

# UFCW 951 **BULLETIN**

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## **How to Get the Greatest Value from Your Union**

UFCW 951 offers members numerous valuable protections and guarantees, along with many cost-saving opportunities. However, getting the greatest value from your union takes some initiative.

“Members need to educate themselves about their rights and the opportunities presented by their union,” John Cakmakci, UFCW 951 president, said. “The union has many resources available to members so they can get answers to their questions and learn about various benefits of union membership; members simply need to access them.”

Union stewards are your coworkers who have a wealth of information and are available to help you with workplace problems. Union representatives are UFCW 951 staff who can also provide information and assistance. While your union representative will visit your unit on a regular basis, he or she is always just a phone call away. Your union stewards and union representatives, along with their contact information, are listed on your union bulletin board and at [www.ufcw951.org](http://www.ufcw951.org).

“UFCW 951 realizes members prefer to receive information from their union in a variety of ways, so we present this information on various platforms,” Cakmakci said. “For members who like to go online, we have an extensive website. We are also on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.”

The local sends out email blasts to members who have signed up for this program, all members receive a bi-monthly newsletter at their home, and each unit has at least one union bulletin board that is filled with valuable information.

“I encourage members to maximize their union membership by talking to their union steward and representative and keeping up-to-date on UFCW 951 and programs through one or more of the union’s communication methods,” Cakmakci said. “By accessing these resources, members can ensure they receive their contractual benefits and save money by taking advantage of UFCW 951 programs.”

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# College Scholarship Deadline is March 25

The deadline to return your application for the UFCW 951 Foundation 2016-2017 College Scholarship program is quickly approaching. In 2016, the Foundation will award nineteen \$2,000 and five \$400 scholarships to eligible members, their spouse, children, or their grandchildren (under the age of 25).

Scholarship applications, including complete rules and eligibility requirements, are available from union representatives, or by calling the office at 1.800.999.0951. The scholarship application can also be downloaded by visiting [www.ufcw951.org/members/scholarships](http://www.ufcw951.org/members/scholarships).



Watch your union bulletin boards and the UFCW 951 website at [www.ufcw951.org/](http://www.ufcw951.org/) events to find out when you can begin filling your March Madness bracket. **\$500 in prizes will be awarded to UFCW 951 members!**

## When You Move Be Sure to Update Your Address with the Union

When you have a change of address, don't forget to update your information with the union office to ensure you continue to receive important mail from your union, including contract information, election materials, surveys and bargaining updates.

To change your address, call the Membership Records department at 1.800.999.0951 or send an email to [information@ufcwlocal951.com](mailto:information@ufcwlocal951.com).

## Quarterly Membership Meetings

**Wednesday, April 27 at 7 p.m.**

Membership meetings are your opportunity to ask questions, get involved and hear what's going on with your employer, your industry, and your union!

### **Sterling Heights**

UAW Local 228  
39209 Mound Rd.

### **Lansing**

UAW Local 652  
426 Clare St.

### **Grand Rapids**

UFCW 951 Office  
3270 Evergreen Dr. NE

### **Kalkaska**

All Seasons Resort  
760 S. Cedar St.

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