



Job interruption resources for members

Few events are as devastating as job interruption or losing a job. As a NYSUT member, if you are laid off, your membership in the statewide union will be continued for two years for free.** That membership ensures your eligibility to participate in NYSUT Member Benefits and NYSUT Social Services; it entitles you to free legal consultation if you have lost your job; and keeps you at the forefront of union advocacy.

We've got your back.

***NYSUT will continue
to advocate for you.***



Job Interruption Resources for Members

Membership

Laid-off members' dues are waived by NYSUT for two years.**

nysut.org/members

NYSUT Member Records
800-342-9810

Social Services

Members will continue to have access to highly trained NYSUT staff members who are available to discuss your unique situation and concerns.

nysut.org/socialservices

NYSUT Social Services
800-342-9810

NYSUT Education & Learning Trust

ELT provides research-based, innovative, and collaborative opportunities to enhance professional learning.

elt.nysut.org

NYSUT ELT
800-528-6208

Legal Services

The NYSUT Member Legal Services Plan through Feldman, Kramer and Monaco waives the participation fee for laid-off members for one year.

nysut.org/legalserviceplan

NYSUT Member Benefits
800-626-8101

Emergency Assistance

Emergency assistance requests from NYSUT members for aid and relief are available through the NYSUT Mary Muldoon Fund in extreme situations.

nysut.org/socialservices

NYSUT Social Services
800-342-9810

Cambridge Credit Counseling

NYSUT members are eligible to receive free, no-obligation debt and student loan consultations with one of Cambridge's certified counselors.

memberbenefits.nysut.org/student-loan-center

888-254-0398

**** with the possibility of extending this for a total of six years**

Because your union fights for you, you're not alone; you've got resources.



A Union of Professionals

Your AFT + Member Benefits

THE POWER OF YOUR UNION IN EVERY PART OF YOUR LIFE: **ASSISTANCE FOR JOB INTERRUPTION**

In tough times, the following AFT + Member Benefits programs through Union Plus offer tools to help stretch your household budget. In addition (see below), members who participate in certain AFT + benefits may be eligible for direct financial assistance in the event of job interruptions/job loss. For more information and eligibility, see www.unionplus.org/hardship.

Budget Tools

Credit and budget counseling:

Nonprofit consumer credit counseling staff from Money Management International (MMI) can help members prioritize bills and look at their budgets with an eye to stretching existing resources.

www.unionplus.org/creditcounseling
877-833-1745

Legal program:

The basic legal program offers members a free half-hour consultation with an attorney by phone. More complex matters, like traffic court or estate planning, are discounted by 25 percent.

www.unionplus.org/legal

Save My Home hotline:

These are consumer credit counselors who are HUD-certified to offer help and advice on how to negotiate with your mortgage lender to avoid foreclosure. The service is absolutely free and confidential.

www.unionplus.org/savemyhome
866-490-5361

Free prescription discount card:

www.unionplus.org/rxcard

Free college:

This benefit program is available for members and their families. It offers multiple online associate degree programs and several certificate programs from an accredited community college. Applicants must complete a financial aid request as part of their application; however, even if they receive no financial aid, there will be no cost for tuition, fees or e-texts.

www.unionplusfreecollege.org
888-590-9009

Direct Financial Assistance Programs

Job Interruption/Job Loss Benefits Tied to Program Participation

Members who use the benefits listed below may be eligible for additional financial assistance. Please see the Union Plus Hardship web page for eligibility requirements and more information: www.unionplus.org/hardship.

Credit card:

Members who have an AFT/Union Plus credit card may be eligible for a \$300 job loss grant. In addition, there is a program hotline for members to check eligibility for other hardship payment benefits: **800-551-2873**.

Mortgage:

If you have a Union Plus Mortgage, you may be eligible to apply for zero interest loans that can make your mortgage payment for up to six months as well as a \$1,000 one-time grant.

Personal loan:

Members who have a Union Plus personal loan and experience job loss may be eligible for a one-time \$300 grant.

For more information on all your AFT member benefits: www.aft.org/benefits

Member Assistance Program

Receive help if the unexpected happens.

NEA Member Benefits takes its role as a member advocate very seriously. In addition to providing financial, insurance, professional development, travel, and discount programs and services, it is an important part of our mission to assist members in times of need.

Whether members are facing financial challenges such as job interruption, layoffs, non-renewals, salary cuts, or experiencing devastating losses due to a natural or other major disaster, we have resources available to help. Our Member Assistance Program offers personal assistance, online tools and temporary financial accommodations for NEA program participants.*

Learn more at nysut.org/NEAMemberAssistance.

Job Interruption Assistance

Many of our benefit partners are offering special assistance to members in need who may have been affected by an involuntary layoff. Use the link at the bottom of this page for contact information to our partners and details on specific assistance they have available.

Some of the resources we offer to help members cope with a job interruption or job loss include:

Job Layoff Checklist: nysut.org/NEALayoffChecklist

These action items will help you cover your bases and protect yourself financially.

**You must maintain membership in the Association to be eligible.*

Personal Assistance for Members

NEA Member Benefits

Member Advocacy Center

The Member Advocacy Center is your central source for information about our programs and services. Representatives are available to assist you six days a week. Call **800-637-4636** or email ask-us@neamb.com.

NEA Member Benefits Affiliate Relations

Affiliate Relations (AR) is a field-based team supporting affiliates and members at the state and local levels. AR Specialists help members access our programs and services, including job layoff and disaster relief assistance. Find your state's AR Specialist at neamb.com/ar.

NEA Member Benefits Website

Find useful articles, financial calculators, tips on saving money and links to financial and insurance programs and consumer discounts, all at neamb.com.

We at NEA Member Benefits want you to know we're here to support you during this difficult time. We hope that you and your families are safe. Please contact us if you have any questions about your benefits and we will help you however we can. You can reach our Member Advocacy Center by telephone: **800-637-4636** or email: neamb.com/contact-us

Click on the link below for direct access to our programs ↓

neamb.com/pages/member-assistance-program-job-layoff-resources