

The Transfer/Bill Pay Option to be an RWF Sustainer

For many railroad workers, when joining or supporting various causes such as RWU/RWF, it is very easy and convenient to do so with a recurring payment, to make a small but consistent submission on a regular basis; e.g., monthly, biweekly basis tied to payday, quarterly, etc. You can do this by using the online banking feature of your financial institution. Many of us already pay our bills online and so may be familiar with the “Bill Pay” feature offered by most banks and credit unions. This is typically a free feature.

The process is as follows:

After enrolling in online banking at your bank’s website, login to your account and look for a tab such as “Transfer and Pay” or “Bill Pay”. Then look for “Add Payee” or “New Transfer”. If you wish the transaction to be via electronic transfer (preferred method), enter RWF’s Account Number is 0147321121 and Routing Number is 061101375. Note: You typically can assign a nickname such as “RWF”.

If you wish to have a paper check mailed each time, then you simply add RWF as a payee:

Railroad Workers Education & Legal Defense Foundation
c/o Railroad Workers United
P.O. Box 32
Roopville, GA 30170-0032

(Our phone number is 202-798-3327)

Check the box indicating that there is no account # if you wish to have a paper check mailed to RWU each time.

Once you have set up the new payee, then click on the payee from the Bill Pay home screen. Then click on the *recurring payment* tab and then on “SET UP” to start a new recurring payment. Following the instructions, fill out the amount, the frequency of payment, the start date (e.g., the next payday), and the ending date (indefinitely). Fill out the memo or invoice # with a memo to yourself; e.g. “bi weekly donation”, and SAVE the entry.

The next payday (or first of the month, or whatever time period you select) and every payday thereafter, your bank automatically will deducts the specified amount from your selected account and sends it directly to RWU.

For many railroad workers and RWU members, this can be a preferred method of dues payment and/or donation as it allows you to be in complete control of your checking account as opposed to allowing others access to your account and/or debit card number. It is very secure. It is easy and costs nothing and the money comes out of your account on the exact date that you want it to. RWU gets the full amount without PayPal or other fees. And above all, while a small amount such as \$5 or \$10 a pay day doesn’t break the bank, it adds up quickly to \$130 or \$260 a year to RWU! NOTE: In addition, you can make other, non-recurring payments to RWU anytime you may wish by adding an amount and a date to send it, next to the name RWU in your list of payees in “BillPay”, and then clicking send.

Obviously, the process is a bit different for every bank or credit union, but all of them follow the same basic procedure. Just be sure to sign up for ‘online banking’ from your financial institution’s website if you haven’t done so already.

This is an easy, painless way to make a recurring payment of any amount that can really add up for support of RWU’s ongoing causes and issues! Thank you for taking the time to support RWU with your membership dues and/or donations in this fashion. For RWU, it is a great time and money saver, and helps to put the organization on a sustainable and sound footing for the future.