

UNITED STEELWORKERS

Steelworker Summer 2020

UNITY AND STRENGTH FOR WORKERS

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

Where is Steelworker Summer held?

Because of Restrictions due to COVID19 we will be limiting the number of students we hire based on safe capacity in our regional offices. We will be working within the OHS and public health guidelines in each province.

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.

What do Steelworker Summer interns do?

Steelworker Summer 2020 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.

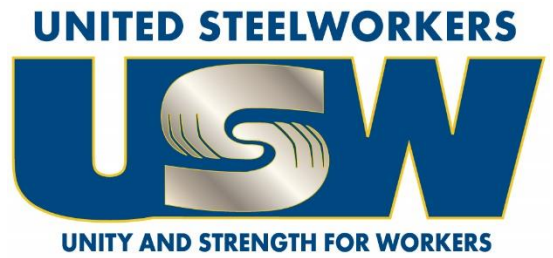
Do Steelworker Summer interns get paid?

Steelworker Summer is not a job but an educational internship. Participants will receive a stipend of \$650 per week to cover meals and other incidental expenses. Taxes will be deducted from the stipend.

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

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.





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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
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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 June 20, 2020? 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 June 20, 2020.

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

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: _____

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.

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?

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 June 20, 2020

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)

