

# CWA-COPE: Building Political Power for Missouri Families

**MEMBER INFORMATION:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SOCIAL SEC #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/STATE/ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **WORK PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WORK LOCATION / FACILITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEDUCTION BEGINS MONTH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **20** \_\_\_\_\_

**MONTHLY DEDUCTION AMOUNT (CHECK ONE):**

\$5 CLUB     \$10 GOLD     \$20 PLATINUM     \$30 TRIPLE     \$40 PRESIDENT

In order to process your application, you must sign and date below:

x \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE

DATE

## CWA-COPE

**YES!** I want to help build our political power by joining CWA-COPE. I authorize Parkway School District to payroll deduct the indicated amount and forward these funds to:

CWA Local 6355  
Attention: COPE Dept.  
5585 Pershing Ave, Suite 150  
St. Louis, MO 63112

Return this form to the above address or to your shop steward.

Questions, call (314)454-1688

Contributions to CWA-COPE PCC are voluntary. CWA members are not required to contribute to CWA-COPE PCC as a condition of membership in the union or as a condition of employment and may refuse to do so without fear of reprisal. CWA-COPE PCC will use the contributions it receives for political purposes including contributions to and expenditures on behalf of federal and state/local candidates. Contributions or gifts to CWA-COPE PCC are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation, and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year. Paid for and authorized by CWA on behalf of a joint fundraising effort for CWA-COPE PCC and AFL-CIO COPE PCC.

### INCENTIVE AWARD PROGRAM

To say 'thanks' for your COPE participation, please circle a gift from your contribution level.

#### Cope Club/Gold Quorum



Travel Mug

#### Platinum Quorum



Stadium Blanket



Mag Lite

#### Triple Quorum



Multi-tool



12-Pack Cooler

#### President's Club



Watch

# CWA-COPE: Committee on Political Education

## Why join COPE?

**Because in  
POLITICS  
MONEY makes a difference**

Public sector employees and state services are under constant attack, and COPE is one way to build the political power to fight back. Politics affect our lives every day.

In elections, the privateers and budget slashers hope they can increase their strength and step up their attacks. We plan to elect only responsible legislators and defeat the privateers.

We plan to support the legislators who have risked their political careers to defend public sector employees and working Missourians.

People make a lot of difference, but it still takes money to win elections. Wealthy corporations and individuals put up large contributions to help elect their friends. We need more of our friends in elected offices. As an organization of working people, CWA will never have the kind of money big businesses have to spend on politics. But we don't need it. By combining our dollars with grassroots activism of more than 700,000 CWA families across America, we can guarantee that candidates who stand with us have the strength to wage winning campaigns. Your contribution can give public workers the strength we need in Washington. We plan to make a difference, with people power and money power.

## What happens to the money I give?

CWA-COPE funds are used for direct contributions to the election campaigns of candidates who are committed to supporting us, and for lobbying and other activities that help us win on issues that affect us and the services we provide.

CWA-COPE also provides information to union families about candidates and their positions on the issues affecting their lives. Decent health care, overtime pay, safe working conditions, family-friendly workplaces, retirement security, and the freedom to organize are among the concerns influenced by the political process. CWA-COPE endorses candidates, regardless of political party, who support working families.

## Does my COPE contribution really make a difference?

In the Missouri Legislature, dozens of legislators fought hard against the constant attempts to slash our budgets, privatize our jobs, and cut our health care. Many of those legislators were elected with the help of COPE funds. However, we still don't have enough friends in the Legislature, and many legislators who support us will be targeted for defeat in the next elections. Our COPE contributions help elect people who will stand up for our interests.

## But isn't this what dues are for?

CWA can only use voluntary dollars to contribute to an endorsed candidate for office. No union dues money of any kind can be given to a political candidate or national political party.

