

WSSRA Membership Enrollment



WASHINGTON STATE SCHOOL RETIREES' ASSOCIATION
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Name:

Phone:

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Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

SS Number:

WA Retirement Plan (circle):
TRS-1 TRS-2 TRS-3 PERS-1 PERS-2 PERS-3 SERS-2 SERS-3

Local WSSRA Unit (if known) or School District Last Employed:

Membership Type (choose one):
 PENSION DEDUCTION¹: \$7 per month
 PAYROLL DEDUCTION¹: \$7 per month
 ANNUAL CASH DUES: \$84 per year

¹FOR AUTOMATIC DUES DEDUCTION: I authorize my School District (district name) and upon my retirement, the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems to deduct dues and any future increases as voted by the membership from my monthly paycheck, or retirement benefit check, and to pay them monthly to WSSRA. Deductions will continue until WSSRA receives written notice of cancellation. Dues are not tax deductible.

Signature: Date:

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Who Can Join?

Any educator, retired or active, certificated or classified staff within Washington State (members of TRS, PERS, or SERS retirement systems).

Why Join?

- **Legislative advocacy** - supporting and advocating for state legislation benefiting all school retirees.
- **Community** - local unit meetings and social events, volunteering, regional and state-level committees, legislative activities, and annual convention.
- **Supporting current and future educators** through mini-grants for current educators and scholarships for future educators (student teachers, education interns, and high school seniors).

How to join?

- Complete the form in this brochure or visit WSSRA.org
- Membership dues can be paid via pension/payroll deduction or annually by check or credit/debit card.

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The Washington State School Retirees' Association (WSSRA), established in 1947, is dedicated to supporting current and future retired educators. WSSRA has over 17,000 members with 30 local units throughout Washington. Here's what a few of our members have to say about joining WSSRA...



Heather Lang, *Unit 1 Clarkston Asotin Pomeroy* I am currently the assistant principal at Clarkston High School and celebrating my 30th year with Clarkston

School District. I joined WSSRA in 2016. Wait a minute... don't you have to be retired to be a member? Nope! Being a member during employment has allowed me to stay connected to former colleagues who've retired, gain access to grants and supports that are offered, plus WSSRA has been an amazing resource for retirement information that comes directly from the people who have already been there. We dedicated our lives preparing students for their future. But it's important we also prepare for our own. You deserve it! I encourage educators at any stage of their career to join the WSSRA.



Nick Schultz, *Unit 34 Yakima County*

When I joined WSSRA, I was looking for something where I could pay it forward. I wasn't disappointed. The amount of funds

this organization provides in scholarships and classroom teacher grants is definitely paying it forward. The camaraderie is another reward this organization has provided for me. My retirement has been fuller by being a part of WSSRA. I recommend joining as it will change your life in a most positive way.



Cindy Ebisu, *Unit 23 Sno-King*

As an active member, I have received many benefits, including several grants from my local unit of which my students have ben-

efitted from this generosity. You don't have to wait until retirement to join WSSRA. For the cost of a couple of lattes each month, you will join an amazing group of dedicated professionals who have served the educators in our area for decades. With our help, they will continue to do so. Thank you to my unit and WSSRA, for all you do to support not only retired teachers but also, those who are currently working to make a difference in the lives of thousands of students.



Brad Beal, *Unit 25 Spokane Area*

I originally joined WSSRA because of the access to benefits. The affordable rate for dental, vision, and other insurance allowed me to retire earlier. When I originally attended my unit's luncheon, I found other retirees like me who wanted to continue a life of service by supporting our schools, students, and community projects. I enjoy the camaraderie while working on these endeavors. Our state and local organization continues to work throughout the year, lobbying to reestablish a permanent COLA. I'm proud to be a part of an organization that demonstrates its professionalism daily.



Victoria Russell, *Unit 29 Benton/Franklin*

I began my preparation for retirement by joining my local WSSRA unit while an active teacher. I enjoyed meeting and connecting with fellow educators from my area. All of my retirement planning questions were answered. When I retired, I continued attending unit events and soon became involved in unit leadership, including unit president. I absolutely love working with like-minded leaders - all of whom are wonderful people who believe in giving back to the community. My unit has been my home for 19 years and I have developed life-long friendships. I plan to continue my unique journey of service, love, and dignity for retirees.



Lora Brabant, *Unit 3 Clallam County*

I joined WSSRA because I saw how our retirees could work alongside current educators and continue to make a difference in our children's future. Giving scholarships and mini grants, helping tutor students, encouraging current educators, reminding our legislators about past promises, are just a few of the ways that, as a retiree, I could contribute to our community and state. WSSRA and my local unit, CCSRA, care about retirees and future retirees!



Patricia Kennedy, *Unit 27 Pierce Co.*

I joined WSSRA to stay connected with former colleagues and make sure my pension and health care benefits were protected.

WSSRA has done a great job in keeping me informed about legislative developments, and has been the leader in pension advocacy in Olympia. My local unit in Pierce County has done an equally great job of giving back to active teachers and the community through offering mini-grants and supporting community projects. And all of this comes with friendships and fun! Our unit meetings are informative and offer regular contact with retirees who share my passion for education. Being a member gives me comfort knowing that retired educators are in good hands with WSSRA.



Frank Kleyn, *Unit 23 Sno-King*

When two retired teachers from my school district visited our staff meeting to provide us with the opportunity to join WSSRA, I re-

flected upon the mentorship that takes place amongst teachers. I realized that many of my teaching skills and items in my "bag of teaching tricks" were directly learned from teachers who had since retired. Joining WSSRA while I was still actively teaching felt like the right step to honor the professional connections between generations of teachers. As a teacher-librarian, I was excited to have been awarded grants offered by my local unit which have enriched the educational experiences of my students. I appreciate WSSRA's political advocacy that helps all Washington educators and I look forward to taking advantage of other personal and professional benefits offered by WSSRA.



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