Steelworker Summer 2016

What is Steelworker Summer?

Steelworker Summer is an educational and training internship in which participants develop skills useful for union growth by experiencing firsthand the kinds of struggles workers face while trying to win a voice at work and in the community. It is also designed to give participants an understanding and appreciation of the positive impact unions have had on the lives of working men and women.

Steelworker Summer is a program for young adults who want experience working for social justice firsthand. Ideally, interns 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.

Internships are open to young adults, 17 years of age or older. Preference for selection is given to children of members of the United Steelworkers whose locals contribute to the Family Education fund.

Steelworker Summer is about uniting students, workers, and community activists to create social justice in workplaces and communities.

Where is Steelworker Summer held?

Steelworker Summer 2016 will be located in the USW District 3 office in Burnaby, British Columbia as well as prospective locations throughout Western Canada to be determined as such, we are accepting applications throughout District 3 and efforts will be made to select applicants in their home area. Where this cannot be done, travel and billeting or other accommodations will be arranged.

What kinds of qualifications are needed to participate in Steelworker Summer?

Applicants should have a strong commitment to social and economic justice, as well as an openness to working with a broad cross section of people. This includes people of all equality-seeking groups, including, but not only, women, people with disabilities and people of colour. Participants need to be people-oriented, enthusiastic, energetic and willing to work a challenging and flexible schedule. A college degree is not required. Previous union experience is not necessary. Volunteerism or activism is a plus.

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What do Steelworker Summer interns do?

Steelworker Summer 2016 will take place in July and August. Participants will be assigned to various projects where they will work with USW members and staff to help workers in their fight for workplace or community justice. Activities may include visiting workers in their homes, leafleting job sites, organizing demonstrations and other forms of direct action. This year, we have a number of exciting campaigns such as "Stop The Killing, Enforce The Law", which is highlighting the serious epidemic of workplace accidents and deaths in Canada.

Do Steelworker Summer interns get paid?

Steelworker Summer is not a job but an educational internship. Participants will receive a stipend of $600 per week to cover meals and other incidental expenses. Taxes will be deducted from the stipend. Transportation to and from the assigned sites will be covered by the program, along with housing and other local transportation costs. Out-of-town participants will be billeting.

Where does Steelworker Summer take place? Can an intern choose where they will go?

Placement is based on many factors including the experience level of the participant, the needs of a particular campaign and the availability of staff to work with interns. We will consider individual preferences for locations, but successful applicants must be flexible.



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Application

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

First Name | Last Name | Social Insurance Number

Current Street Address | City | Province | Postal Code

Permanent Street Address | City | Province | Postal Code

Primary Phone Number | Email

Will you be 17 as June 1, 2016? 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, 2016.

Steelworker Summer is an educational internship, 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 ☐

Preferred location for placement: _____

(Steelworker Summer cannot guarantee placement in any specific area, but will try to match your preferences wherever possible.)

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Are you a union member? Yes ☐ No ☐

Union name: Local no.: _____

Is one of your parents 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:

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Full-time ☐ Part-time ☐

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

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

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Please answer the following questions as clearly as possible. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Attach your resume to this application.

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

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

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

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

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

6. How did you learn about this program?

Gender:

Voluntary self-identification. This information is for record-keeping purposes only.

Equality-seeking group(s) (please specify or describe)

Deadline: Application must be received by May 31, 2016

You can scan your application and e-mail to dsykes@usw.ca,
or fax to (604) 688-6416. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the
Education Coordinator in the District 3 office,
Dayna Sykes (dsykes@usw.ca 604.683.1117)