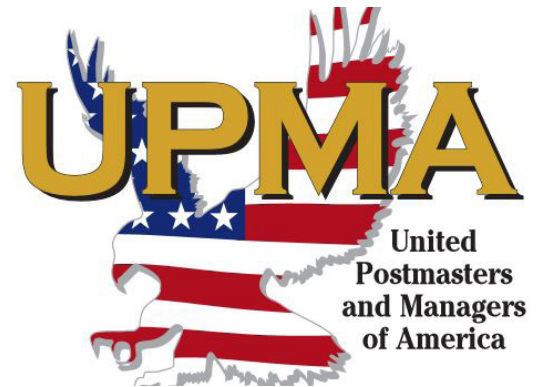




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**2022 UPMA EVENTS**

LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

CENTRAL AREA OFFICERS TRAINING

STATE CONVENTION

NATIONAL CONVENTION

SOUTHERN OFFICERS CONVENTION

**A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH NEW ADVENTURES**

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**It is an organization of people who hold proud titles. It does not discriminate by race, gender, or salary level. It is a vehicle, an avenue, a method and a tool that can and does help, assist, benefit, and encourage members to be better Postal Managers.**



## Meta Belford ~ IL Chapter President

### Save the Dates

We have so many conferences coming up, and I want to encourage you to attend one, if not all of them. Below is a quick recap of the upcoming events. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us. It is a wonderful time to relax, network, and just have some plain ol' fun!

First there is the Legislative Summit in Washington DC February 13 -16, which is followed up in March with the Central Area Officers Seminar (CAOS) in Milwaukee, WI from the 11th to the 13th. It will be held at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel.

The 2022 Illinois State Convention will be held in Northbrook May 12 -14, 2022. It will be a three-day convention this year if our state stays healthy and continues on the path to put this pandemic behind us.

The 2022 National UPMA convention will be in St. Louis, MO. I hope to see twice as many members in attendance there as we had in Ohio last year. This is a goal we can easily meet. This is a perfect opportunity to attend a National Convention!

And last, but absolutely not least is the Southern Officers Conference (SOC) to be held in North Carolina. This conference will be October 13 - 16, 2022. There is even an opportunity to enjoy a NASCAR ride along!

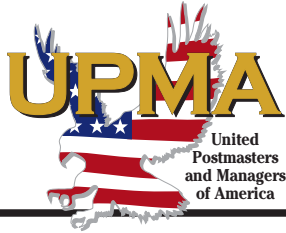
On another note, I need to mention the Resolution of the Special Dues Assessment. This is something the membership need to vote on each year at our chapter convention. The funds raised through the assessment are used to help subsidize members who attend UPMA events. The board members discuss and vote on the amount of the expense reimbursement per event. Further information is within this publication on the assessment as well as all the conventions mentioned in this article.

There is also information for the UPMA scholarship and the IL UPMA Hall of Fame in these pages. If you have a son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter who will be attending college, please fill out the application and return it by the deadline. Every penny counts when it comes to paying for college!

The Hall of Fame is to recognize IL UPMA members who have gone above and beyond within their profession. Do you know someone who has always lent you a hand, or perhaps helped mentor you? Maybe they just love their job and their passion is contagious, and have a great "Team Spirit." Think about it and nominate someone whom you think deserves recognition for a job well done!

As I wrap this up, I just want to once again invite all our members to attend events this year. Registration forms for all the events mentioned are within this publication to make it easy save the dates... for a good time!

**“Try not to become a man of success. Rather become a man of value.”  
- Albert Einstein**



# Form 1187

Request and Authorization for Voluntary Allotment  
of Compensation for Payment of Employee Organization Dues  
*Fill Out Form On-line, Print it out, and Return to  
UPMA National Office at the Address Below for Processing*

### Section A: All New Members Complete

USPS Employee Identification Number (EIN)	Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Gender Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Name (PRINT Last Name, First, MI)		Contact Telephone	
Home Address (Street and Number/Box)	City	State	ZIP+4
Personal E-mail Address			

**Section B (Check One):**  Postmaster  Manager/Supervisor  Associate  PMR

Position	PO/City/State/ZIP
Post Office/Work Telephone Number	Pay Schedule Level
Post Office/Home Payroll Office Finance Number	Designation Code

### Section C: For Use by the Employee Organization

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Mail completed form to: **United Postmasters and Managers of America (UPMA)**  
**8 Herbert Street**  
**Alexandria, Virginia 22305-2600**

**Visit the UPMA website [unitedpma.org](http://unitedpma.org) for membership benefit information.**

### Section D: Authorization by Employee

I hereby authorize the above-named agency to deduct from my pay each pay period the amount certified above as the regular dues the (UN-P) United Postmasters and Managers of America (UPMA) and to remit such amounts to that employee organization in accordance with its arrangements with my employing agency. I further authorize any change in the amount to be deducted that is certified by the above-named employee organization as a uniform change in its dues structure.

I understand that this authorization is a pay periods deduction. It will become effective the first pay period, following its receipt in the employee organization's headquarters office: UPMA, 8 Herbert Street, Alexandria, VA 22305-2600.

I further understand that revocation forms Standard Form No. 1188, "Revocation of Voluntary Authorization for Allotment of Compensation for Payment of Employee Organization Dues" are available from my employing agency and that I may revoke this authorization at any time by filing such a revocation form or other written revocation request by "Certified Mail" directly to the employee organization's headquarters office: UPMA, 8 Herbert Street, Alexandria, VA 22305-2600. Such revocation will not be effective, however, until the first full pay period following March 1 or Sept. 1 of any calendar year, whichever date first occurs after the revocation is received in the employee organization's headquarters office.

Signature of Employee	Date
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### Section E

Check this box to signify you've read and understood the terms in Section D of this form.

**Who/what most influenced your decision to join UPMA?**

Person's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Career Awareness Conference  USPS Provided Training  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**UPMA NATIONAL OFFICE FOR PROCESSING**



# FORM 1187-R

## Request and Authorization for Voluntary Allotment of Compensation for Payment of Employee Organization Dues

Please complete and mail to:

**UPMA National Office**  
**8 Herbert St.**  
**Alexandria, VA 22305-2600**  
**(703) 683-9027**

\*OPM assigns the CSA number to all Civil Service and FERS annuitants and/or surviving spouse

Social Security Number

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My Annuity Number is:

CSA

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Name of Retired Employee (PRINT Last Name, First, Middle)				Date of Birth					
Street and Number/PO Box			City			State		ZIP+4	
Month/Year Retired		Home or Cell Number (    )		Gender Male _____ Female _____		Chapter			
Email Address				Sponsored by:					

**Note: If not receiving an annuity contact National Office for information on membership.**

### SECTION A – Authorization

The United States Office of Personnel Management is authorized to make an appropriate deduction from my annuity payments, not to exceed the amount certified by the **United Postmasters and Managers of America (UPMA)** as the amount of dues for which I am obligated, and to pay the deducted sum to **UPMA**. This authorization shall apply to any and all dues changes certified by **UPMA**. This authorization shall be valid until **UPMA** receives and processes my written notice of cancellation in accordance with its agreement with the United States Office of Personnel Management. Any disputes regarding this allotment authorization shall be a matter between **UPMA** and me; I hold the United States Office of Personnel Management harmless for any erroneous deductions made pursuant to this authorization.

I also request the United States Office of Personnel Management to disclose any information necessary to execute this request.

Signature	Date:
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## Registration Form

# UPMA 2022 Legislative Summit

Feb. 13-16

Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington VA

You also may register online at [www.unitedpma.org](http://www.unitedpma.org)



**Please note: one attendee per registration form.**

Name (as it should appear on your badge): \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title (please check one that applies):  Postmaster  UPMA Retired  Associate Member  Guest  
 Supervisor  Manager  EAS Professional  PMR

Post Office You Represent: City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your U.S. representative (not senator): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: (please circle fee that applies)	Registration
On or before Jan. 14, 2022	\$40
After Jan. 15, 2022	\$60

### Hotel Information

Reserve rooms at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA 22202; 1-800-233-1234. Use group code EHQC when making your reservation. The room rate of \$179 will be honored until Jan. 10, 2022, or until the room block is sold out, whichever comes first.

All reservations must be accompanied by the first night's room deposit. After Jan. 10, all first-night room deposits will be nonrefundable.

**Payment** (Payment in full, using one of the following payment options, must accompany this form; payment is nonrefundable):

- Check payable to UPMA
- Visa/MasterCard *only*

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Card Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail completed forms, with payment in full, to:**

UPMA Legislative Summit Registration  
8 Herbert St.  
Alexandria, VA 22305-2600





## Earl Husbands ~ IL Chapter VP Legislative

Greetings everyone! The UPMA 2022 Legislative Summit will be held February 13-16, 2022, in our Nation's Capital, Washington DC. Attending the Legislative Summit gives everyone a direct role in meeting with policy makers who can pass laws and regulations that will directly affect you and your family's lives. This is an opportunity to engage with very important members of Congress.

This year the Legislative Summit will begin with a Super Bowl Watch Party on Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City hotel in Arlington, VA. This is sure to be a great time fellowshiping with our UPMA family members, both active and retired from all over the country while we enjoy watching the big game!

The Hyatt Regency Crystal City hotel is the host hotel for the entire Summit and where we will start official legislative business with a full day of training on Monday February 14<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup> we will go Capitol Hill and visit with the House of Representatives and Senators who represent the state of Illinois. Some of these meetings will be in-person meetings in their offices and some will be held through Zoom meetings. As the Illinois Vice President of Legislative, I will be in charge of scheduling all meetings with our Illinois congressional leaders, and as we get closer to the Summit I will provide more information on which meetings will be held in-person and which ones will be held via Zoom.

The dress code for the Legislative Summit, training and meetings, whether they are in person or on Zoom, is business attire. It is important to remember that we are representing UPMA and we want to always be professional in everything that we do while we are on official business.

I will also be responsible for organizing the groups of Illinois UPMA members who plan on attending, so if you are interested in attending this fantastic Summit, I encourage you to please complete your registration forms and send them in ASAP. This will allow me ample time to put our groups together. You can also register online at [www.unitedpma.org](http://www.unitedpma.org).

When making your room reservations at the Hyatt Regency please use group code EHQC to receive the UPMA room rate. When making your airplane reservations the closest airport to the hotel is the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). The Hyatt Regency Crystal City hotel offers free airport shuttles to and from the airport.

In summary the Legislative Summit provides UPMA members an opportunity to make a coordinated effort in meeting with our Nation's Leaders to push our legislative issues. Remember we are stronger as an organization and Together We Can. With that being said, I hope to see you all in Washington DC.



**UPMA Central Area Officers Seminar  
March 11-13, 2022**



Four Points by Sheraton  
5311 South Howell Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207  
Tel: (414) 481-2400  
Fax: (414) 481-4471

**Milwaukee Airport**

**CAOS is intended to train current and future UPMA Leaders. There will be "Hospitality" Friday Night, the conference will open on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 8 AM with a group activity Saturday night and conclude by noon on Sunday, March 13, 2022.**

**Ask for the UPMA rate of \$125.00/night  
Registration Fee  
\$85.00 until January 31<sup>st</sup>, \$100.00 February 1<sup>st</sup>  
Send registration form with your check made payable to**

**WI UPMA  
Attention: Julie Erdmann  
PO Box 11  
Elk Horn, WI 53121**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact phone number:** (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**State UPMA Chapter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information, Contact the WI UPMA Chapter President  
Laurie Blue  
PO Box 336  
Elk Mound, WI 54739  
[BRIDGEZYSSS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BRIDGEZYSSS@GMAIL.COM)  
Cell: (612) 720-8047 or Work: (715) 879-5365**



## Resolution for Continuation of Illinois UPMA Chapter Dues Special Assessment

Be it resolved that the Illinois Chapter of the United Postmasters and Managers of America will continue to assess one dollar (\$1) per pay period to all active members of the Illinois Chapter to fund stipends for Illinois UPMA members to assist in expenses associated with attending UPMA events, this special assessment shall begin with Pay Period 22 FY 2022 Pay Day October 28th, 2022, and expires with Pay Period 21 FY 2023.

This fund is kept separate from the general fund and reviewed every fiscal year.

Stipends are awarded to any UPMA member for verifiable expenses incurred by attending UPMA events to include, but not limited to:

- IL UPMA Chapter Convention
- UPMA Legislative Summit
- UPMA National Convention

The amount of the stipend will depend on the value of the fund and the number of stipends given. The IL Chapter Executive Board will control the amount of the stipends and direct the Chapter Treasurer to disperse the funds via expense voucher.

Verifiable expenses include:

- Airfare
- Hotel expenses at the event host hotel
- Event Registration at the lowest rate
- Gas receipts (not mileage)

To qualify for the stipend, the UPMA member must be registered for the event, attend all general sessions, participate in any mandatory meetings, and attend at least one training class that may be given at the event.

This fund was used to fund (at least in part) the following:

- IL UPMA members to go to 2021 UPMA National Convention in OH
- IL UPMA members to go to 2021 Legislative Summit
- IL UPMA members to go to 2021 IL State Convention

Note: Per UPMA National By-Laws Article I Section 7 this resolution must be approved by a vote of the Chapter at the Chapter convention and submitted to the National Executive Board for approval. Such requests must include the reason for the special assessment and the duration of the assessment.



# UPMA



## United Postmasters and Managers of America

### 2022 ILLINOIS CHAPTER STATE CONVENTION

**CROWNE PLAZA 2875 N MILWAUKEE AVE NORTHBROOK IL**

**Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>- Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one:**

\_\_\_\_ **Postmaster**

\_\_\_\_ **Auxiliary Member**

\_\_\_\_ **Supervisor**

\_\_\_\_ **Retired UPMA Member**

\_\_\_\_ **Manager**

\_\_\_\_ **Associate Member**

**Registration will be \$50 by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**\$75.00 by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**\$100.00 by April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Your registration fee covers Thursday Lunch,  
Friday Lunch and Banquet. Send your registration forms and  
fees too: Shelley Zellers at 12646 SR 78 Havana IL 62644**

Room rate is \$129.00.00 per night. Room rate will be guaranteed until April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Reservations requested beyond the cutoff date are subject to availability.

Crowne Plaza 2875 N Milwaukee Ave Northbrook IL 60062

Telephone: (847) 298-2525 [reservations@bayshospitality.com](mailto:reservations@bayshospitality.com) or

[www.crowneplaza.com/northbrookchi.com](http://www.crowneplaza.com/northbrookchi.com) Group Code: UPM

# Illinois UPMA Hall of Fame Nomination Form

To nominate a person for the IL UPMA Hall of Fame, please complete the following:

- This 3-page nomination form. Please be sure to complete all six (6) sections.
- THREE (3) references, other than the nominator, **who can be contacted** regarding the nominee if the selection committee requires more information or validation of the nomination.

**\*\*You may submit no more than two (2) letters of recommendation; however, recommendation letters are not required. No more than two (2) letters will be considered.**

We recommend that all materials be submitted together. **All nomination materials are due at the address or e-mail address listed below no later than **Thursday, March 31st, 2022, at 6:00PM****  
It is the responsibility of the nominator to ensure that all materials are submitted by this deadline.

## Please return all nomination materials

### By mail

The Honorable Meta Belford  
874 W Trailcreek Dr  
Peoria IL 61614-1862  
(309) 369-2071

### Or e-mail

dabilupma@gmail.com

### ◆ Section One:

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### ◆ Section Two:

FIELD/AREA OF EXCELLENCE (please check one or more):

- Postal Career
- Leadership
- Service to UPMA Members

Briefly describe the field/area(s) of excellence:

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Nominee's

Title/Office: \_\_\_\_\_

◆ **Section Three:**

SPECIAL AWARDS (include name and date awarded, if known):

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◆ **Section Four:**

Please answer the questions below in **no more than 500 words**, unless otherwise stated.

1. In no more than 350 words, provide the committee with a brief biographical sketch of the nominee, including any notable ties to IL UPMA and/or the United States Postal Service.

2. Describe how the nominee has made lasting contributions to their field(s) of endeavor (may attach documents).

3. Describe how the nominee's accomplishments or contributions have elevated the status of the members of IL UPMA and/or The United States Postal Service.

4. List and describe **two (2)** of the nominee's most outstanding accomplishments.

5. Describe how the nominee inspires others by their example.

Nominee's

Title/Office: \_\_\_\_\_

**◆ Section Five:**

Please provide the following information for yourself.

Nominator's Name

(you): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**◆ Section Six:**

Please provide the following information for the three (3) individuals **who have agreed to be references** for the nominee, should the selection committee require further information or clarification of the nominee's qualifications.

**Reference One (1)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference Two (2)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference Three (3)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

## Let the Good Times Roll!

The 6<sup>th</sup> National UPMA convention will be here before you know it! We are looking forward to seeing you all in St. Louis and hope you are looking forward to good times, good food and spending time with your UPMA family!

If you have not liked our Facebook page, UPMA – St. Louis MO 2022, please do as we will be sharing a lot of information about the convention as we finalize events. We will share training opportunities, tour information, parking information and many other items that will hopefully make your stay in Missouri an enjoyable experience.

If you are interested in baseball, the Cardinals will be in town the weekend after the convention if you would like to extend your stay and attend a game.

There are lots of fun things to do in St. Louis and many of them are free and kid oriented. The St. Louis Arch, STL Zoo, St. Louis Aquarium, St. Louis Magic House, City Museum, Saint Louis Science Center and Six Flags are fun places as well as Grant's Farm. There is the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial and an opportunity to take a cruise down the Mississippi. St. Louis Union Station is another great place to visit and explore.

There is the Budweiser Brewery and lots of micro breweries in the area as well as lots of fantastic places to eat and enjoy. There are also many wine tasting opportunities if you prefer wine over beer.

If you are interested in history there are many historical places and buildings and beautiful churches and cathedrals to visit and tour.

If you are interested in anything to do with transportation; cars, planes, trains or even buggies you can visit the National Museum of Transportation and enjoy some indoor cart racing while you are there.

There are also opportunities for the art enthusiasts such as the St. Louis Art Museum and the Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum.

Outdoor enthusiasts will have lots of opportunities to explore trails and maybe visit the RYZE Adventure Park with a 100+ obstacle aerial adventure tower or soar above the trees on the zip line. You can also visit Onondaga Cave State Park or Meramec Caverns. You can also visit the oldest botanical garden in the United States while you are there.

Enjoy gambling? There are also casinos where you can enjoy a game of chance if you choose!

Ladies, the shopping is fantastic as well! You can find vintage inspired clothing, couture and brand name fashions; lots of specialty boutiques, antiques, bookstores, malls and shopping centers. You might want to make an appointment to enjoy a massage after your day of shopping.

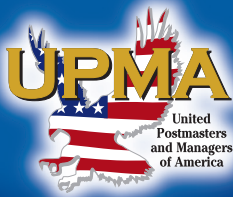
St. Louis has something for everyone to enjoy and we hope you are registered to join us for the 2022 convention. I am sure President Edmund is working on some great training opportunities and will have lots of good information to share with us as well. Please visit the national website for registration forms.

We hope you are looking forward to visiting St. Louis and will help us get the good times rolling again!

Hope you all will Meet Me in St. Louis!!!!

Debbie Roach, 2022 National Convention Chair  
Vice President, Missouri Chapter  
Legislative Chair, Missouri Chapter  
[danroach@grantcity.net](mailto:danroach@grantcity.net)  
816-341-5200





# 6th UPMA National Convention

Aug. 20-26, 2022

## Official Registration Form

Registration also available at [www.unitedpma.org](http://www.unitedpma.org)

Please complete one form per registrant. Photocopy the form for additional registrations.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:**

- Postmaster/OIC
- Supervisor
- Manager
- EAS Professional
- Associate
- UPMA Retired
- Spouse
- Guest

First Name (for your badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office You Represent City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Active First-Timer?**

Yes  No

**UPMA Retired First-Timer?**

Yes  No

**Convention Registration** (only one person per form):

Please circle the appropriate fee:

	8/20/21- 3/31/22	4/1/22- 6/30/22	After 6/30/22
Postmaster/Manager/Supervisor/ Associate/OIC/EAS Professional	\$165	\$190	\$225
Daily registration is available at \$75/day on-site.			
First-Timer*—Active	\$95	\$95	\$95
UPMA Retired or Guest† (UPMA Retired Luncheon included)	\$123.75	\$142.50	\$168.75
Auxiliary/Spouse/ Postmaster Guest	\$155	\$180	\$215
(Does NOT include UPMA Retired Luncheon)			

Children (17 and under) \$80; includes child's meal at the Grand Banquet.

\*First-timers must pay their registration fee in advance using this form; online registration not available. After attending the convention, they must submit a form to the National Office to be reimbursed.

†UPMA Retired member may have one guest (not an active member) register for the same price.

Grand Banquet: Aug. 25, 2022

**Payment Information**

Convention Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional tickets for UPMA Retired Luncheon @ \$25 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Payment:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check payable to UPMA

Visa/MasterCard

Card number \_\_\_\_\_

Card security code: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

(3- or 4-digit code imprinted on card)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with full payment to UPMA National Convention Registration, 8 Herbert St., Alexandria, VA 22305-2600.

**Hotel Reservation**

UPMA has a special rate at the convention hotel beginning Aug. 20, 2021. You must call the hotel directly to make a reservation. The National Office will not handle room reservations. **To make a reservation, you must make a deposit to the hotel in the amount of your first night's lodging; this deposit is non-refundable after July 22, 2022.** All room cancellations must be made directly with the hotel. To secure the special UPMA rate, you must identify yourself as part of the UPMA convention. The rate is available only until July 22, 2022, or all rooms in the block are sold, whichever comes first. The group rate is available five days pre- and post convention based on availability.

**Marriott St. Louis Grand**

1-877-303-0104

\$125—single/double/triple/quad

**Be sure to request the UPMA group rate.**

**Registration Cancellation Refund Policy**

Requests for cancellation refunds must be made in writing to the UPMA National Office. Requests must be postmarked by June 1, 2022; no refunds after that date. All refunds are subject to a \$30 handling fee.

**Registrations are non-transferable.**

**Questions?  
Call 703-683-9027**



# 2022 Scholarship Information

It's that time of year again..... we are now accepting applications for the annual Illinois Chapter UPMA Scholarship Award. If interested, please print a copy of the Scholarship Application, or the Application can also be printed from this issue of the IPN, or on our website [illinoisupma.org](http://illinoisupma.org)

Then complete and submit.

**Please note:**

APPLICANT MUST BE A CHILD, STEPCHILD, GRANDCHILD, OR LEGAL WARD OF A MEMBER OR RETIRED MEMBER OF ILLINOIS UPMA.

PAST APPLICANTS / RECIPIENTS MAY APPLY.

ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED BECOMES PROPERTY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AND WILL BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 1, 2022.

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO:

ILLINOIS CHAPTER UPMA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

C/O Mary C Yates

2 Lake Ct

Catlin IL 61817

If you need clarification on any point please contact Mary Yates at 815-383-3507 or email: [xwench1@hotmail.com](mailto:xwench1@hotmail.com).

**ILLINOIS CHAPTER UPMA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Principal \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Students in your class (H.S./College) \_\_\_\_\_ Your Class Rank (H.S./College) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Avg. (H.S./College) \_\_\_\_\_ Based on a 4.0 or 5.0 Scale (Please circle)

ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ and/or SAT Score \_\_\_\_\_

College Name, City & State (Currently Attending)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Full Name, Work Location (City, Zip Code) and Relationship of your UPMA Member Sponsor  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of 2 year or 4 year Institution or Vocational College You Plan To Attend  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have You Applied for Admission? (Requirement) \_\_\_\_\_ Has Your Application Been Accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

Do You Currently Work? \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, For Whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Avg. Hours Worked Per Week? \_\_\_\_\_ Do You Plan to Work While Attending College? \_\_\_\_\_

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION**

~OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AND CURRENT COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT (if applicable)

~COPY OF ACT AND/OR SAT SCORE

~TWO CHARACTER REFERENCE LETTERS WRITTEN BY A NON-RELATIVE

~COPY OF LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE FROM THE COLLEGE OF CHOICE (not required if attending college)

~A SUMMARY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND HOBBIES.

\*List by name and year **Membership and other Participation** and approximate time commitment for each school, community, and volunteer activities. Example: Yearbook Staff (10,11, college) 25 hrs. per month for 6 months / basketball (9,10,11,12, college) 40 hrs. per month for 3 mos.

\*List by name and year **Leadership Positions and Offices held**, and approximate time commitment for each of school, community, and volunteer activities. Example: Student Council Representative (9,10,11,12) 12 hrs. per month for 5 months / 4-H Leader (11,12, college) 5 hrs. per month for 4 months.

\*List by name and year the **Honors and/or Awards** you have received. Example: All Conference Basketball (11, college) / Boys/Girls State (11) / Jr. Rotarian (10).

\*List any **volunteer work** positions you have held. Example: Candy Striper (11,12, college) 20 hrs. per month for 3 mos. / Farm helper (11,12, college) 24 hrs. per month for 4 mos.

\*List any **paid work positions** you have held. Example: Grocery Store (11,12, college) 16 hrs. per month for 2 mos. / Café work (10,11,12, college) 20 hrs. per month for 4 mos.

~YOUR RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION "WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER GOALS AND HOW WOULD THIS SCHOLARSHIP HELP YOU TO ATTAIN THEM?"

**PLEASE NOTE:**

+Applicant must be a child, stepchild, grandchild, or legal ward of a member or retired member of the Illinois Chapter of UPMA.

+Past applicants/recipients may apply.

+All information submitted becomes property of the Scholarship Committee and will be held in strict confidence.

+The number of \$1,000.00 scholarships awarded will be determined by the Scholarship Committee.

+APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO:**

IL Chapter UPMA Scholarship Committee, c/o Mary Yates, 2 Lake Ct., Catlin, IL 61817. If you need clarification on any point, contact Mary Yates by telephone at 815-383-3507, or email: [xwench1@hotmail.com](mailto:xwench1@hotmail.com).

## SIGNATURE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas I know I sure did. I wish all my friends a Happy and especially Healthy New Year ahead! Just remember, even though the decorations are all put away, DO NOT put away your Christmas Spirit and DO NOT put away the story of our Savior's birth. Continue to celebrate the birth of Jesus every single day, forever and always!

Some of you may have went a little overboard with your holiday shopping. So, for a small fee of \$35.00 you can skip one monthly or two bi-weekly payments on your loan, and you get to choose the month! All loan payments must be up to date and not delinquent to qualify. Loans must also have been on the books for at least one year to be eligible for this promotion. A maximum of one skipped payment per loan is permitted in a 6-month period. Just go to [SignatureFCU.org/Skip-A-Pay](http://SignatureFCU.org/Skip-A-Pay) and complete the form 7 days in advance of the requested loan due date. Sorry, but Mortgages, Home Equities and Fast Cash Loans do not qualify for this promotion.

Would you like another tool to keep up on what is happening at Signature FCU? Join us in the fast paced atmosphere of social media and you will get special financial tips, advanced notice of promotions, photos, promotions, contests and many other post we think will interest you. Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and Instagram and connect with us on LinkedIn.

I hope you have already downloaded our mobile app to access your accounts 24/7 from your smartphone or tablet device. Download the SFCU Mobile Banking app from your mobile devices app store. For more information visit [www.signaturefcu.org/account-access](http://www.signaturefcu.org/account-access).

At our monthly ZOOM Meeting in December I was appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in running for election this year for the board or credit committee, please call 1-800-336-0284 and request an application to complete and return. There are two positions that are up on the board and one on the credit committee.

My article isn't due again until the end of February, so in closing may I wish each and every one of you a Happy Valentine's Day!

Until later,

Carol Sue Carnes, Secretary  
Signature FCU  
4800 Illinois River Rd, Brussels, IL 62013

“Do not save what is left after spending; instead spend what is left after saving.” – Warren Buffett

## Let SFCU help you get Back on Track!

Start 2022 by reducing your overall monthly expenses with the help of our Back on Track loan. With this debt consolidation loan, you could pay off multiple debts with one low monthly payment.

### Our Back on Track Loan Features:

- Rates from 6.50% - 8.75% APR\*
- Loan amounts up to \$50,000
- Terms from 24 - 84 months

Apply today by visiting [www.SignatureFCU.org/OnTrack](http://www.SignatureFCU.org/OnTrack)

\*APR = Annual Percentage Rate. Your actual APR will be determined at the time of application and will be based on you application and credit information. Not all applicants will qualify for the lowest rate. Rate quoted assumes excellent borrower credit history. Rates are set by the Board of Directors and may change without notice. Estimated payment is \$44.55 per \$1,000 financed and is based on the lowest rate and a term of 24 months. Payments will vary based on the rate and term you qualify for.

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## Say yes to paying less!

Transfer your high-rate credit card balances to your SFCU Visa and receive **an introductory 0% APR\* for 12 months on all new balance transfers!** After the 12-month introductory period, your rate will be 7.99% - 17.90% APR.

### Our Balance Transfer Promotion Features:

- 0% APR for 12 months
- 3% balance transfer fee
- No annual fee
- No foreign transaction fees
- No cash advance fees

The introductory 0% APR balance transfer promotion ends on April 30, 2022. Take advantage of this opportunity today by visiting [www.SignatureFCU.org/BalanceTransfer](http://www.SignatureFCU.org/BalanceTransfer)

**Don't have a SFCU Visa® card?** Apply for one at [www.SignatureFCU.org/Visa](http://www.SignatureFCU.org/Visa)

\*APR = Annual Percentage Rate. This promotion is valid from 11/01/2021 – 04/30/2022. Introductory rate of 0% APR is for 12 months and will apply to balance transfer(s) amount only. After the introductory period, your regular APR of 7.99% - 17.90% will be applied to the remaining balance, new purchases, and new balance transfers. Interest will begin charging on the remaining balance at 12 months from the transaction date. Balance transfers do not earn points or cash rebate. A 3% balance transfer fee applies to all transfers during the promotional period.

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## Delay your first vehicle loan payment for up to 90 days\*.

For a limited time when you finance your new or used car, truck, motorcycle, boat, RV, or ATV through Signature FCU, you can enjoy your new vehicle for up to three months before making your first payment.

\*Interest accrues daily. Delaying your first payment will result in several months without a reduction in your principal balance. This promotion runs from January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022. Applications must be received by March 31, 2022 to be eligible for this promotion. Promotion available on new and used car, truck, motorcycle, boat, RV, and ATV loans. All loans are subject to credit approval.

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## It's never too early to start saving for the next holiday season.

Save all year long with our **Holiday Club Account**, so when the busy holiday season rolls around again, you're not wondering how you're going to pay for everything. Plus, you'll earn more dividends than a standard savings account, helping your money grow faster.

**Interested in saving for something else?** Check out our other Club Account types:

- **Vacation Club:** Ensure you have enough money saved for your upcoming travels.
- **Convention Club:** Stay within your budget for your upcoming state or national convention.
- **Name Your Own Club:** Give this account a nickname to remind yourself what you're saving for.

Open your account today at [www.SignatureFCU.org/ClubAccounts](http://www.SignatureFCU.org/ClubAccounts)



## Southern Officers Conference October 13-16, 2022

**Date:** 10/13/2022

**Time:** 07:00 AM to 05:00 PM

2022 Southern Officers Conference

October 13 – 16, 2022

GREAT WOLF LODGE

10175 Weddington Road, Concord North Carolina 28027

704-979-3356

Room Rates \$149, Free Parking

Registration

October – May 31, 2022 -- \$135.00

June 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022 -- \$160.00

After October 1, 2022 and on-site- \$175.00

(Includes all meals + lunch at Charlotte Speedway Club overlooking tracks!)

[2022 SOC Registration form \(PDF\)](#)

**SPECIAL EVENT!**

**NASCAR Ride-Along Experience!**

Register Below for Special Price

\$120 – Now through December 31, 2021

\$130 After January 1, 2022 if space available

Watch for updates on our Facebook Page:

UPMA SOC 2022 – NC

More information contact:

Dominick Spadaro - 252-342-0614

[Dominick28512@gmail.com](mailto:Dominick28512@gmail.com)

Linda Carter – 919-323-6595

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Return Registration and fee to:

**LINDA CARTER  
1976 US HWY 401 SOUTH  
WARRENTON NC 7589**

**(Vendors must register to participate in  
hospitality room, meals and events)**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ SOC Registration

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ RIDE-ALONG Fee

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# UPMA NATIONAL AUXILIARY

The National Auxiliary to the United Postmasters and Managers of America (UPMA) was established with the common goal to help the Postmasters, Manager and Supervisors. The Auxiliary supports, promotes, and protects their concerns, while providing their spouse, family and/or friends, with an organization of friendship and fellowship. Sharing concerns, building good public relations for the Postal Service, generating new ideas, and having fun together all make our work more interesting, worthwhile, and rewarding.

Membership in the Auxiliary consists of UPMA Members or family of UPMA, to include spouses, sons, daughters, father, mother or grandchild. Associate Members are any persons supportive of the UPMA, including in-law, nieces, nephews, employees of USPS and their family members, and special friends of UPMA. BRATS are auxiliary members between the ages of 6 and 21. BRATS stands for "Bringing Real Attributes to Society".

The support of the UPMA Auxiliary and your State Chapter Auxiliary to UPMA is invaluable. We make the Auxiliary a family supported UPMA organization! Postmasters, Managers & Supervisors need all the support they can get on postal concerns. The Auxiliary members can rally community support, promote postal concerns, and keep in touch with Congressional Representatives on Postal issues.

Behind the scenes, the Auxiliary works to ensure that UPMA functions run smoothly and that a good time is had by all. Your Chapter may host the hospitality room at your annual State Convention, provides an evening of entertainment, maybe host a luncheon or picnic supper for the active UPMA and their families. Some of these activities might include putting on skits, planning tours, shopping, or just plain relaxing together. By becoming a member of your Auxiliary, you will learn about our organization, and how we support UPMA. Most importantly, you will make new friends and be sharing great fun and fellowship.

Membership dues are simply \$10 /year for primary Member and \$5 for additional family member(s). For further information contact a National Auxiliary Board Member at [upmaauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:upmaauxiliary@gmail.com). We will be glad to answer your questions.

## UPMA Auxiliary Membership

Please complete the Auxiliary membership application below. Be sure to include the complete mailing address. This will be sent to the Primary Auxiliary member. Membership dues are: \$ 10.00 for the primary member and \$ 5.00 for each additional family member. **Return completed form and payment to:**

**UPMA Auxiliary PO BOX 64 Lumber Bridge, NC 28357. Thank You**

<b>Primary Auxiliary Member</b>		valid through 2021-2022	
<b>NAME</b> _____			
Print	(Last Name)	(First)	(Middle Initial)
<b>EMAIL ADDRESS:</b> _____			
<b>MAILING ADDRESS</b> _____			
(Street/PO Box/Apt. #)		(City & State)	(Zip +4)
<b>Phone ( )</b> _____		<b>Local Chapter Member</b> Yes No <b>State</b> _____	
<b>Family Member</b> _____		<b>Retired Postmaster</b> _____	
		<b>Postmaster, Manager or Supervisor</b> _____	
		<b>BRATS</b> _____	
		<b>age 6-21</b>	



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Make a tax deductible contribution today.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(OPTIONAL) IN MEMORY OF: Please include name and address of family for the notification of the memorial.

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include address

Mail completed donation form to:

Illinois UPMA Scholarship Fund  
Mary Yates  
2 Lake Court  
Catlin, IL 61817-9213

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POSTAL MANAGERS  
MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION**

I'll do my share. Enclosed is:

\$10                      \$25                      \$50                      \$100  
Other \_\_\_\_\_                      Cash                      Check

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this with your contribution to:

ILLINOIS UPMA  
PO BOX 1 LINCOLN IL 62626

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**[IPN\\_Editor@Yahoo.com](mailto:IPN_Editor@Yahoo.com)**



## Upcoming Events

Legislative Summit

Washington, DC

Feb 13th - 16th, 2022

Central Area Officers Conference

Milwaukee, WI

March 11th - 13th

IL State Convention

Northbrook IL

May 12th - 14th, 2022

6th Annual UPMA National Convention

St. Louis, MO

August 20th - 26th, 2022

Southern Area Officers Conference

Concord, NC

October 13th - 15th, 2022

