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CONFERENCE AND SYMPOSIUM FUNDING

As Cooperative Education and other forms of Experiential Learning teachers united as one, our voices will be stronger and clearer if represented by this provincial association, otherwise known as the Ontario Cooperative Education Association (OCEA).

Collectively we provide resources, documents and invaluable information; in addition, we have an annual fall symposium, usually held in October and an annual spring conference, usually held in April or May that you will find most rewarding.

You should first become an OCEA member in order to help us demonstrate and promote our dedication and commitment to Cooperative Education and all other forms of Experiential Learning in Ontario.

Membership has its privileges: <https://oceacon.ca/memberships/member-benefits/>

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

How do I get funding?

- First ask your department head if there is money in the budget to cover the cost of the membership.

What if they do not have any money?

Ask:

- your Principal if the school fund could cover it
- your OYAP Coordinator
- your SHSM Lead
- your Student Success Lead
- your Co-op Consultant
- your Subject Council Chair
- your union representative.

Are there any additional sources?

- Some boards have PD/Conference funding - but you should apply early in Semester One before the funds are no longer available!
- The New Teacher Induction Program (NTIP) Coordinator is another place teachers in their first 2 years of employ can go – <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/teacher/induction.html>

And if all else fails?

- Pay the fees yourself. **It is all tax deductible!!**