

Jewish Caucus Dues FAQ's

1. What do I get for my dues?

A: You get a year of membership in a statewide caucus that represents and speaks for Jewish democrats in the NCDP. Dues will help cover our operating expenses, which include items like maintaining a website and member database, communication software, Zoom account, events and more. Our endeavors provide you with the opportunity to participate in a dynamic group of politically active Jewish democrats committed to influencing Democratic Party politics in NC.

2. Do I need to pay dues to keep my membership in good standing?

A: Yes. Dues are \$18 per person per year. Students, and those with hardships, may pay \$5/yr.

3. How does the dues year work?

A: Our Caucus operates on the calendar year, except for our dues year, which runs from April 1st through March 31st of each year. Because our Annual convention and the NCDP SEC winter meetings are typically held in Feb., using an April 1 date allows leadership to share last year's accomplishments, and prepare for our next convention without scrambling to get out dues reminders at the end of the calendar year.

4. When does dues go into effect?

A: Dues were approved by the Leadership Team and Executive Committee of the NCDPJC in 2024 to take effect after the 2025 Annual Convention. If you made a donation of \$18 or more between Jan 1st and April 1st, 2025 it will be considered dues paid in full in 2025.

Dues go into effect after the 2025 Convention. Dues should be paid by April 1st and will be considered late on April 15th. Members and Associate Members who are late paying dues will be contacted two times by email, text or telephone, at their last known contact information, before their membership is suspended.

5. If my membership is suspended, how can I get back into good standing?

A: You can bring your membership into good standing by paying the amount in arrears.

6. How can I verify that my dues and membership are current?

A: You may inquire by sending an email to: NCDPJC@gmail.com.

7. If I leave NC or resign my membership mid-year, may I request a refund of my dues?

A: If you move or resign from the caucus, the balance of your dues will be considered a donation. There is no refund, nor prorated refund, of the annual dues amount of \$18.

8. If I make a donation of \$180, may I designate it to cover 10 years of dues?

A: No. Dues are collected annually. This also allows us to ensure your information in our membership list is current and up to date. We encourage you to keep your dues current.

Donations, however, may be made at any time. Please consider making a regular yearly or monthly donation of whatever amount you can. Some members donate \$18/mo., others make an annual contribution of \$36, and some have donated much more. The Caucus appreciates all donations and will never ask you to donate beyond your comfort zone.

9. May I designate my dues to a purpose or committee?

A: No. Dues go into the general fund and are used for operational expenses (e.g., our website, database maintenance, Zoom, and other communications software).

Donations, however, may be designated to a committee or program, and suggested and aggregated for certain candidates. Likewise, the Leadership Team and Executive Committee may announce a special fundraiser for a specific purpose or program, or to help a Synagogue after a disaster, or to support a candidate in a critical special election, etc. We have found that when our Caucus gathers donations from many givers, we have a larger impact than individuals giving alone.

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10. Does a portion of my dues automatically go to the NC Democratic Party or to the National Democratic Party?
A: No. There are, however, times when the State or the National Party may ask the Caucus to support a program, lawsuit, or candidate. In such a case, the Leadership Team may convene the Executive Committee to designate and approve this payment.
11. What is ActBlue? When I make my contribution to the NCDPJC or to a candidate using ActBlue how much comes to the Caucus?
A: ActBlue is an [American Democratic Party political action committee](#). If you donate \$100 to the NCDPJC then 0.015% goes to Act Blue, 0.0243% goes to Stripe Inc. to process your payment and the NCDPJC.org gets \$96.07. Neither the NCDP nor DNC get any monies donated to the NCDPJC. Using Act Blue assures our Caucus and Treasurer stay in compliance with reporting requirements. We do ask that you consider paying the ActBlue/Stripe fee in order that your full \$18 dues go to the Jewish Caucus.
12. May I send in my dues by check?
A. Yes. Please make your check payable to the NCDPJC and mail it to our Treasurer, John Kibler, 3614 South Rocky River Road Monroe, NC 28112.
13. If I wish to pay over the phone, or have other dues-related questions, who may I call?
A. Please contact our Treasurer, John Kibler, at 704.219.3087, ncdjctreasury@gmail.com, or our Assistant Treasurer, Lewis Zwick at 713.261.8655, Lewis.Zwick@msn.com.
14. May I set up my dues for automatic renewal?
A. Yes. You can set up for auto renewal. If you do, you can stop it anytime.
15. Are my dues or contributions tax deductible?
A. No. As a political organization donations and dues to the NCDPJC are not tax deductible. In the future the Caucus may set up a 501 (c)3 organization for education purposes. At that time designated donations to the education fund would be considered tax deductible. Members will be advised when that is possible.
16. Are my contributions and information on ActBlue Secure?
A. Yes, your ActBlue set up and donations through ActBlue are secure. The amounts you donate are a matter of public record. Our Technology Committee, Webmaster, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and all officers are vigilant, take care and implement security measures to assure your information, our processes and website are secure.
17. Where can I go to donate?
A. Got to <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/ncdjc>. If you forget the link, you can always go to our website <https://ncdpjc.org/> and find it there on the home page.

Your support and financial participation are appreciated and essential.