



Political Action Fund Application

Grassroots political action or training, & election campaign training

This application form should be used by members seeking support to:

- 1) engage in grassroots political action;
- 2) attend training to enable them to engage in grassroots political action; or
- 3) attend election campaign training.

HSA will advertise these opportunities as they become available. Members may also request support to participate in action or training they become aware of that has not been advertised by HSA. Please see the criteria for support listed below.

1. Grassroots political action

Members may apply for Political Action Fund support to engage in approved grassroots political action, which meets the following 4 criteria:

- 1) the issue and activity are non-partisan;
- 2) the issue and activity advance 1 or more of HSA's constitutional objects & purposes;
- 3) the issue is a priority for HSA; and
- 4) HSA considers the type of action involved to be appropriate.

In general, activities involved in educating the public or decision-makers, advocating, lobbying, and organizing around an approved issue may be eligible for support.

Eligible issues include various labour or social justice issues, e.g., promoting public health care or community social services, anti-poverty initiatives, seniors' services etc.

Examples of actions which may be eligible for support include:

- 1) working on non-partisan campaigns coordinated by:
 - a) affiliated labour organizations (e.g. NUPGE, the BC Federation of Labour, the CLC); or
 - b) progressive, non-partisan community organizations such as the BC Health Coalition, Canadian Health Coalition, Council of Canadians, and ACORN;
- 2) organizing or helping with events (meetings, workshops, rallies, info tables)
- 3) writing or distributing materials (e.g., petitions, letters, information leaflets, educational materials)
- 4) meeting with elected officials and other decision-makers.

2. Grassroots political action training

Members may apply for Political Action Fund support to attend training to enable them to engage in approved grassroots political action (as outlined above).

Members may apply for the type of support usually provided to attend education, including wage replacement/banked time, travel, accommodation, tuition and other expenses.

Election campaign training

Members may apply for Political Action Fund support to attend election campaign training which is:

- a) non-partisan (e.g., the Canadian Women Voters Congress Women’s Campaign School); or
- b) is offered by labour organizations with which HSA is affiliated (e.g., the BC Federation of Labour, the Canadian Labour Congress, labour councils etc); or
- c) is offered by political parties that meet all 5 of HSA’s criteria, by demonstrating support for the following:
 - i) a positive role for the public sector;
 - ii) the principles of the *Canada Health Act*;
 - iii) free collective bargaining for public sector employees;
 - iv) progressive occupational health and safety legislation; **and**
 - v) progressive human rights.

APPLICANT’S SECTION

APPLICANT’S INFORMATION:

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Home e-mail: _____

Involvement in HSA

List the positions you have held in HSA, and HSA events / activities in which you have participated within the last 3 years:

Political experience

Please describe any experience or training you’ve had that relates to political action (e.g., involvement with a grassroots political campaign or organization, election campaign work or training, involvement with a political party, meeting with decision-makers etc.).

EVENT OR ACTIVITY

Type of application:

- 1. Application for support to engage in grassroots political action.
or
- 2. Application to attend grassroots political action training.
or
- 3. Application to attend election campaign training.*If applying to attend election campaign training offered by a political party, please complete "Political Party" section below.

Event/activity information:

Brief description: _____

Your role in the event/activity: _____

Location: _____

Dates: _____

Name of coordinating organization: _____

Contact information for person coordinating event/activity:

POLITICAL PARTY* This section is only required if you are applying to attend election campaign training offered by a political party.

HSA is not affiliated with any political party. HSA only provides financial support to members to attend election campaign training that is offered by political parties that meet all 5 of HSA's criteria, by demonstrating support for the following:

- a) a positive role for the public sector;
- b) the principles of the *Canada Health Act*;
- c) free collective bargaining for public sector employees;
- d) progressive occupational health and safety legislation; **and**
- e) progressive human rights.

To determine your party's position on these issues, HSA will consider your party's published platform, other party publications and the record of your party's actions in these areas while in government or Opposition. Please attach, or provide an internet link to, any material you would like us to consider.

Please provide the name and contact information for a party official or staff member whom we can contact if we have questions about the party's position on any of these issues:

Name: _____

Contact info: _____

AMOUNT & TYPE OF SUPPORT REQUESTED

Estimated total amount requested for expenses: \$ _____

Please provide a breakdown listing the estimated amount requested for each type of expense:

Travel: _____

Accommodation: _____

Tuition/course fee: _____

Meals: _____

Other (please specify): _____

Note: Receipts may be required to claim some of these expenses.

Total number of days of union paid leave requested:

Wage replacement (for scheduled days of work): _____

PLUS

Banked time (for scheduled days off): _____

Daily wage (gross): \$ _____

Please provide any other information you would like us to consider concerning your application:

Return completed applications to the attention of Carol Riviere at the HSA office:

E-mail: criviere@hsabc.org

Fax: 604.515.8889 or
1.800.663.6119

Mail: Health Sciences Association
180 East Columbia St.
New Westminster, BC V3L 0G7

Applications will be considered as they are received, until available funding has been allocated. Members are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, in order to provide sufficient notice to arrange time off work.

For further information, please contact Carol Riviere, Communications Officer, at the HSA office (604-517-0994 or 1-800-663-2017).

The HSA is committed to using the personal information we collect in accordance with applicable privacy legislation. By completing this form, you are consenting to have the HSA use the submitted information for the purposes of conducting our representational duties as a union, and in providing services to our members. For further information, please contact the HSA Privacy Officer. The full HSA privacy policy is available online at <http://www.hsabc.org>.