

Steelworker Summer 2017

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Canadian National Office – Toronto

What is Steelworker Summer?

Steelworker Summer is an educational and training placement program in which participants develop skills useful for union growth. They will experience first-hand the kinds of struggles workers face while trying to win a voice at work and in the community. They will gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the positive impact of unions on the lives of working women and men.

Steelworker Summer is a program for young adults who want direct experience working for social justice. Ideally, participants will remain active after Steelworker Summer by educating others about the value of the labour movement, possibly forming student/labour action coalitions, becoming union organizers or contributing in some other way to the labour movement.

Placements are open to young adults, 17 years of age or older, who are children or grandchildren of members or retired members of the United Steelworkers (USW) and who are currently enrolled in an education program. Steelworker Summer is open to applicants from across Canada.

What Will Steelworker Summer Participants Do?

Participants will be assigned to various projects in the Canadian National Office (CNO) in Toronto where they will work with USW members and staff to help workers in their fight for workplace and community justice. Activities may include research, communications, assisting union administration, or working with USW staff on labour-endorsed campaigns. Depending on what types of campaigns are underway, participants may assist workers under attack, build labour-community alliances or pressure uncooperative employers.

What Qualifications Should Applicants Have?

Applicants should have a strong commitment to social and economic justice, and be open to working with a broad cross-section of people. This includes members of all equality-seeking groups, including women, immigrants, people with disabilities and people of colour. Participants need to be people-oriented, enthusiastic, energetic and willing to work with a challenging and flexible schedule. A college degree is not required. Previous union experience is not necessary. Participants must be enrolled in an education institution. Previous volunteerism or activism is a plus.

Where is Steelworker Summer Held and When Does It Start?

Steelworker Summer 2017 will take place at the Canadian National Office in Toronto (USW Districts 3 and 6 are also offering placements, and you can apply for these separately). Assignments will range in length up to a maximum of 10 weeks depending on the availability of the student, the needs of the USW and the availability of USW staff to supervise. Start dates will be discussed with applicants.

Do Steelworker Summer Interns Get Paid?

Steelworker Summer is not a job but an educational placement. Participants will receive a stipend of \$600 per week to cover meals and other incidental expenses. Taxes will be deducted from the stipend. We welcome applications from provinces other than Ontario or from outside of the Greater Toronto Area; selected applicants will have travel and accommodation paid for by the program. All participants must arrange their own daily travel to and from work. If participants use their own vehicles for placement purposes other than travelling to and from work, expenses based on mileage will be covered.

How Are Participants Chosen?

The first criterion to be considered is that your parent, guardian or grandparent must belong to a USW local union. Application forms are mailed to all local unions or can be downloaded from usw.ca/scholarships. Selection is then based on many other factors including the experience level of the participant, the need for diversity, current USW needs and campaigns and the availability of staff to work with participants. There are a limited number of placements available. If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Kellin at scholarships@usw.ca or (416) 544-5972.

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Application

Please provide the information listed below in full. Please type or print clearly using ink.

First Name	Last Name	Social Insurance Number	
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Current Street Address	City	Province	Postal Code
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Permanent Street Address	City	Province	Postal Code
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Current Phone Number	Work/Cell Phone	Permanent Phone
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Permanent E-mail

Will you be 17 as of January 1, 2017? Yes No

Will you have a vehicle available to you this summer? Yes No

Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes No

NOTE: Applications for Steelworker Summer should be submitted **no later than May 31, 2017.**

Steelworker Summer is an educational placement, not a job. It is a highly selective program because many more people apply than can be accommodated. We look for pro-union people who are committed to social and economic justice and can work well in a diverse group. We encourage women and people of colour to apply.

Have you participated in Steelworker Summer before? Yes No

Are you a union member? Yes No

Union Name: _____ Local No.: _____

Is one of your parents, guardians or grandparents a member of the United Steelworkers? Yes No

If so, who? _____ Local No.: _____

If you are currently a student, please identify institution: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Major: _____

If you are employed, please identify place of employment: _____

Full-time Part-time

If you are fluent in any language(s) other than English, please list here:

Please list two references (relatives excluded), including name, address, telephone number(s) and how you know them.

1. _____

2. _____

Please answer the following questions as clearly as possible. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Also, attach your résumé to this application.

1. What experiences in your life make you want to participate in Steelworker Summer and work for social justice? What do you hope to achieve by participating in Steelworker Summer?

2. What types of community-based, political, union or other social justice or volunteer groups work have you been involved in?

3. Steelworker Summer involves working with a diverse group of people and flexible schedules. Please describe any past experience in these conditions.

4. What would you like to do when you graduate? How will participating in Steelworker Summer contribute to your goals?

5. Please list all software programs you are familiar with (i.e. Outlook, Word, InDesign, Excel, PowerPoint).

6. Please list types of social media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.) with which you are familiar.

7. How did you learn about this program?

8. Do you have any special needs we should know about in order to make your participation in Steelworker Summer as effective as possible?

Please answer the following questions regarding equality-seeking groups. Self-identification is voluntary. This information is for record-keeping purposes only.

Gender: _____

Race, colour, ethnic origin or other equality-seeking group(s) (please specify or describe):

Deadline: Application must be received by May 31, 2017

You can scan your application and e-mail to scholarships@usw.ca,
or fax to (416) 482-5548. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact
Education and Equality Department Administrative Support,
Lindsay Kellin (scholarships@usw.ca or (416) 544-5972).