

**GUIDELINES FOR CUPE CANDIDATES RUNNING IN NOVA SCOTIA FOR FEDERAL, PROVINCIAL, MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

All CUPE Nova Scotia members who are running are eligible to apply for National and Division funding for election costs if applicants meet the CUPE National and the CUPE Nova Scotia Division policy guidelines:

CUPE National:

1. Member candidates must be endorsed by their local union in writing and by the Provincial Divisions subject to approval of National Officers. Candidates must run for a political party that has shown consistent support for CUPE's policies to be eligible. Staff candidates must be endorsed by CUPE National. Costs are for a leaflet or other advertising-related expenses. Official receipts are required for reimbursement. CUPE National provides up to $750 per applicant who is eligible and meets all requirements of the national candidate election guidelines.

CUPE Nova Scotia:

1. CUPE Nova Scotia members from an affiliated local who are running and endorsed by their local union in writing and by CUPE N.S are eligible to apply for funding from the Division for election costs. CUPE Nova Scotia will commit a specific amount into an election fund that will be divided equally among those applicants who are eligible and meet all requirements.
2. Candidates must run for a political party that has shown consistent support for CUPE's policies to be eligible. All CUPE Nova Scotia members who are running and endorsed by CUPE Nova Scotia in an election shall adhere to and promote the stated CUPE principles and policies in their campaigns. All election candidates will be asked to complete a questionnaire on key commitments for endorsed candidates and verify that by signing these commitments.
3. The allocated funding from CUPE NS will be divided equally by the number of CUPE candidates who come forward and meet the criteria outlined in our “Key Commitments” document. Official receipted expenses which are incurred by individual members for campaign-related (flyers, signs, ads, etc.) activities must be provided. The application deadline for all CUPE election funds will be 10 days after the election is called.

Mail your letters of application to the **CUPE NS Recording Secretary**

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