

# MICHIGAN CONFERENCE OF TEAMSTERS WELFARE FUND

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## Death Benefit Claim Form

In order to process your claim for death benefits as a beneficiary, all fields in this Form, including your social security number, **must** be completed. A certified death certificate must accompany this Form and they must be received by MCTWF within 3 years of the date of death; otherwise the claim will be rejected. If more than one beneficiary is named by the participant, each beneficiary must complete and submit this Form with the certified death certificate.

Participant and Deceased's Information Section		
Participant's Name (Last – First – Middle)	Contract Number _____	
Deceased's Name (Last – First – Middle)	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____	Date Deceased (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____
Beneficiary Section		
Name (Last – First – Middle)	Social Security Number _____	
Address	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____	Relationship to Deceased
City                      State                      Zip	Phone Number (    )                      -	
Do you wish to assign the benefit to a funeral home or cemetery? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If you wish to assign the benefit to a funeral home or cemetery, please provide name and address:	

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 Participant or Beneficiary Name (please print)                      Participant or Beneficiary Signature                      Date

**NOTE TO BENEFICIARY:** Payment of death benefits to a minor is determined by the law of the State in which the minor is domiciled. For minors domiciled in Michigan, please refer to the rules stated on the back of this form. For minors domiciled outside of Michigan, please contact MCTWF's Member Services Call Center.

## Rules for Payment of Death Benefits to a Minor

Before payment of a death benefit exceeding \$5,000 can be made to a designated beneficiary who is a minor, an order issued by the probate court appointing a conservator with full authority to access, receive and dispose of the named minor's assets, must be provided to MCTWF.

Payment of a death benefit under \$5,000 can be made to a designated beneficiary who is a minor, by payment or delivery of the benefit amount to any of the below, except if MCTWF is made aware that a conservator has been appointed or a proceeding for appointment of a conservator of the minor's estate is pending.

- The minor if he or she is married;
- An individual having the care and custody of the minor with whom the minor resides;
- A guardian of the minor; or
- A financial institution incident to a deposit in a state or federally insured savings account in the sole name of the minor with notice of the deposit to the minor.

Other than the minor or a financial institution as described above, the individual receiving payment of the death benefit for the minor is obligated to apply the benefit amount to the minor's support and education, but shall not pay himself except by way of reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses for goods and services necessary for the minor's support. An excess amount must be preserved for the minor's future support and education. A balance not used for these purposes shall be turned over to the minor when he attains age 18. MCTWF is not responsible for the proper application of the designated benefit amount to the minor.

If the named beneficiary is under 18 years of age or insane (a condition of mental derangement such as to prevent the suffer from comprehending rights he or she is otherwise bound to know and is not dependent on whether or not the person has been judicially declared to be insane) at the time the claim accrues, the named beneficiary or those claiming under the named beneficiary shall have 1 year after the disability is removed through death or otherwise, to file his claim although the claims filing period has run. To be considered a disability, the infancy or insanity must exist at the time the claim accrues. If the disability comes into existence after the claim has accrued, the Fund shall not recognize the disability for the purpose of modifying the claim filing period. Note: This provision is intended to follow the Michigan Compiled Laws 600.5851, but is being done so voluntarily, only as a guide and only to the extent articulated. The Fund is not bound by the statute in light of ERISA preemption rules.