JOINING A POLITICAL PARTY

All parties are getting ready for the next provincial election. They are planning nomination meetings and developing their platforms and strategies. The earlier you become involved, the more influence you potentially have.

One of the ways in which ETFO members can ensure that quality public education remains on the political agenda is by joining a political party.

If you don’t already have a strong political preference, you may want to visit each party’s website before you decide. If you know which party you prefer, simply follow the directions below. In most cases, you will be assigned a membership in the provincial riding in which you live.

# Ontario Green Party

Mailing Address:
PO Box 1132, Station F
Toronto, ON M4Y 2T8

Tel: 416-977-7476, (toll-free) 1-888-647-3366; Fax: 416-977-5476

For general inquiries: admin@gpo.ca

**Website**: [www.gpo.ca](http://www.gpo.ca)

Any resident of Ontario who is 14 years of age or older, and pledges to respect and uphold the GPO constitution and the principles and values contained therein, and who is not a member of any other provincial political party, is eligible to become a member of the Green Party of Ontario. You can sign up by downloading the membership application from the website.

The minimum standard membership fee is $10.

# Ontario Liberal Party

210-10 St. Mary Street, Toronto, ON M4Y 1P9

Tel: 416-961-3800, (toll-free) 1-800-268-7250; Fax: 416-323-9425

e-mail: info@ontarioliberal.ca

Website: [www.ontarioliberal.ca](http://www.ontarioliberal.ca)

Anyone 14 years of age or older, who is not a member of any other provincial political party, may join the Ontario Liberal Party. You can join the OLP online on the party website or by contacting your local Ontario Liberal riding association. Information about the provincial riding associations is available on the party website. You can also obtain a riding contact name by getting in touch with the OLP at the address above.

The fee for joining varies by riding; the annual membership fees are $10 for adults; $5 for youth and seniors. Joining the Ontario Liberal Party entitles you to participate in provincial activities. To participate in the Liberal Party of Canada, you must join the federal party.

# Ontario New Democratic Party

2069 Lakeshore Blvd. Suite 201, Toronto, ON M8V 3Z4

Tel: 416-591-8637, (toll-free) 1-866-390-6637; Fax: 416-599-4820

e-mail: info@ontariondp.ca

Website: [www.ontariondp.ca](http://www.ontariondp.ca)

Anyone who is not a member of any other political party (provincial or federal) may join the New Democratic Party. You can join by signing up with your local riding association or by completing a form on the website.

By joining a provincial riding association, an individual automatically becomes a member of the federal riding as well.

The annual membership fee is $25 unless you are a senior, a youth, or unemployed in which case the fee is $5.

# Ontario Progressive Conservative Party

59 Adelaide Street East, 4th Floor Toronto, ON M5C 1K6

Tel: 416-861-0020, (toll-free) 1-800-903-6453; Fax: 416-861-9593

Website: [www.ontariopc.com](http://www.ontariopc.com)

You can join the Ontario PC Party online on the party website or by contacting the local riding association. You can contact PC party headquarters at the number listed above for information regarding local riding contacts. The party website has direct links to a number of PC ridings.

The annual membership fee is $10.

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