to learn more or contact support staff at 650-552-5446.



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YOUR ORGANIZATION

CTA/NEA-Retired and its members is a strong voice for education retirees in state and local policymaking. The organization works hard to protect and maintain your benefits:

- Working to repeal the unfair Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP)
- Opposing efforts to privatize Social Security
- Working to strengthen Medicare
- Advocating for Defined Benefit Pension Plans
- Protect and enhance State Teachers pension plans that come under attack

CTA/NEA-Retired devotes 100% of its time and resources to serve the combined interests of retired teachers, educators, college & university professors and educational support personnel.

Retired members elect delegates from each region of the state to represent retirees' special needs on CTA's governing body, the State Council of Education. Retired members may also form local chapters, drawing members from a CTA chapter, UniServ or Service Center Council area. CTA/NEA-Retired is an active affiliate of NEA-Retired, and sends delegates to the annual NEA Representative Assembly each summer.

Membership in CTA/NEA-Retired is unified, that is, when joining you will join both CTA/NEA-Retired and NEA-Retired.



BE A MEMBER - YOUR VOICE WILL BE HEARD

CTA/NEA-Retired is the state's most active and influential lobby for education issues, including retirement and health concerns. Over the last several years, CTA advocates have successfully lobbied to increase CALSTRS benefits for current members. These funds have been used to increase the buying power of retirees, teacher retention and enhanced pension benefits. CTA/NEA-Retired monitors all CALSTRS meetings, presenting the views of its members to the CALSTRS Board of Directors. Working with NEA, CTA/NEA-Retired maintains a constant vigil on federal legislation that may affect retirement benefits. Retired members are kept informed through the Retiree Advocate and website focusing on retiree needs and interests.

PRE-RETIRED SUBSCRIBERS

Members of CTA are eligible to become Pre-Retired Subscribers prior to retirement. By paying life membership dues of \$320, members become eligible to receive the benefits and services of CTA/NEA-Retired immediately upon retirement. Many active members take advantage of this provision in order to ensure their retired membership status upon retirement, and with no further payment of CTA/NEA-Retiree dues, are able to pay for a lifetime of membership at a time when their income may be greater.

BENEFITS FOR CTA/NEA-RETIRED MEMBERS

The benefits of membership in CTA/NEA-Retired begin as soon as you begin your retirement. As a member of CTA/NEA-Retired, you are eligible for legal services in the event you have problems with your retirement status. This consultation regarding your retirement rights is provided through the CTA Group Legal Services program.

By continuing your membership in CTA/NEA-Retired, you are also eligible to continue to participate in the many economic benefits available to active members. The following is a partial list of those benefits:

- Life insurance (Must be participating in this at the time of retirement and continue without interruption / Lifetime membership required.)
- Automobile insurance
- Homeowners insurance
- Credit Union services
- 1 Million dollars Liability
- No-fee, low-rate VISA/Master Card
- Savings account
- Home loans
- Personal loans
- Entertainment, travel and purchasing discounts
- Vision Service Plan
- Long Term Care Plans

DUES AMOUNT

An enrollment form is included on this brochure. There are several methods for paying your CTA/NEA-Retired dues:

- Pay a one-time Lifetime dues amount of \$320.00.
- Annual dues are \$42.00:
 - Payable to CTA/NEA-Retired in full; or
 - Monthly amount (\$3.50) deducted from your monthly CALSTRS pension check. If you elect to have a deduction from your CALSTRS check, you must include your Social Security number and be sure to sign at the bottom of the enrollment form.
- Pre-retired Subscribers may join by paying a one-time life membership dues of \$320.00.

ENROLLMENT FORM

To join, enclose this form with a check or money order made payable to "CTA/NEA-Retired" and mail to:
CTA Membership Accounting, P. O. Box 4178, Burlingame, CA 94011-4178.

Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____
Last four digits of your Social Security Number (Optional) _____
Address _____ E-Mail Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone Number (_____) _____ FAX Number (_____) _____
Date Retired _____ District retired or retiring from _____
_____ I am a new member. _____ I am renewing my membership.
_____ Annual Dues Payment: _____ Monthly Deduction from CALSTRS Pension Check: _____ Lifetime Dues Payment: _____ Pre-retired Subscriber:
CTA/NEA-Retired \$42 \$3.50 monthly CTA/NEA Retired \$320 CTA/NEA-Retired \$320

For those selecting monthly deduction from CALSTRS Pension Check only: I hereby authorize the State Teachers Retirement System to deduct my CTA/NEA Annual Retired membership dues from my monthly retirement benefit check. I understand that CALSTRS will forward such authorized deductions to CTA for processing. If necessary, CTA/NEA-Retired dues may be increased or decreased without additional authorization from me. This authorization is to remain in force from year to year until revoked or revised by me in writing.

Signature _____ Date _____ Social Security Number (Required by CALSTRS) _____