ONA Resources for Members Impacted by Fires

ONA, along with many other organizations, is marshalling resources for members who have been personally impacted by the fires in Oregon. This includes a new emergency dues relief program and grant programs for individuals in need of assistance approved by the ONA Board of Directors.

The emergency grants program is intended to help cover expenses associated with wildfire evacuations. Members who have been evacuated for 48 hours or more are eligible for a grant of up to $500 to help support you and your family.

If you are experiencing financial hardships due to this disaster, know that we are here for you. Please contact us at MemberServices@OregonRN.org to apply for our new emergency dues relief program OR emergency grants program and let us know what else we can do to support you.

For additional information on available resources or how you can help, visit the ONA website: www.OregonRN.org/Wildfires.

Pandemic or Unemployment Assistance

Lost Hours?
If you’re being low censused you may qualify for either benefit.

Unemployment Benefits
If you are losing hours and worked at least 500 hours last year OR earned more than $1,000 last year and worked throughout the year, you may be eligible for unemployment benefits.

For most nurses, if you were paid less than $648 in a week, you’re likely eligible. Note: Unemployment is not a substitute for paid leave. If you used paid leave to fill in for hours you would normally be working, unemployment benefits will not cover those hours.

Benefits range from $151 per week to

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Make Our Union Stronger by Becoming a Steward

Are you interested in learning more about representing your coworkers, problem-solving workplace issues, welcoming new members to their union, and building our union's overall power to make improvements for nurses?

ONA stewards are the lifeblood of what makes our union strong. A strong union has at least one steward for every unit and shift. Stewards are there to answer colleagues' questions and discuss concerns and help keep every nurse up to date on important union activities.

To register, please click here to participate in a virtual steward training, Saturday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

More steward training dates are being finalized for December.

Visit www.OregonRN.org to learn more.

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$648 per week, per person. Individuals are eligible to receive 1.25 percent of your yearly earnings per week.

How Do I Apply?

To apply for unemployment benefits, click here or visit https://bit.ly/Online-Claim-System.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance

Even if you don’t qualify for regular unemployment benefits, people out of work due to COVID-19 are eligible for pandemic assistance.

Assistance ranges from $205 per week to $648 per week. You can receive 1.25 percent of your yearly earnings per week.

How Do I Apply?

To apply for pandemic unemployment assistance, click here or visit https://govstatus.egov.com/PUA.

Please note that this is not legal advice. This summary is based on our understanding of Employment Department rules. If you have a legal question, you should speak with an attorney. ONA members receive a free half-hour consultation with a local law firm as a member benefit.

Contact information is available at the ONA website www.oregonrn.org/485.