



Your 2017 Association Dues May be Tax Deductible!

TEA knows every dollar counts in your family budget. That is why when tax time rolls around, it is important that you know the many tax deductions you qualify for as a professional educator.

The amount of Association dues paid in 2017 that is tax deductible if you itemize is:

Teachers/Administrators/Prof. Licensed

NEA: \$188.00

TEA: \$250.54

UEA: \$150.00

Total: \$588.54

ESPs/Classified Employees

NEA: \$114.50

TEA: \$125.27

UEA: \$ 75.00

Total: \$314.77

These amounts are for educators who were members during all of 2017, Jan. – Dec.

There are other tax deductions for which educators may be eligible!

Teachers may also deduct up to **\$250** for classroom supplies purchased in 2017. This is a particularly advantageous deduction because it is an above-the-line deduction on line 23 on Form 1040, which means you don't have to itemize to take it and it reduces your overall adjusted gross income.

You can also deduct expenses for classroom supplies beyond the \$250 amount as unreimbursed employment expenses, which are defined as expenses that help you conduct your job even if they are not required. However, these deductions are subject to a 2 percent limit on itemized deductions—this means you can only deduct the amount that exceeds 2 percent of your adjusted gross income on Schedule A line 21.

Keeping receipts or a careful log is critical for the classroom supplies deduction and other tax benefits.

For more details and other important news, please see the latest edition of TEA's Advocate.