

ASEA In Action



AFSCME Working Hard For You & Your Family

Whether it is fighting for justice on the job, preserving retirement security or protecting the interests of workers; AFSCME is always working hard for you and your families.

But did you know that Union Plus is also working hard for you and your family? Through our strategic partnership with Union Plus programs, active and retired AFSCME members in the U.S. are eligible for over 40 special benefits and programs that Union Plus offers, including: an outstanding mortgage benefit, travel and entertainment discounts, AT&T wireless discounts and the AFSCME Advantage Credit Card program.

The AFSCME Advantage Credit Card program features three credit cards with improved assistance benefits, which have provided more than \$1.7 million to help union cardholders facing financial hardships since 2009. After carrying this card for just three months, cardholders may be eligible for:

Job Loss Grants of \$300 to help eligible cardholders who have recently been laid off.

Strike Grants of \$300 to provide assistance to eligible cardholders who are on a union-sanctioned strike or experiencing a lockout.

Disability Grants of \$1,600-\$2,700 to help eligible cardholders who have lost significant income due to a long-term illness or disability.

Hospital Grants of \$1,200 to aid eligible cardholders with large, unreimbursed hospital expenses.

These grants are part of the assistance program from Union Plus that assists eligible union members facing hardships due to layoffs, hospital costs, disability, mortgage payment problems and high college costs. Through these new and expanded programs, Union Plus

will help even more union families. Approved grants for eligible cardholders are paid by check and they **never have to be paid back**.

Also available to eligible AFSCME members is the Union Plus Mortgage program, which provides a range of assistance programs, including interest-free loans and grants to help make mortgage payments when you're disabled, or become unemployed. More than \$10.3 million in assistance has been provided to union members. Over the life of the Union Plus mortgage assistance program.

The following Union Plus Programs are available to AFSCME members in Alaska:

- ◆ The AFSCME Advantage Credit Card Program
- ◆ The Union Plus Mortgage Program (Wells Fargo Home Mortgage)
- ◆ AT&T 15% discount for all union members
- ◆ Medical Bill Negotiating Service
- ◆ Powell's Book Store (online Store delivers to Alaska)
- ◆ Entertainment Discounts (Disney tickets can be purchased from Alaska)
- ◆ Car Rental Discounts
- ◆ Condo Rental Discounts
- ◆ Worldwide Vacation Tours
- ◆ Online Consumer Reports Discount
- ◆ Health Savings (operates in Alaska, but does have limited network)
- ◆ Legal Service (very limited, but there are a few lawyers in Alaska)
- ◆ Teleflora Flowers

For more information on the full range of member benefits, visit UnionPlus.org, or to apply for an AFSCME Advantage Credit Card visit AFSCMEcard.com.

Important Dates

June 8 - Anchorage Solidarity Picnic on the Park Strip 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bring your co-workers & family for FREE food, games and toys for the children, music, prizes & speakers

June 9 - Anchorage Solidarity Night at Mulcahy Stadium -See the Bucks play - 7 p.m. Tickets available at Anchorage ASEA Headquarters

July 14 - 18 - AFSCME 41st International Convention - Chicago, IL

Sept. 2 - Labor Day Parade & Picnic - with the Executive Board and Midnight Sun Chapter in Fairbanks

Sept. 3 & 4 - State Executive Board Meeting in Fairbanks

A Ketchikan Member's

Thank You

Judith requested that the letter she sent to Executive Director Jim Duncan be printed as a "Thank You" to the individuals who donated leave on her behalf and as an expression of her gratitude for the support that was offered.

Thank you, two small words but I express these everyday for all the support you have given me. I am so blessed by having such caring co-workers and am deeply humbled by all the generosity. Most of you are anonymous — random acts of kindness expressed without your signature: Thank You.

Judith Green

Ketchikan Chapter

It's Summer Fun in the Sun Time!

