

# **UUP Political Action Ticket Request for Campaign Fundraisers Regulations and Procedures**

Attending fundraiser events for NYSUT-endorsed candidates for statewide office is a critical part of Outreach and Political Action. It is imperative for candidates to know that UUP supports them financially by contributing to their campaign war chest as well as with feet on the ground.

NYSUT and UUP contribute to these campaigns exclusively with VOTE-COPE funds – voluntary political action committee contributions from UUP and NYSUT members.

**\*NOTE - union member dues money is not used for electioneering purposes.\***

Additionally, there are strict guidelines that must be followed to receive VOTE-COPE funding for these event tickets:

- As an affiliate of NYSUT, UUP must have their approval for each fundraising event they wish to attend.
- Only NYSUT can spend VOTE-COPE funds.
- NYSUT traditionally only sends VOTE-COPE funds to endorsed candidates for office.
- We do not endorse or support candidates for local (county/town) elections.
- There are strict financial contribution limits that must be adhered to. Once that limit has been reached, we are prohibited from further contributions to that candidate via VOTE-COPE.

To attend an event, UUP and NYSUT have a request procedure for tickets. To ensure that UUP Leadership, Chapter Presidents, UUP and NYSUT Legislative staff aware of the event and who is attending, these procedures must be followed for each request.

When a UUP member receives an invitation to a fundraiser which they'd like to attend, they must forward the request to their Chapter President who will contact the UUP Legislation Department with the following information:

- **Time, Date** and **Cost** of the event
- Number of tickets requested
- To whom payment should be made
- The event purpose
- For who the event is for
- Location and time
- Who will be attending

The UUP Legislation Department then submits a Ticket Request Form (attached) to the UUP President for approval. Upon the UUP President's approval, the request is sent to NYSUT Legislation for final approval, RSVP and payment.

While every effort will be made to accommodate last-minute requests, NYSUT requests a minimum of 2 weeks minimum between the request date and the event date.

To get on your representative's fundraiser mailing list, simply call their district office and make a request. They can often e-mail the invitation. To determine your representative's district office contact information, please visit the NYS Assembly website at [assembly.state.ny.us/mem](http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem) and the NYS Senate website at <http://www.nysenate.gov/>.

Any questions about this process should be directed to the UUP Legislation Department at 800-342-4206 or [legislation@uupmail.org](mailto:legislation@uupmail.org).

UUP Legislation Dept.  
Political Support Request

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

UUP Staff Contact: Rob Trimarchi

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_ Tickets @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ea.

Payable to: \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of/ Honoring: \_\_\_\_\_

Event/Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket Users:

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| 1. | 6.  |
| 2. | 7.  |
| 3. | 8.  |
| 4. | 9.  |
| 5. | 10. |

Total No. of tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_