

Provincial Executive February 1 & 2, 2024

18-2 Policy on Participation in Prairie School for Union Women

In accordance with part of AUPE's Women's Committee mandate to:

1. Educate and promote awareness to the members and the public on equality, discrimination, current and related issues especially as they relate to women.
2. Encourage and support involvement of Women in Union activities, events and educational.

AUPE Women's Committee has been promoting member's attendance and participation at the annual Saskatchewan Federation of Labour Prairie School for Union Women (PSFUW) for over a decade. AUPE has been progressively increasing the numbers of members that are supported to attend.

AUPE Headquarters will send up to ten (10) women to Prairie School for Union Women on an annual basis.

Application Process

1. To be eligible, applicants must have completed AUPE's "Introduction to your union" course.
2. Women's Committee members will review applications and select the attendees during the Committee's Spring meeting.
3. Alternate members needed to fill attendance will be selected from the remainder list of applicants, in the rank order awarded during selection of attendees.
4. Members who apply will be required to provide the following information for consideration:
 - a) Explain their personal union activism i.e., Steward, Executive Roles, Training, etc.
 - b) How will they use this education on their worksite, or Local/Chapter level.

Logistics

PSFUW location, accommodations and all other pertinent information will be forwarded to attendees as soon as they become available from the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour.

Time-off requests must be submitted and approved prior to the Prairie School for Union Women to ensure wage replacements.

Members are responsible for transportation, booking accommodations, and parking fees or taxi. The members will submit all expenses on a Membership Expense Claim form and submit within 30 days of the Prairie School for Union Women commencement.

Members facing financial concerns/barriers will be eligible for assistance with approval from the Chair of the Women's Committee.

Members are expected to attend through the duration of PSUW.

Post-Prairie School for Union Women

Attendees must submit a written report reflecting their experience while attending PSFUW to the Chair of the AUPE Women's Committee within 30 days after participating in PSFUW.

Prairie School for Union Women (PSFUW) will be indicated on membership profile under the education file.