

The Legislative Action Fund is a \$1 mandatory fee to be assessed to all students but is currently only being assessed for students taking six or more credits. All students being defined as every enrolled student in a class at Western Washington University. All students regardless of matriculating, site, graduate student, undergraduate student, or post baccalaureate. The reason that this fee should be assessed to all students is because unlike other fees the benefits of the Legislative Action Fund positively affect all students. One of the largest expenses of the Legislative Action Fund is membership dues to the Washington Student Association. In the Washington Student Association mission statement it says "**The WSA is the leader in pursuing affordable, accessible, and quality higher education for students in the State of Washington.**" All Western students regardless of enrollment status benefit from having access to affordable classes. Though students who attend Western Washington University on different site locations might not have the accessibility to request money from the Legislative Action Fund out of the student use portion of the fund, they have the ability to do so. If any student wanted to attend an issue specific lobby day, submit an application for any of the United States Student Association bi-annually conferences, or participate in part of any of the campaigns that this fund provides resources for, they would be able to. The Legislative Action Fund provides funding for the Washington Student Association and United States Student Association campaigns and not all of them are only based on the Bellingham site. Most of the campaigns have the ability to participate remotely. That might include calling or emailing a legislator or an elected official about an issue that primarily focuses around student. The Legislative Action Fund is committed to expanding legislative action at the local, state, and federal level. These actions are beneficial to all students.