



Education Students' Association FAMF Proposal

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Purpose of the Fee

- Provide professional membership in the ATA
- Student local membership gives access to:
 - ATA library and databases
 - Membership in ATA specialist councils
 - Attend Teachers' Convention
 - A requirement for students in the final year of their degree
 - Advice and consultation on professional matters



The Alberta
Teachers' Association

ATA Objects and Mission Statement

The Association is the professional organization of teachers in Alberta. Its objectives are set out in the Teaching Profession Act.

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- ESA Programming
 - Professional Development (PD) sessions and certificates
 - Social events
 - Mentorship programs
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Annual graduation banquet
- Continued funding of several scholarship awards and bursaries



The amount of the fee, who pays, and how often?

- \$8 per year
- Revisited in 3 years
- Full- and part-time students will pay the same amount



The Scope of the Membership Fee

This fee would be collected from **all 3800** undergraduate Education students who are eligible to be members of ATA student local No. 1

- All full- and part-time undergraduate Education students at the University of Alberta

When will the fee begin?

September 1, 2023 until August 31, 2026



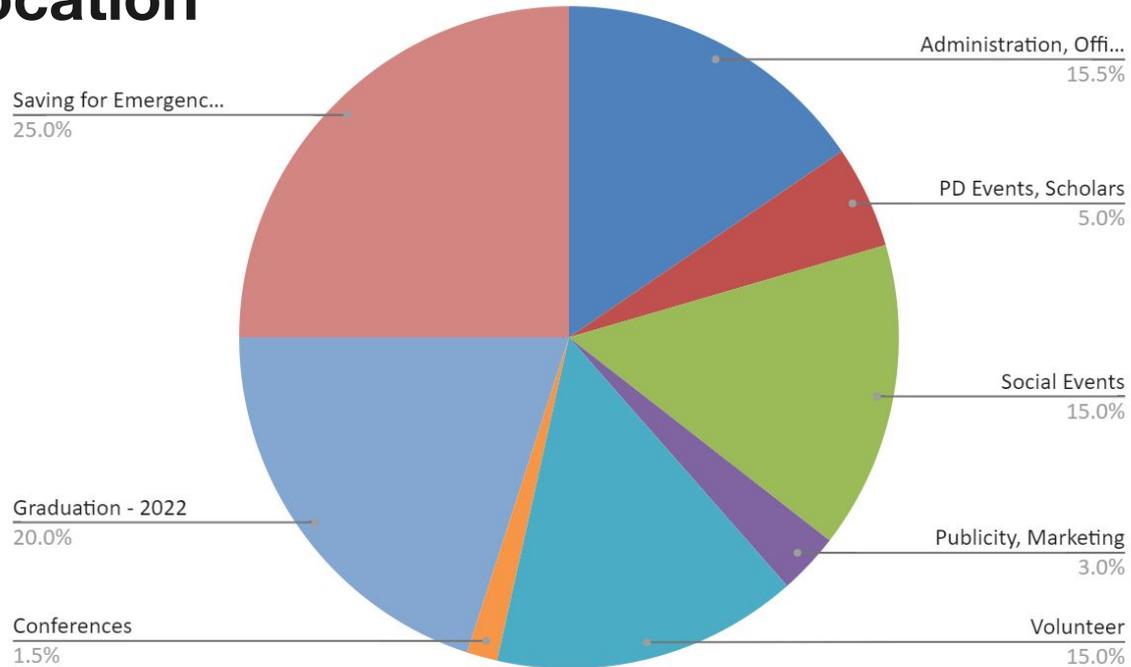


Refund mechanism of the fee

- Those who are philosophically opposed or unable to pay the fee shall be reimbursed the **full amount** of the fee.
- Students will have until **October 31st** of each year to fill out a reimbursement form at the ESA office, and afterwards will be able to collect a cheque for the full amount of the fee.
- For international students and students who can not accept a cheque as a refund, they will be reimbursed through cash.

Predicted Budget: \$31,200

Fee Allocation

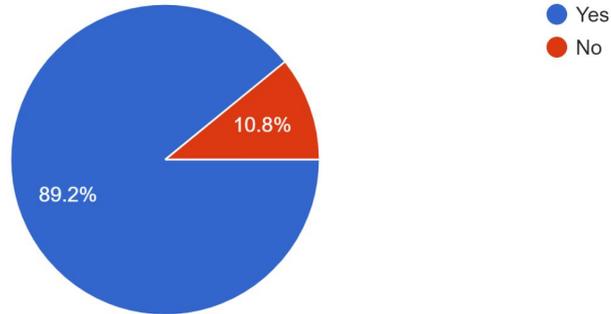




Student Consultation

Are you in support of this renewal fee being put to a referendum in March 2023? The fee would start being collected in Fall Term 2023 until the expiration date of the fee on August 31, 2026.

212 responses



What do students think about FAMF?

“I support the fee because it is minimal, non-invasive, and has a great impact. Further, I do not see it being spent primarily on administration, but on application; and, I endorse it thusly, given its benefit to education students as a collective.”

“I know we have a lot of fees as students, but when that fee honours our profession by working to connect us with the current generation of professionals and their knowledge it is worth it. Especially when the fee is as low as this one!”

“I do support this, because snacks and a comfy space provided on campus has a direct and positive impact on my mental health.”



Financial oversight of the fee

The fee will be overseen as per the ESA Finances Policy Document and ESA Constitution as they are currently written, in accordance with SU Bylaw 8200. This includes ongoing financial reporting by the ESA VP Finance and a yearly independent audit; the Finance Policy also requires a statement of the audit be submitted to ESA Council, the ATA and the Student Governance Advisor for full oversight and transparency. Additional oversight measures can be found in the ESA [Finances Policy](#).

The goal of this fee is to better the lives of education students



Conclusion

The mandate of the Education Students' Association is to create a community for all students within the Faculty of Education, provide leadership and a voice for all Education students, and perform valued services including opportunities for student involvement. With the continuation of FAMF, we will continue to be well-equipped to perform the services and events that help us create community in the Faculty. We would also be able to continue to focus our time on activities that directly serve students, like event-planning and advocacy work, as opposed to selling and distributing memberships.

The ESA hopes you will approve our proposal for FAMF as it would allow us to better serve our mandate of helping Education students.

Questions?



**Thank you for your time and
consideration!**