Unions Aren't Free and Dues Aren't Cheap

The Teamsters and NNU might say their dues only cost a small percentage of your income every month, but over time, that can really add up.

With unions, you could pay as much as your hourly rate **x 2.5 a month.**[1]

- If your hourly rate is $45, you would be paying **$112.50 in dues per month.**
- That's **$1,350 per year.**
- Over the term of a **3-year contract, you would be paying $4,050.**

The unions stand to make $9.72 million over the term of a three-year contract for all NorthShore Endeavor Hospitals.

Instead of paying $1,350 a year for a group that can't guarantee you any improvements, you might rather spend your money on:

18 trips to the grocery store spending $75

23 tanks of gas for your car, at $4.17/gallon[2]

6 months of phone bill payments[3]

32 months of water bill payments[4]

Where does *your* money go after the union collects?

In 2025, National Nurses United spent:

$1.9 million on travel, including luxury hotels, resorts, and travel agents.

$1.6 million to support political candidates and lobbying efforts[5].

IN 2025, Teamsters Local 743 spent:

$1.8 million in dues to its parent organization and regional affiliate, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT)[6].

$2.9 million IBT paid to settle a racial discrimination lawsuit after its president fired 13 Black and Hispanic employees based on their race[7].

Wouldn't you rather choose how to spend your own money?

Before you foot a union's bill with your hard-earned money, check their receipts.

[1] https://teamster.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/4726StraightFactsonUnionDues.pdf
[2] https://gasprices.aaa.com/?state=IL
[3] https://www.numberbarn.com/blog/cities-with-the-highest-phone-bills-in-2025/
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[7] https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/jan/31/teamsters-racial-discrimination-lawsuit

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