

Apply between September 3, 2024 & June 27, 2025



CONSOLIDATED

Professional Development Funding Application Form
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Funds can be used for events taking place between July 1, 2024 – September 15, 2025

Name:	Employee #	School:	Courier #:
Home Address:		Email:	
City:	Postal Code:	Signature:	

Thank you for providing your address. We are collecting this information so that we are able to mail your reimbursement to your home address, if needed. If you have any concerns about your address being collected, used, and disclosed as is reasonably necessary for this purpose, please let us know.

Workshop/Conference: <i>(see guidelines on reverse)</i>		
Location:	Date:	
You must submit all <u>ORIGINAL</u> receipts in order to receive reimbursement. Faxed or photocopied receipts WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.		
	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Conference/Workshop Registration Fee		
Teacher Teaching-on-Call (\$279.19/day)		
Accommodation		
Transportation Automobile (km) x 0.70 from _____ to _____ + return (check if applicable) Public Transit: _____ Carpooling (km) x 0.10 x (#) passengers. (MUST be STA members who will be claiming Pro-D expenses (other than mileage) for same workshop). List names: _____		
Meals: Please do not claim for meals on days when you attend an organized event where the meals are provided. breakfast \$20.00 on (dates) _____ lunch \$25.00 on (dates) _____ dinner \$40.00 on (dates) _____		
Maximum allowable: \$700.00	TOTAL	
Comments:		

For STA Office Use Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved
STA Pro-D Officer:	Amount Approved \$	

Pro-D funds may be considered as taxable benefits according to Revenue Canada. If the event/activity has more personal than professional benefit, STA Pro-D funds will not be approved.

Pro-D funds will not be approved for District sponsored events unless the STA has been involved in the planning. The STA logo will appear on all advertising indicating funding approval for such events.

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CONSOLIDATED PRO-D FUND Application Guidelines & Procedures

NOTE: ALL STA members are entitled to apply for Consolidated Pro-D funds, including TTOCs and FTTOs.

- A maximum of up to \$700.00 per applicant, will be available, on a first come, first serve basis. Teachers can receive funding ONCE every TWO years, for a SINGLE EVENT, for a total of UP TO \$700.00 (e.g., If you received funds in 2023-24 school year: 2024-25 NO, 2025-26 YES).
- Teachers must apply for a SPECIFIC EVENT— forms with no specific event listed will not be approved for funding.
- The event must be completed between July 1, 2024 – September 15, 2025.
- Applications for the CURRENT school year will be accepted AFTER September 3, 2024, and up until June 27, 2025.
- Applicants will be notified by e-mail to let them know if their request has/has not been approved (pending availability of funds at the time).
- The STA Professional Development Officer (Erin Coleman) will notify the membership when the funds have been exhausted.
- **STA Convention Day:**
Funding for all STA members to attend Convention is provided by the STA. STA members are expected to attend the Convention. STA Pro-D Funds may not be applied to any expenses incurred for alternate Pro-D activities on that day. ***NOTE: STA Convention Day is Friday, May 2, 2025***

Process:

1. Fill in the Consolidated Pro-D Funding Application Form.
 - a) TTOC COSTS MUST BE INCLUDED ON YOUR FORM — THEY ARE NOT PAID BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.
An approved Pro-D funding application form must be on file at the STA office prior to booking the LOA. When booking the LOA, a TTOC must be requested.
2. Please include a copy of the conference brochure or an information sheet showing the agenda and fees.
3. Forward the form to the STA office through the courier to STA #000 - attention Professional Development Officer (keep a copy for your own records).
4. You should ensure your application is processed and approved by the STA Professional Development Officer prior to attending the conference/workshop/event.
5. You must submit all original receipts, along with a copy of the APPROVED application form to the STA within 30 calendar days of attending the conference.
6. Please include confirmation of attendance at all Pro-D sessions where applicable (e.g., the conference or workshop registration receipt). If you are not claiming Pro-D funds to cover the cost of registration, a copy of the receipt is sufficient. Otherwise, you must submit ORIGINAL ITEMIZED RECEIPTS.

ALL FORMS AND RECEIPTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STA OFFICE BY September 15, 2025.
Receipts are not required for meals and mileage.

Consolidated Pro-D funds may be applied toward the cost of:

1. Individual fees for conferences, conventions, workshops, seminars.
2. Non-credit courses related to teaching.
3. Online events that DO NOT include subscriptions to teaching resources.
4. Inter-class visits (e.g., TTOC costs of \$279.19/day to cover release time).

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Consolidated Pro-D funds may be applied toward the cost of (continued):

5. LSA/PSA dues.
6. Subscriptions to professional journals/resources (NOT classroom/teaching materials).
7. Transportation:
 - a) Public transportation—train, bus, ferry, or plane fares (economy class wherever possible) at cost, with receipts.
 - b) Private automobile—subject to the following guidelines governing the use of private automobiles, members may claim reimbursement for use of their private automobiles at a mileage rate of \$0.70/km. Reimbursement for mileage to Pro-D workshops will be calculated from place of work or home, whichever is the shortest distance.
 - c) Members traveling to Pro-D events are expected to pool the use of cars whenever possible. If carpooling, members who drive may claim an additional 10 cents per kilometer for each additional passenger. Passengers must be STA members who will be claiming Pro-D expenses (other than mileage) for the same workshop.
 - d) When traveling outside of the Lower Mainland members should use the fastest and most economical mode of transportation.
 - e) Members traveling to Pro-D events outside of the Lower Mainland by private automobile must charge expenses on the basis of public transportation costs except when two or more persons are traveling in one car, in which case ONLY the driver may claim reimbursement at the approved mileage rate (see above).
 - f) Members traveling by automobile instead of public transportation may claim only for the accommodation, meals, and other expenses that would have been claimable if public transportation had actually been used.
8. Parking charges: at cost, with receipts.
9. Accommodation may be covered if necessary to attend the event. Accommodation based on double room occupancy (whenever feasible).
 - a) Members should not claim accommodation expenses for events that occur within the Lower Mainland. The Lower Mainland boundary is generally defined by Agassiz and Chilliwack to the East, the Canada/USA border to the South, and Lions Bay to the North.
10. Meals up to a maximum of \$20.00 for breakfast, \$25.00 for lunch and \$40.00 for dinner (if not included in conference registration). You should ensure that your expenses (e.g., meals, accommodation) are based upon an appropriate time frame (e.g., if the event that you attend ends at 4:00 p.m. and it is reasonable to expect you could return home that afternoon, then claiming accommodation or meal expenses for that evening would be questioned).
11. Legitimate expenses, excluding wages, for part-time members to attend Pro-D workshops on their non-instructional days (e.g., childcare).
12. TTOC costs (\$279.19/day).
13. Details for LOA Form:

Leave Type: Professional Development
Article: G.21.5.a
TTOC is requested – Y Leave with pay
Cost of substitute coverage to be borne by STA – attention Erin Coleman
AN APPROVED APPLICATION MUST BE ON FILE WITH THE STA PRIOR TO BOOKING LOA

The purpose of professional development, as laid out in the collective agreement guides the approval of Pro-D Funding applications: F.22.1 The Board and the Surrey Teachers' Association recognize the value of professional development activities to enhance curricular knowledge, to heighten instructional skills, and to broaden exposure to pedagogical theories, methods, and strategies.