# Publix. Tuition Reimbursement Program: Occupational/Technical Application

# Program eligibility and reimbursement requirements

We appreciate your interest in the Publix Tuition Reimbursement Program. To be eligible for the program, you must meet the following criteria:

- Enroll in a program that directly affects your ability to perform your current job, prepares you to perform a future role within your current business area, provides certification that is required or preferred based on your current or established career path\*\* or meets an approved business need (including American Sign Language)
- Attend a school that is approved by Publix
- Have worked for Publix for at least 90 consecutive days since your last hire date
- Maintain a minimum Total Performance Rating of Meets Expectations on your performance evaluations

## **Tuition expenses reimbursed**

- Reimbursement begins from the date of acceptance into the program and is not retroactive for courses completed prior to acceptance into the program.
- Publix will reimburse the cost of tuition only, up to the maximum amount established by Publix.
- Any scholarships or grants received will be deducted from your tuition costs unless they are awarded specifically for non-tuition related expenses.
- Participants must submit a Reimbursement Request at least once each year to remain active in the program. If removed for no activity, a new application is needed to rejoin.
- Participants must be actively working at Publix on the date reimbursement funds are disbursed.

## **Current reimbursement limits**

| Reimbursement Limits  | Amount  |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Annual calendar limit | \$2,200 |
| Lifetime limit        | \$4,400 |

The sum of all reimbursements for the occupational/technical, individual course, and community/twoyear college programs may not exceed the limits shown (\$2,200 in a calendar year/\$4,400 total). Additionally, the sum of all payments for occupational/technical, individual course, community/twoyear college, and university/four-year college programs may not exceed \$4,000 in a calendar year/\$16,000 total.

#### **Associate information**

| Name  | Personnel number                        | Personal email address<br>Verify your email address in<br>PASSport. |  |  |
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| Job title   | Store number or support department name |   |  |  |
| Are you interested in pursuing a career with Publix after graduation?  Yes No If yes, in what capacity/what department: |   |   |  |  |

# School and course information

School you attend or plan to attend

Type of occupational or technical program

How will this program directly affect your ability to perform your current job, prepare you to perform a future role within your current business area, or provide certification that is required or preferred based on your current position or established career path?\*\*

\*\**Established career path* is the natural progression within your current business area.

- Maintain a minimum average of 10 work hours per week based on a 52-week average or entire employment if employed less than one year
- Receive approval from both an immediate supervisor and the store manager or assistant store manager (for retail) or department head (for non-retail)
- Receive a grade of "C" or better in the class (or a "pass" grade in a "pass/fail" program)
- The entire amount of your tuition reimbursement is subject to income taxes.
  - Federal and state income tax withholding (if applicable) and Social Security and Medicare taxes (FICA taxes) will be deducted from your tuition reimbursement funds.
  - Federal income tax will be withheld at the supplemental income tax withholding rate.
  - The gross amount of your tuition reimbursement funds will be included in Box 1 of your Form W-2.

# Associate acknowledgement

I certify that the statements on this application are correct and understand that any reimbursement of tuition costs is subject to acceptance into the program and submission of all required paperwork by the established deadlines. I also understand that my application will not be processed if any part of this form is incomplete or required approval is not obtained. I also agree to the terms as stated within the Tuition Reimbursement Application as set forth or any changes that may occur.

Associate signature:

Date:

## Management approvals

**Before completing this section:** Discuss with the associate any changes in their availability and your own business scheduling needs. You should determine whether the associate meets the eligibility requirements. You should also determine if the associate has an interest in staying with Publix; if not, approval for the program is not recommended.

After completing this section: Return the form to the associate, so they can submit it to the tuition reimbursement department using the contact information at the end of this form.

| Immediate manager/supervisor to complete  |  |      |  |  |
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| Does the associate meet all the participation requirements identified above?  |  |      |  |  |
| Was the last Total Performance Rating at least Meets Expectations?       Yes       No         For new hires with no evaluation on file, please indicate if current performance is at least Meets Expectations.       Mo/Yr:       Rating: |  |      |  |  |
| Do you recommend approval of this request?  Yes No, because:  |  |      |  |  |
| Manager/supervisor's printed name   | Manager/supervisor's signature                                       | Date |  |  |
| Store manager (retail) or department head (non-retail) to complete<br>(Review the application and immediate supervisor's recommendation.)   |  |      |  |  |
| Do you recommend approval of this request?  Yes No, because:  |  |      |  |  |
| Store manager or assistant store<br>manager/department head's name  | Store manager or assistant store manager/department head's signature | Date |  |  |

|   | Tuition reimbursement department |  |
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| the store (retail) or from your immediate supervisor/manager (non-retail). It is your responsibility to confirm the paperwork has been received. If you do not receive an email confirmation within 48 hours of submitting, please contact us. Processing can take up to 6 weeks from receipt date. If you have questions, please visit the Tuition Reimbursement Program page on publix.org or contact us. | Email:                           | Tuition.Reimbursement@publix.com   |
|   | Phone:                           | (863) 688-7407, ext. 55999   |
|   | Fax:                             | (863) 284-3325   |
|   | Interoffice:                     | ATTN: Human Resources: Tuition<br>Reimbursement                                  |
|   |                                  | acting us, please provide your Publix<br>number (located on your pay statement). |