



AAUP FOUNDATION LEGAL DEFENSE FUND APPLICATION PROCESS

In 1975 the predecessor American Association of University Professors (AAUP) established the Legal Defense Fund (LDF). In 2013, AAUP restructured and now the AAUP Foundation maintains the LDF. The LDF provides financial assistance in cases at the trial and appellate levels that involve potential violations of AAUP policy and that have the potential for affecting higher education law, and preferably, precedential value. The LDF operates pursuant to guidelines, which are attached to the coversheet.

In order to request assistance from the AAUP Foundation's Legal Defense Fund, please submit your request in writing to the AAUP Legal Department via e-mail legal.dept@aaup.org or mail to:

AAUP Foundation
ATTN: Legal Department – Legal Defense Fund
1133 19th Street, N.W., Ste. 200,
Washington, D.C. 20036.

Your request should include the following:

- 1.) Names of all parties to the litigation, including the name and location of the University or College involved in the dispute.
- 2.) The name and jurisdiction of the Court where the case is pending.
- 3.) The number assigned to your case by the Court of jurisdiction.
- 4.) Copies of the following legal documents applicable to your case:
 - a. Original Complaint and any subsequent amended Complaints.
 - b. Answer to the Complaint and any subsequent amended Answers.
- 5.) All court decisions related to your case.
- 6.) Copies of any news coverage regarding your case

When sending documents, please send copies only; we cannot return originals.

The AAUP Legal Office and AAUP Foundation Legal Defense Fund Governing Board will strive to review your request in a timely manner but please allow a minimum of 30 days for us to evaluate your request for funding.