

V Means Voluntary

Always remember that both signing up for V-CAP and the amount you contribute are purely voluntary. You can cancel your contribution by written request at any time. The key to increasing participation in V-CAP and our other political action efforts is education and communication, not high pressure tactics.

UAW V-CAP is an independent political action committee created by the UAW. UAW V-CAP uses the money it receives to make political contributions and expenditures for federal, state, and local elections. Contributions to UAW V-CAP are purely voluntary and are without fear of reprisal.

Money and Politics

According to [opensecrets.org](https://www.opensecrets.org), during the 2024 election cycle business PACs donated about \$383 million to federal candidates while labor PACs contributed \$72 million—just over 1/6 the amount business PACs spent. Total election funding by business outpaced labor spending by a ratio of 24 to 1.

ELECTION SPENDING		
Year	Business	Labor
2024	\$6.1 billion	\$264 million
2022	\$3.5 billion	\$232 million
2020	\$5.9 billion	\$243 million
2018	\$2.8 billion	\$171 million
2016	\$3.4 billion	\$218 million
2014	\$1.7 billion	\$140 million

WHAT IS V-CAP?

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V-CAP is the UAW's political action program, which includes the Union's PAC (Political Action Committee). The PAC fund is made up of voluntary contributions from UAW members, both active and retired. The money is used to support pro-worker political candidates who have earned the endorsement of the UAW Community Action Program (UAW CAP).

Why Should I Give to V-CAP?

Whether it is taxes, trade policy, retirement security, healthcare, education or infrastructure, politics affects our daily lives. That's why it is essential for working families to make our voices heard in local, state and national politics by supporting candidates who support us. One of the most effective ways to do that is by contributing to V-CAP.

Isn't Dues Money Used for Campaign Contributions?

That's a common misunderstanding. The fact is federal and many state election laws prohibit unions from contributing members' dues money to political candidates. The only money that can be used for contributions to candidates is money members voluntarily contribute to V-CAP.

Which Candidates Does the UAW Support?

First, a candidate must ask for an endorsement from the UAW. Second, in most UAW Regions, candidates are interviewed by a screening committee of UAW members and retirees.

They make recommendations based on their evaluation of the candidate's voting record and/or positions on trade, education, Medicare, retirement security, right-to-work laws, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other issues that directly affect UAW members and our families.

Does the UAW Endorse Only Democrats?

No. Endorsements are based on the candidate's record and positions on issues, not on party. Over the years, UAW has endorsed pro-working family Independents, Republicans, and Democrats.

How Much Can V-CAP Give to a Candidate?

The maximum amount any PAC can contribute to a candidate for federal office is \$5,000 for the primary election and \$5,000 for the general election. Amounts to state candidates vary by state laws.

I Can't Match the Millionaires and Their Deep Pockets.

Should I Even Bother Giving?

That's exactly why you should contribute to V-CAP. Not many of us are able to write big checks to the candidates we support; but when we pool our contributions, we can make a significant difference in elections. In fact, UAW V-CAP is recognized by elected officials and candidates as one of the largest and most effective PACs in American politics.

How Much Should I Give to V-CAP?

That's entirely up to you. The UAW International Executive Board has set the goal of having at least 20% of our active membership giving \$10 a month.

How Do I Contribute To V-CAP?

Your collective bargaining agreement may contain a "UAW V-CAP checkoff" clause that will allow you to contribute right from your paycheck. If so, just sign a UAW V-CAP checkoff authorization card which authorizes your employer to deduct the amount you specify from your paycheck. If you do not have checkoff, then you can write a check directly to UAW V-CAP.