

ESP CORE SCHOOL 2026

PSEA SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Gettysburg College

July 19-23, 2026



What is Core School?

- Core School is an ESP-only training session that is offered during the PSEA Summer Leadership Conference on the campus of Gettysburg College.
- First-time attendees at Core School receive a scholarship.
- Participants will be given an overview of PSEA as an organization and provided with the knowledge, resources, and leadership skills necessary to be successful within their local association. Some of the topics covered during the training include compensation, structure of PSEA, leadership, negotiations, grievances, and managing conflict.

Who is eligible to attend ESP Core School?

- New leaders and aspiring leaders are encouraged to attend.
- ESP members who want to grow as leaders and are interested in getting (more) involved in their locals to help build solidarity and power.
- Core School will be limited to 40 participants. Each ESP division will have three guaranteed scholarships and there will be seven at-large scholarships
 - After May 15, 2026, unused division scholarships will be open to anyone.

What if I am a twelve-month employee?

- If you are a 12-month, full-time employee, you will have to use local union leave (if your contract provides this type of leave) or vacation and/or personal leave.
- Please contact Nate Greenawalt to discuss potential options if you are a 12-month employee.

How Do I Sign Up?

- Members interested in attending ESP Core School should submit their name to Nate Greenawalt, their UniServ Representative or ESP Division President as soon as possible but no later than May 15, 2026.
- Do not register for ESP Core School online or by using the registration form local presidents received. Core School participants will be sent a special registration form since no payment is required.

If you have any questions or to submit your name to be considered for a Core School scholarship, please contact Nate Greenawalt, Director of ESP & Special Field Programs, in PSEA Headquarters at ngreenawalt@psea.org or 717-255-7104.

