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WEAC Can Do It Conduit Frequently Asked Questions

What is a conduit?

The conduit, in simple terms, is a bank account in which your funds are used specifically for political contributions. Through a conduit, you make personal, individual contributions to state and local candidates and elected officials of your choice.

What is the WEAC Can Do It conduit?

The WEAC Can Do It conduit is a conduit that is administered by WEAC. It is an ambitious, comprehensive and targeted campaign to elect candidates who are pro-public education.

Is there a minimum contribution to join the fund?

Yes, to become a member of the WEAC Can Do It conduit, you need to give either a recommended minimum of \$20 a month, or if you prefer, write a single check per election cycle for a minimum of \$250.

Isn't \$20 a month a lot?

Members of the WEAC Can Do It often say that initially the amount seemed like a lot, but since it is automatically deducted from their account, they don't miss it. Members comment on how good it feels when they are able to build up a large amount of money that they can then contribute to a candidate of their choosing.

We know we are asking for a significant sacrifice, but we do so because it is so important. Your contribution, when combined with those of hundreds of others, will make a major statement about the importance of children and public education.

Can I contribute less than \$20 a month?

You can, but the WEAC Can Do It Conduit does not recommend electronic transfers of less than \$20 a month because of administrative fees. Every time an account is set up or cancelled there is a fee. Every time money is transferred from a bank account there is a small administrative fee. To make the program cost-effective, we recommend the \$20 minimum.

Members who wish to give to candidates at an amount of less than \$20 a month can do so directly to the candidates or other efforts like building collections.

Can I use a credit card to contribute?

No, we cannot accept contributions through a credit card.

Why wouldn't I just contribute to the candidate on my own?

By pooling your contributions with those of other members of the WEAC Can Do It Conduit, we are able to send a strong message to pro-public education candidates: there are a lot of us who care deeply about children and public schools.

WEAC works hard to identify those candidates who are truly pro-public education. We closely scrutinize the voting records and campaign positions of those running for office. Additionally, WEAC can identify and target races where your contribution will do the most good.



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How will I know how much money I have in my account?

Prior to elections, the conduit administrator will send out a notice (either by e-mail or U.S. mail) with your account balance. You may contact WEAC at any time to get your balance.

How do I send my contribution to a candidate?

While WEAC will be happy to offer recommendations on how your contributions will have the most impact, ***you have total control over how your money is spent.*** At any time, you may direct your contributions, in whole or in part, to the candidates of your choosing. You can call, write or email WEAC to indicate how you want your money distributed. State law requires written authorization for your contribution, and you can provide the authorization in a variety of ways: e-mail, U.S. mail, phone, etc.

How do I get more information?

Please contact Torre Edwards at 1-800-362-8034 ext. 245 or EdwardsT@weac.org.