



# WATA Conduit Fund

With passage of the licensure bill the WATA membership has become more active in politics and campaigns. That is a good thing! Being active in the political process is crucial to continued success in your regulated profession. All other health care professions are involved in lobbying and political campaigns. Legislators rely on your expertise and knowledge when they draft legislation relating to your profession. The Association speaks collectively for the Athletic Training profession on legislative issues and with the establishment of the WATA conduit, can contribute to candidates as a profession.

## How does the conduit fund work?

At various times throughout the year the conduit committee solicits personal contributions from WATA members. A contribution to a conduit must be a personal contribution and cannot be made by a corporation or business. Let's assume you make a \$25 contribution to the WATA conduit. Your personal check made out to WATA conduit is deposited in the WATA conduit bank account. Two months later your local state senator is holding a fundraiser and you would like to attend. You must direct or provide consent to the WATA conduit administrator to forward a conduit check attributed to you for \$25 to the legislator's campaign committee. Your name will appear on a transmittal letter along with a \$25 WATA conduit check to your state senator's campaign committee.

It is extremely important to be involved in the political process. Getting to know your local legislators and building a strong relationship with them will help to ensure a strong Association and profession. In addition, your participation in the WATA conduit will help to support legislators who listen to our concerns.

Raising money is never easy or fun but it is important. Please consider making a personal contribution to the WATA conduit today. A contribution of \$10 or \$20 goes a long way when contributed with other WATA member contributions.

## How do I make a contribution?

To make your contribution to the Conduit Fund, please complete the form on the bottom of this page and send it to Sheri Almquist, WATA Conduit Account Administrator. The WATA Conduit Fund has a separate Banking account from the WATA and is comprised of voluntary personal contributions to be held in escrow for a later contribution to a candidate's campaign account, with the consent of the original donor. The conduit may only be used for state races and is prohibited from contributing to federal candidates.

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## WATA Conduit Contribution Form

Please complete the following information and return this portion with a **"personal check"** to:

**Sheri Almquist, WATA Conduit Account Administrator**  
**509 Glacier Trail, Mount Horeb, WI 53572**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### **By signing this form, I understand the following:**

The conduit can act only on specific instructions from the member for each contribution transferred. This means a member cannot make a blanket authorization for many candidates and then leave it up to the conduit administrator to decide which candidate actually receive contributions. The conduit organization can suggest possible candidates to consider for contributions. However, the possible recipients of contributions cannot be controlled or limited by the conduit organization in any way. The conduit administrator will contact you before your funds are distributed.