

LOCAL B-192 MEMBER RESOURCES DURING VENUE CLOSURES, WORK STOPPAGES, OR WORK SLOWDOWN

This list was compiled by members of the IATSE Local B-192 Executive Board. If you are a member with questions about requesting aid from the resources provided, please contact our Local's office by calling 818-509-9192 or emailing info@b192iatse.org.

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Unemployment Compensation:

- Members may be eligible for unemployment benefits due to reduced hours and/or reduced wages. To [file a claim](#) for unemployment insurance online:
 1. Gather required information (Valid CA identification, most recent employer's information, and employment history over the past 18 months) and use the general website, <https://edd.ca.gov/>, to access EDD online.
 2. Create an account on myEDD:
https://myedd.edd.ca.gov/s/login/?language=en_US&ec=302&startURL=%2F%2F
 3. Submit information and complete required forms.
- For detailed instructions on applying and filing a claim, use <https://edd.ca.gov/en/unemployment/apply/> or watch this helpful video shared by a former Local B-192 member: https://youtu.be/LXTx_MFVeGc?si=jdcXrHRpcLU2Tale

Financial Assistance:

- Labor Community Services: The Labor Community Services team at the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor has an assistance program that can help Union members with paying bills and rent, buying groceries, and more. To apply, complete the [Intake Information Form](#)
- Help with surviving debt: <https://library.nclc.org/book/surviving-debt/introduction-3>
- Benefits Cal: For members whose income has been affected by lack of work, you may be eligible for food or cash aid, medical benefits, and general relief programs detailed here: <https://benefitscal.com/>
- United Way:
<https://www.unitedway.org/our-impact/financial-security/my-smart-money/immediate-needs>
- CalWorks-Families with kids: <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/calworks>
- Apply for help with Energy Bill:
<https://www.csd.ca.gov/Pages/Assistance-PayingMyEnergyBills.aspx>
- For Universal Studios Hollywood & Universal-owned CityWalk employees only: Universal Studios Hollywood Team Member Assistance Fund was started to assist Team Members facing severe financial hardship resulting from a sudden, unforeseen catastrophic or emergency event in their lives through no fault of their own and provides short-term direct assistance for applicants who meet the Fund's eligibility criteria.
 - **Applying to the TM Assistance Fund:** Applications can be found on MyUSH (TM Kiosks on-site) or picked up from Team Member Central (5511-3) or 5511-5th floor.

Before applying for assistance from the Fund, Team Member should have exhausted all resources reasonably available which may include:

- Health, disability, life or other insurance benefits
- Unemployment Wages
- Personal Savings
- Loans
- Government or Community Assistance Programs
- Applications are required to be completed in full with detailed information regarding the qualifying event, financial hardship incurred, and documentation of hardship and proof of amount owed must be submitted along with application. **Completed applications can be dropped off at Team Member Central (5511-3), 5511-5th floor , or by emailing USH.TMFund@udx.com**. Submitting an application does not guarantee approval for TM Assistance Fund Grant. Submitted applications will be reviewed by the TM Assistance Fund Review Board to determine meeting criteria.

Food & Supplies Needs:

- Labor Community Services: Union members in Los Angeles can visit food distributions that occur on an ongoing basis in various Los Angeles-area communities. For a list of upcoming distributions, visit <https://lcs-la.org/events>
- LA Food Bank: <https://www.lafoodbank.org/>
- Cal Fresh: Federally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), a federal nutrition program formally known as food stamps provides eligible residents with monthly financial assistance to purchase food and other benefits to help you save. They issue monthly electronic benefits that can be used to buy most food at many markets and food stores: <https://www.getcalfresh.org/>
- Benefits Cal: <https://benefitscal.com/>

Various Assistance:

- This site can help search for additional help in various aspects of life:: <https://211la.org/>
- AFL-CIO Community Services: This is a search engine to help with finding, aid, food, and other services: <https://helpmenow.myresourcedirectory.com/>
- Behind the Scenes mental health resources: <https://wp.behindthescenescharity.org/>

Online Courses & Scholarships for Career Development, Education and Training:

- LinkedIn Learning free account for IATSE members:LinkedIn Learning gives you the flexibility to learn at your own pace and when you have time in your schedule. Through this subscription, active IATSE members and those working under IATSE agreements have FREE unlimited access to the LinkedIn Learning online library of high-quality, instructional videos across a wide spectrum of technologies. Learn more and apply for a subscription here <https://www.iatsetrainingtrust.org/lil>
- Union Plus free education: Union Plus continues to provide educational opportunities for Union members, including scholarships, free college, and a degree completion program. Here's the link for more information: <https://www.unionplus.org/benefits/education>
- For Universal Studios Hollywood & Universal-owned CityWalk employees only: Comcast EdAssist's Education Assistance program offers tuition assistance from a variety of

universities and for many disciplines and courses. Use this link for this information and for logging in with your SSO: <https://comcastnbcu.edassist.com/tuition/welcome>

- Union Plus Scholarship Applications: Applications are now open for the 2026 Union Plus scholarship awards that range from \$500 to \$4,000 for Union members and their families. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2026, and here's the application and information link: <https://www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/union-plus-scholarships>
- IATSE Walsh/DiTolla/Spivak Foundation Scholarship: The Trustees of the Richard F. Walsh/Alfred W. Di Tolla/Harold P. Spivak Foundation are pleased to offer ten scholarship awards each year. Each winner of a scholarship will receive a total of \$10,000 in scholarship funds which will be paid out at \$2,500 per year over a four-year period. To be considered for the scholarship, you must mail in the completed application form by the deadline date of December 31st or the application mailed must be postmarked by December 31st. Here's the link for information and the application: <https://iatse.net/scholarship/>.

Job Opportunities Outside the Company:

- Central Casting is always needing background actors for various film/TV shoots around Los Angeles. It's a great gig to pick up additional days to support when not getting hours at Universal. Free to create a profile to be included in database: <https://www.centralcasting.com/la/>

USH Transfer Opportunities (only for members who work at USH):

- USH Jobs website for transfer opportunities: <https://jobs.universalparks.com/job-search-results?brand=Universal%20Studios%20Hollywood>
- Contract language regarding maintaining seniority when transferring to another department, found in Local B-192 & USH CBA Article 23(e): *Those that have been impacted by a closure, permanent or temporary, that choose to transfer during that time will automatically have their seniority hours applied for the purpose of roster placement and scheduling. Note: You will still be subject to the 480-hour "evaluation period".*
 - Language above applies for up to nine (9) months following a permanent attraction closure.