



Employer *Bulletin*

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Fall Public WRS Presentations and Other Learning Opportunities

Want to know more about your Wisconsin Retirement System benefits? Whether you are planning to retire within the year or in the distant future (or somewhere in between), the Department of Employee Trust Funds has a live, interactive webinar or a public presentation right for you. Perhaps you would rather attend a group retirement appointment – we have those, too.

Public Presentations

ETF's evening presentations, held in public buildings all across the state, are designed for all WRS members, especially those who are *within five years of retirement*. Topics covered include WRS annuity options, return-to-work rules, post-retirement annuity adjustments, the Core and Variable Trust Funds, the importance of keeping a beneficiary form up to date, purchasing service before retirement, the difference between a joint survivor and a beneficiary, and how "life event" changes affect WRS retirement benefits. All presentations run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; no registration is required. Review the attached fall 2015 schedule to find a presentation near you or use our interactive map, which you can find on the [Member Education page](#).

Webinars

Webinars are conducted online by an ETF benefits specialist and focus on a single topic of interest. Our [webinars](#) over the next several months will cover these important topics:

- Group health insurance changes for 2016
- How to use our online calculator to request a retirement benefit estimate
- How to enhance your benefit by making additional contributions
- WRS annuity payment options
- Choosing a retirement date (for example: December vs. January)
- Five important steps for you to take to retire
- The Variable Fund and how it affects your benefits
- WRS employer and employee contribution rates
- WRS effective rates and annuity adjustments

Group Retirement Appointments

Do you already have your *official* WRS benefit estimate and want to talk to someone at ETF to more fully understand it? Consider attending one of our group retirement appointments. We design these sessions specifically for members who have their official estimate and are within a year of retirement. An ETF benefits specialist provides an explanation of the estimate, WRS annuity options, the application process and answers questions. We just updated the fall 2015 schedule – use our

interactive map, found on the [Member Education page](#), to find a group appointment scheduled in your area.

How to stay on top of our offerings?

- Visit the [Member Education page](#) to find out about scheduled educational events and register.
- Sign up for [ETF E-mail Updates](#) to receive immediate notification of upcoming educational events. Registration is free and fast – sign up with an email address.
- Follow us on [Twitter!](#)

See the next page for the Fall WRS Presentation schedule.

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Fall 2015 WRS PUBLIC PRESENTATION

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CITY	DATE	LOCATION
Appleton	11/05/15	Fox Valley Technical College- Room A170ABC 1825 North Bluemound Drive, Appleton (Entrance 16- North parking Lot)
Ashland	10/15/15	Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College- Room 305-306 2100 Beaser Ave, Ashland
Cleveland	11/03/15	Lakeshore Technical College- Centennial Hall 1290 North Avenue, Cleveland
Eau Claire	09/17/15	Chippewa Valley Technical College- Casper Conf. Center Rm 103 A/B 620 West Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire
Fond du Lac	10/01/15	Moraine Park Technical College- Cafeteria A109 235 North National Avenue, Fond du Lac
Green Bay	09/14/15	Northeast Wisconsin Technical College- GB SC 128 Executive Dining 2740 West Mason Street, Green Bay
Janesville	09/24/15	Blackhawk Technical College- Room 1400B 6004 South County Road G, Janesville
La Crosse	10/20/15	UW La Crosse- 1400 Centennial Hall – Skogen Auditorium Corner of Vine & 16 th Street, La Crosse
Pewaukee / Milwaukee area	11/09/15	Waukesha County Technical College- Richard T Anderson Center 800 Main Street, Pewaukee
Platteville	11/17/15	Platteville High School- Auditorium 710 East Madison Street, Platteville
Racine	11/10/15	Case High School- Auditorium 7345 Washington Avenue, Racine
Rhineland	09/23/15	Nicolet Area Technical College - Learning Resource Center Theater 5364 College Drive, Rhineland
River Falls	10/22/15	Meyer Middle School- Auditorium 230 N 9 th St, River Falls
Shorewood / Milwaukee area	09/15/15	Shorewood High School- Auditorium 1701 East Capitol Drive, Shorewood
Sun Prairie / Madison area	09/23/15	Sun Prairie High School- Performing Arts Center 888 Grove St, Sun Prairie
Superior	10/14/15	Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College – Conf. Ctr. (A & B) 600 North 21 st Street, Superior
Verona / Madison area	10/20/15	Verona Area High School- Performing Arts Center 300 Richard Street, Verona
Wausau	10/22/15	Northcentral Technical College- 1004 Auditorium 1000 West Campus Drive, Wausau
Wisconsin Rapids	11/10/15	Mid-State Technical College - Auditorium 500 32 nd Street North, Wisconsin Rapids

If weather should become severe, listen to local radio stations for possible cancellations.