Beginning July 1, 2015, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Supervisors (FNSB) are now able to contribute to the ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 Political Action Committee (PAC) through a provision which was negotiated into your new contract.

With Article 4.04 (d) you now have the ability to have your contribution taken as a payroll deduction. PAC Directors are given a voice and vote on the contributions to federal, state and local issues and candidates that the PAC votes to support.

To fill out a PEOPLE Payroll deductions form see Kelly in the ASEA office or online at www.afscmelocal52.org

FNSB will hold a Chapter Meeting:
Thursday, Aug. 13
Noel Wien Library
Noon to 1:00
Lunch Will Be Provided

The Agenda for the meeting will include:
Stewards Needed (for the new contract)
2 Vacant Trustee Positions
Starting a FNSB/ASEA Chapter Scholarship Program
PEOPLE (PAC) Payroll Deductions

AFSCME Scholarships Available

There are several AFSCME Scholarships available. The AFSCME Family Scholarship is for graduating high school seniors ONLY, or children who are financially dependent, grandchildren whose parents are active dues paying members or retired members.

- The application period opens August 1 and closes December 31, with the winners announced on March 31.
- Ten (10) scholarships of $2,000 each awarded annually.
- Once awarded, scholarship will be renewed for $2,000 each year up to four (4) years provided the student remains enrolled in full-time course of study.

The Jerry Clark Memorial Scholarship is available to children of active AFSCME members who are college sophomores with a social science major.

- The application period opens January 7 and closes April 30
- Winners are announced August 1
- Students must have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or above
- Two (2) $500 scholarships per year are awarded for the College Junior and Senior years
- Includes an internship with AFSCME’s Political Action Department

Union Plus Scholarship program awards range from $500 to $4,000.

- The application period opens June 14 and ends January 31
- Winners announced May 3
- Available to union members’ spouses and dependent children.

National Labor College Scholarship helps union members and leaders earn a Bachelor of Arts or Graduate degree while continuing their trade union work.

- A total of $25,000 in financial aid is contributed to the National Labor College Program each year
- Program is tailored to full-time working members, with online distance-education
- Eligible students attending programs allow students to study and take classes at their own pace on their own schedule

For more information on scholarships go to: www.afscme.org/members/scholarships

Need help deciding which college to attend? Need to prepare for College Testing? Go to: http://www.unionplus.org/college-education-financing/princeton-review-test-prep-courses

There you will find information on free online practice tests for: ACT, SAT, MCAT, a full listing of prep test studies are available. Also, you can find information on textbook discounts, online courses and private tutoring to prepare for the SAT, etc. Get discounts on the test prep courses.

Already completed your studies: go to: www.afscme.org and click on the Student Debt Resources header on the AFSCME webpage. If you need information on helping with your student loan debt and click on the header “Student Debt Resources,” you will find information on “Forgive My Student Debt” and “Student Loan Borrower Assistance” program.

Remember to check with your ASEA Chapter to see if they have ASEA Chapter Scholarships available.