



# DISASTER RELIEF FUND

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## What is the fund?

The Disaster Relief Fund is a separate special fund for the members of the California Teachers Association (CTA). The Fund is endowed to provide financial assistance to CTA members who have experienced significant losses due to disasters in California.

## How is the money raised?

Money for the Disaster Relief Fund comes directly from members' contributions.

Thanks to this tradition of good will and generosity, members can turn to their professional organization for assistance with dignity.

## Who may apply?

Any CTA Active, Student, or CTA/NEA Retired member in good standing.

Grants are available only for members who are either: 1) residents in any city or county declared by the State of California to have been subject to a natural disaster, 2) residents of a dwelling declared unsafe to occupy by city or county officials due to a disaster, with such declaration free of negligence on the part of the member, or 3) classroom members at a school site where the member, student(s) and/or the site have experienced losses due to natural disaster. This "School Site Grant" is to help allay the costs resulting from the loss of personal classroom materials.

## Is the financial assistance a loan or a gift?

The Disaster Relief Fund now provides grants only. No repayment of grants is required.

## What grants are available?

The CTA Disaster Relief Fund provides four different grants summarized below.

- **Standard:** Up to \$1,500 for significant economic hardship related to damage to the member's primary residence, displacement, or disruption in required utilities
- **Catastrophic:** Recipients of the Standard Grant may be eligible for up to another \$1,500 if damages exceed \$50,000
- **Temporary Displacement:** Up to \$500 for members who are displaced from their primary residence as the result of a disaster, but do not meet all the requirements for a Standard Grant
- **School Site:** Up to \$500 for damage to classrooms



## How has the program helped members?

Over the years, the Disaster Relief Fund has provided monetary assistance to hundreds of members during hard times. The Fund helps members pay bills and purchase necessities when there is no other source of immediate assistance after a disaster strikes.

The professional bond among members is as strong as ever and is nowhere more evident than in California. In state declared disasters, such as the Coalinga, Loma Prieta, Big Bear, Humboldt, Whittier and Northridge earthquakes; the Oakland, Santa Barbara, Malibu, Altadena, Laguna, Lake Tahoe and the '03 and '07 Southern California fires; and the '95 and '97 floods -- the Fund helped CTA members with over \$700,000 in funding.

That assistance is available to you should you ever need it.

## Support your Disaster Relief Fund today...



## You may need its help tomorrow

Quoting grateful members who received assistance in the '03 fires:

**“The grant was tangible support needed to begin the recovery process.”**  
(Ramona TA)

**“...helping us get a new fresh start after the loss of our home in the Cedars Fire.”**  
(Julian Elementary)

## Where would I apply?

Applications are available at chapter offices, on our website, at [www.cta.org](http://www.cta.org), or from the FACT Foundation.

It is a goal of the fund to process these grants as quickly as possible.

Please follow the instructions on the Disaster Relief Fund Application for Grant carefully. Provide the information requested and submit the completed application to your chapter president for approval and submission. Retain a copy of the application for your records.

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See the CTA Website for additional information and applications on the CTA Disaster Relief Fund

[www.cta.org](http://www.cta.org)

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Brochures and applications may also be requested from:

CTA/FACT Disaster Relief  
Member Benefits Department  
P.O. Box 4178  
Burlingame, CA 94011-4178  
650-552-5200



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