



# UCT inAction

Information for UCT's Members and Councils

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# UCT GIVES BACK AGAIN!

## video contest for schools coming soon!

UCT is AGAIN calling for entries from U.S. and Canadian schools with programs for individuals with intellectual disabilities or colleges and universities with programs to train special education teachers for our 2017 UCT Gives Back AGAIN video contest! AGAIN, we'll be giving away two prizes – a \$10,000 first place award and a \$5,000 second place award.

## AGAIN, the contest is easy to enter:

- Create a short video up to 2 ½ minutes long about their program
- The video doesn't need to be professionally filmed - use a video camera or Smartphone and keep it simple
- Explain how the \$10,000 or \$5,000 would help their program and what they know about UCT (go to [www.uct.org](http://www.uct.org))
- Post the video on YouTube and complete the contest form at UCT's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/UCTinAction](http://www.facebook.com/UCTinAction) by clicking on the "UCT Gives Back AGAIN" app
- **Submit their video Feb. 15 – March 15, 2017**, for their chance to win \$10,000 or \$5,000

**Feb. 15-March 15:** Submission period  
**March 15-27:** Judges will select top video finalists  
**March 27-April 21:** Voting period—Top two videos with the most "LIKES" win!  
 See [www.uct.org/uct-gives-back-official-rules](http://www.uct.org/uct-gives-back-official-rules) for contest rules.

If you know of schools, colleges or universities in your area that might be eligible, please let them know about the contest! The contest flyer is available at [www.uct.org/uct-gives-back-again-to-schools-video-contest](http://www.uct.org/uct-gives-back-again-to-schools-video-contest).

Contact Jen Szymczak at [jszymczak@uct.org](mailto:jszymczak@uct.org) or at 800.848.0123 x1207, or Linda Fisher at [lfisher@uct.org](mailto:lfisher@uct.org) or 800.848.0123 x1130 with any questions.

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Open to legal residents of the 50 United States, D.C. (void in Puerto Rico) and Canada (excl. Quebec). Must be 18 or older (U.S.) or age of majority (Canada) to enter. One first-place prize of US\$10,000 for your school, and one second-place prize of US\$5,000 for your school is available to be won. Limit one entry per person per program. Odds of winning the prize depends on the number and caliber of eligible submissions and the number of votes received. Math skill-testing question required in Canada.

## Revisions to UCT's Disaster Relief Benefit

Please note the revised information regarding the UCT Disaster Relief Benefit. This revision makes getting quick assistance to our members in need much easier – and local councils can also help out their members if they are able to:

The UCT Disaster Relief Benefit is a one-time per occurrence, per member contribution of up to \$150 from the UCT home office to help members who experience a disaster like a fire, flood, hurricane, or tornado. The benefit is designed to help cover the cost of food, clothing, shelter or other necessities in times of personal emergencies.

To request assistance, contact the home office at 800.848.0123 x1126 or x1100 or at [amarshall@uct.org](mailto:amarshall@uct.org) or [jspring@uct.org](mailto:jspring@uct.org). Please note that to be eligible for assistance members must request it from the home office within 72 hours of the disaster. Additional help might be available from your local council. Please contact your local secretary about this.



Effective Oct. 14, UCT's phone extensions have changed to a four digit number, which is the original three digit extension **preceded by a 1**. Thanks for taking note of this - and please, give us a call!

## It's your last chance to help support the 6th annual UCT Winter Hockey Festival!

Don't forget the 6th annual UCT Winter Hockey Festival for special hockey programs is headed back to Valencia, California, Jan. 13-15, 2017, at the Ice Station Valencia, the premiere ice facility in Southern California.

You and your council can help defray some of the festival's costs by becoming festival sponsors! Just choose the sponsorship level that works for you and/or your council and send your donation to the home office by Dec. 1, 2016. Sponsors will be recognized in the official 2017 UCT Winter Hockey Festival program and during the festival. Sponsorship levels include:



**\$500 - Center Ice Sponsor**  
**\$350 - Red Line Sponsor**  
**\$200 - Blue Line Sponsor**  
**\$100 - Penalty Box Sponsor**

Send your contribution by **Dec. 1, 2016**, to: UCT, c/o Sandy Shafer, 1801 Watermark Dr., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Contact Sandy at [sshafer@uct.org](mailto:sshafer@uct.org) or at **800.848.0123 x1146**, with any questions.

## Put your local council in the spotlight – tell us your “UCT story” so we can share it!

**We're calling on local councils to share your story ideas about causes and/charities or individuals in your community that you support.**

That support can be through volunteering, community service projects, or fundraising and donations. Here's what we're looking for:

- Provide a brief feature story idea about how the cause, charity or individual your council supported benefited from that support.
- Provide the name, phone number and/or email address of a contact person who works with the cause or charity your council supports – or the contact information of the individual you have helped.
- Provide a community-service related photo to go along with the story idea.\*

*Story ideas and photos you submit may be used in our publications, on social media, and in press releases that will be sent to media outlets in your community to help promote your local council. Just send us the idea and we'll do the rest!*

Send story ideas to the Public Relations Department at [lfisher@uct.org](mailto:lfisher@uct.org) or at **800.848.0123 x1130**. Contact the PR Department with any questions.

\* Please note that photos will not be eligible for any contest money. Due to lack of participation, the UCT Photo Contest will be suspended as of January 2017.