

GPA Program Procedures

The mission of this program is to enhance local grassroots member involvement in political action and policy advocacy. Each IEA region and service area is allowed to have one GPA.

Anyone interested in applying to the GPA program needs to fill out an application form and submit it to his or her region chair. The applicant must then be interviewed by the region chair and UniServ director. Applications are available [online](#), or you may contact your Region Chair.

All GPAs will be required to attend a kick-off meeting scheduled for August 4-5, 2010, in Springfield, IL. **Attendance at this meeting is mandatory** for participation in the GPA program. No alternative dates will be offered. **If the GPA cannot attend the kick-off meeting, the Region Chair, Vice Chair or UniServ Director will be required to attend the meeting in order for their GPA to participate in the program.** The GPA will be required to attend at least two additional GPA trainings or meetings throughout the year.

Each GPA receives a stipend of \$1000 per year and is allowed \$900 per year for expenses. The GPA will be reimbursed for food and lodging for scheduled GPA trainings, according to the same policies and agreements established in the IEA committee guidelines.

If you have any questions about the program or procedures for nomination and selection, please contact Bob Blade, Cinda Klickna, or Kathi Griffin - IPACE-GPA sub-committee members, or Michelle Ishmael, GPA staff liaison, at 800/252-8076, ext. 2241.