

Greetings!

We are constantly working to streamline the registration and renewal process, as each year brings new challenges. Below are guidelines to help you fill out the accompanying form depending on your status. Please read carefully and follow these guidelines to help us complete your registration. Incomplete forms will delay registration/renewal.

1. For those who retired on or after 6/1/23:

- You must include your Pension Eligibility Date.
- If you are currently eligible to collect your pension at the time of your enrollment, you must fill out the form for **Payroll Deduction Authorization**. - If you are **not** currently eligible to collect your pension at the time of your enrollment, then you must send a check for \$36, made out to RI AFT/R, for membership. **Only send a check if not pension-eligible by the date of your enrollment. If pension-eligible you must fill out the Payroll Deduction Authorization completely.**

2. For those who retired before 6/1/23: You may continue to send a check for \$36, made out to RI AFT/R, if you are currently renewing annually. However, if your check is going to be late (received after 9/30/26), you may still apply/renew, but you must also fill out the Payroll Deduction Authorization, in advance, for the following fiscal year. If this authorization is not filled out completely and submitted, your membership will not be accepted/renewed.

3. Associates ONLY (NOT RETIREES): Your dues continue to be \$33 and may be paid by check, made out to RI AFT/R. **You do not need to fill out the Payroll Deduction Authorization if you are not a retired teacher.** However, you still need to fill in the top portion of the form.

4. Lifetime ONLY: Your dues are paid by the RI AFT/R if you have reached or will reach the age of 85 by 9/30/26. **You must list your date of birth on the form to confirm.**

- Some Lifetime members who are currently enrolled in Payroll Deduction are still having \$3/month withdrawn from their pension by ERSRI. You must notify them directly of your Lifetime status, so that they will discontinue the \$3/month deduction.

Please send completed form(s), and check (if applicable) made out to RI AFT/R, to:

**RI AFT/R
30 Monticello Rd Unit 2452
Pawtucket, RI 02861-7718**

We hope these guidelines help with the registration process. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Best Regards,

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