



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## CWA Local 1104/Graduate Student Employees Union



Education Division

**Q. What does it cost to join?**

A. You don't have to pay more than the dues (2.00% of salary) already automatically deducted from the paychecks of all SUNY-funded TAs, GAs. By signing this application you do not pay more dues.

**Q. Where do my dues go?**

A. Towards defending graduate student employees rights, administering and negotiating the union contract, and fighting for improvements to our quality of life.

**Q. Why should I sign a membership application?**

A. Applying begins the process of activating all privileges and rights of union membership. Being registered as a member also sends an important message to our employer: you support your union's efforts to improve the quality of life for all graduate student employees. By becoming a registered member, you are eligible to serve on committees, vote in elections, have a voice on policies and contracts, and run for office.

**Q. How do I become a member?**

A. You become a member after your membership application is submitted and approved by the membership committee. If your address changes or if you want to confirm your membership application has been processed, please call the members-only toll free number provided below.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL: 1-800-233-4518**

**ON THE INTERNET, VISIT: [www.gseu.org](http://www.gseu.org)**



**CWA Local 1104/Graduate Student Employees Union Application for Membership**

Last Name	First Name	Home Phone	Social Security Number
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Dept./Work Area	Bldg. & Office Number	Office Hours	Office Phone
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Home Address	City, State	Zip	E-mail Address
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**REPRESENTATION AND DUES DEDUCTION AUTHORITY**

I hereby apply for membership in the Communications Workers of America Local 1104, Graduate Student Employees Union. I designate CWA Local 1104/GSEU as my representative for the purpose of collective bargaining on matters of hours, wages and other terms and conditions of employment.

**TO THE COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

Persuant to Section 6a(2) of the State Finance Law, I, the undersigned, do hereby authorize you to deduct from my biweekly salary, the amount of 2.00 percent of union dues or an amount as may be certified to you by the union as my dues. This order may be revoked by me at any time by written notice to you.

Employee's Signature	Job Title	Date Signed	SUNY Campus
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*Return to your union representative or mail to CWA Local 1104/GSEU 107 Murray Street, Binghamton, NY 13905.*

# **CWA Local 1104/Graduate Student Employees Union**

GSEU has been fighting for graduate teachers, researchers, support staff, presidential fellows and residence life workers since 1977. After a decade of demanding collective bargaining rights, GSEU affiliated with CWA (Communications Workers of America) and finally won recognition in 1991. We then negotiated an 18 month contract with SUNY that provided annual wage increases, health care and other quality-of-life improvements. Later we bargained two successor contracts with SUNY. In 2003, we begin the process of working for an even better contract including demanding a liveable wage for all graduate student employees.

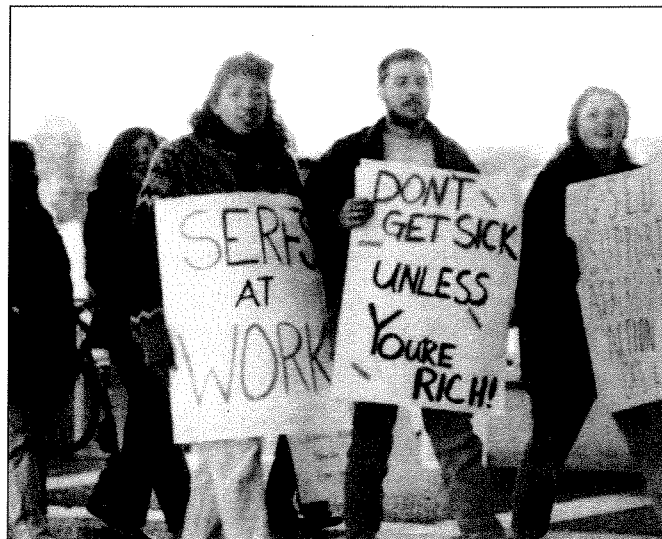
In 2002, we merged with two other CWA unions to become a united union thereby pooling resources, experience and talents.

Some important activities of our members include:

- Filed grievances on behalf of members for back pay, benefits, protection against unfair and excessive workloads, and discriminatory practices.
- Advocated for members in meetings with department chairs, supervisors, deans, campus presidents, the University Chancellor and the Board of Trustees.
- Mobilized against Pataki's cuts to the SUNY budget.
- Fought the alarming trend toward corporatization of the SUNY system and won crucial victories.
- Pressed SUNY about issues affecting student employees such as tuition hikes and waivers, parking, transportation, and technology fees.
- Professional Development Fund Established.

Support your union!

- Sign a membership card (see front).
- Sign up members.
- Wear a union pin, button, or T-Shirt.
- Attend union meetings and events.
- Become a Steward.



**APPLY FOR CWA 1104/GSEU Membership!**

