

Delegate Self-Nomination Form For 2026
American Federation of Teachers— Biennial Convention—
July 15—July 19, 2026 WASHINGTON, D.C.

I have read the information below and submit my name as a delegate candidate for the AFT Biennial Convention as marked below. Information on this event will come to you via U.S. Mail to your home as well as by e- mail to your personal e-mail account.

This information will be used for Association purposes only. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

NAME		
MAILING ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE, ZIP		
CELL PHONE		SAP#
PERSONAL EMAIL		

Delegates must be prepared to pay upfront for all travel and costs associated with the AFT Biennial Convention.

I have read and understand the election procedures for the AFT Biennial Convention and my responsibilities as a PEA Delegate to the AFT Biennial Convention.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Election Procedures and Delegate Responsibilities

Election Procedures:

All nomination forms must be received by the PEA office by 5:30 PM on Thursday, March 5, 2026, to be eligible to run for an AFT delegate position. Forms can be emailed (polk@floridaea.org), mailed to or dropped off at the PEA Office — 730 East Davidson St., Bartow, Florida.

PEA has a delegate allocation of forty (40) total local delegates with thirty-seven (37) delegates to elect. The three elected officers of PEA as outlined in Article II section A of the PEA Bylaws are automatic delegates to the AFT Biennial Convention. If any elected officer is unable to fulfill their delegate role, their delegate allocation will be added to the total number of general delegate seats for nomination (Bylaws- Article III.A.1.a.i). Two (2) of the total allotted seats will receive a \$700-\$1200 local stipend.

Delegates must attend all PEA/FEA caucus meetings, be present for all sessions/meetings, and vote in any elections. Please only volunteer to run for an AFT delegate seat if you are committed to attending the all sessions and meetings of the AFT-RA in WASHINGTON, D.C. this summer. If forty (40) or fewer nominations are received, including the three PEA Officers, candidates will be automatically elected through acclamation. The two (2) nominees whose names are drawn first and second will be designated to receive a stipend from PEA in the amount of \$700–\$1,200, depending on budget availability. Successors to stipends will be determined by drawing lots and assigning remaining delegates a number from the order in which their name was drawn.

Lots to determine stipend order will be drawn at the PEA Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2026. Nominees or their designee may attend this open meeting. If a nominee is not present a lot will be drawn on their behalf. The election meeting will be held at the PEA Office — 730 East Davidson St., Bartow starting no earlier than 5:30 PM.

If the number of nominations exceeds 40 nominations, a secret ballot election for AFT-RA Delegates must be held via U.S. Mail. Notice of the election must be provided via U.S. Mail to the entire membership at least 15 days before the day of the ballot count. Candidates will follow PEA policies for officer elections for all campaign literature, advertisements, etc. If a secret ballot is necessary, ballots will be counted at the PEA Office – 730 East Davidson St., Bartow starting at 5pm on Thursday, April 2, 2026. The candidates will be placed in descending order starting with the highest vote count, and the thirty-seven (37) candidates with the highest vote count plus the three (3) elected PEA Officers will be PEA's AFT-RA delegates. The top two elected delegates will receive a PEA stipend of \$700–\$1,200, depending on budget availability. Any candidate not elected will be placed on an alternate list in order of highest vote count.

Travel and Lodging Accommodations:

Arrive/Check in to hotel on July 14, 2026 – Depart/Check out of hotel on July 20, 2026

All delegates are responsible for booking their own travel accommodations to WASHINGTON, D.C. and must arrive by July 14th and depart no earlier than July 20th. All delegates are responsible for booking their own hotel accommodations at the hotel assigned to the Florida Delegation (hotel information forthcoming). You may room with other delegates if you wish to split the hotel costs.

Stipend Procedures

If you are receiving a local stipend to attend the AFT Biennial Convention as outlined above, you will receive your stipend check on the last day of the convention in the last session. To receive your stipend check, you must check in for attendance each session with Patrick Bentley, PEA Secretary-Treasurer, or his designee. If you miss one or more sessions with an unexcused absence, you will forfeit your stipend check, and the local stipend will go to the next stipend alternate.

To receive your stipend at the convention, you must have a current, completed W-9 filled out with PEA before you leave. After the AFT Biennial Convention, you must submit any meal receipts (minus alcohol), flight receipts, and/or hotel receipts. If receipts are not received by the PEA Office, the additional money will count as income on your tax return.