



Employer *Bulletin*

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Know Your Benefits: ETF Live Webinars, Group Appointments and Presentations

Live Webinars

Each live, 30-minute webinar is conducted online by an ETF benefits specialist and focuses on a single topic of interest. Monitor our webinar schedule on the [Member Education web page](#). Better yet, sign up for [ETF E-mail Updates](#) to receive immediate notification of registration opportunities. Registration is free and fast – sign up with an email address [now](#).

ETF webinars over the next several months will cover these important topics:

- WRS employer and employee contribution rates
- Returning to work after retirement
- Steps to retire
- WRS benefits – a presentation specifically for new and mid-career employees (note: webinar runs 1 hour)
- An overview of the WRS
- Beneficiary designations
- How to read and understand your WRS annual Statement of Benefits
- WRS effective rates and annuity adjustments
- Annuity options
- Retirement benefit calculation methods
- Life insurance after retirement
- How to use our online calculator to estimate a retirement benefit

Group Retirement Appointments

Do you know about our group retirement appointments? If you are thinking about attending a WRS public presentation, you may also want to keep in mind that we offer group appointments throughout the state.

Group appointments are designed for members who have a retirement application/estimate. An ETF benefits specialist provides an explanation of the estimate, annuity options, application process and answers questions. Call our office to get an estimate and schedule a group appointment.

Use our [interactive map](#) to find a group appointment scheduled in your area.

Benefit Presentations

ETF offers two-hour, evening presentations around the state in the spring and fall designed for all WRS members – especially those who are within five years of retirement. Topics covered at each presentation include WRS annuity options, return-to-work rules, additional contribution, 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. Reservations are not needed. ***Please share the schedule on the next page with your staff.***

Tentative Fall 2015 WRS presentations are set for Appleton, Ashland, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Green Bay, Janesville, La Crosse, Marinette, Milwaukee, Pewaukee, Platteville, Racine, Rhinelander, River Falls, Superior, Wausau, Wisconsin Rapids



Spring 2015 WRS Benefits Presentation For WRS Member Nearing Retirement

These two-hour evening presentations are designed for all WRS members, especially those who are within five years of retirement. Topics covered at each presentation include WRS annuity options, return-to-work rules, additional contributions, 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 are from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

No registration needed. All sites are handicap accessible.

| City | Date | Location |
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| Appleton | 3/03/15 | Fox Valley Technical College- Room A170ABC 1825 North Bluemound Drive, Appleton (Entrance 16 - North parking lot) |
| Baraboo | 3/16/15 | Baraboo Civic Center- Gym 124 2nd Street, Baraboo |
| Eau Claire | 3/19/15 | Chippewa Valley Technical College - Business Education Center 30A/B 620 West Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire |
| Fond du Lac | 3/31/15 | Moraine Park Technical College - Cafeteria A109 235 North National Avenue, Fond du Lac |
| Green Bay | 4/27/15 | Northeast Wisconsin Technical College - GB SC 132 Lecture Hall 2740 West Mason Street, Green Bay |
| Hayward | 4/13/15 | Hayward High School - ADS Auditorium 10320 Greenwood Lane, Hayward |
| Kenosha | 4/28/15 | Gateway Technical College - Madrigano Auditorium 3520 30 th Avenue, Kenosha |
| La Crosse | 4/07/15 | UW La Crosse - 1400 Centennial Hall Corner of Vine & 16 th Street, La Crosse |
| Marinette | 3/09/15 | Marinette High School - W.J. Jones Auditorium 2135 Pierce Avenue, Marinette |
| Middleton | 4/22/15 | Middleton High School - Courtyard 2100 Bristol Street, Middleton |
| Milwaukee | 3/25/15 | UW Milwaukee - UWM Student Union - Ballroom West 2200 East Kenwood Boulevard, Milwaukee |
| Pewaukee | 3/23/15 | Waukesha County Technical College - Richard T Anderson Center 800 Main Street, Pewaukee |
| Platteville | 4/16/15 | Platteville High School - Auditorium 710 East Madison Street, Platteville |
| Rhineland | 3/25/15 | Nicolet Area Technical College - Learning Resource Center Theater 5364 College Drive, Rhineland |
| River Falls | 4/23/15 | River Falls High School - Auditorium 818 Cemetery Road, River Falls |
| Stoughton | 3/24/15 | Stoughton High School - Cafetorium 600 Lincoln Avenue, Stoughton |
| Superior | 4/14/15 | Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College - Conf. Ctr. (C107-108) 600 North 21 st Street, Superior |
| Wausau | 4/16/15 | Northcentral Technical College - 1004 Auditorium 1000 West Campus Drive, Wausau |
| Whitewater | 3/31/15 | UW Whitewater- University Center - The Hamilton Room 800 West Main Street, Whitewater |
| Wisconsin Rapids | 3/09/15 | Mid-State Technical College - Auditorium 500 32 nd Street North, Wisconsin Rapids |

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