

# Steelworker Summer 2018

## *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.

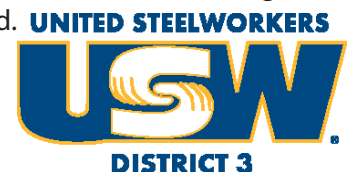
Steelworker Summer is about uniting students, workers, and community activists to create social justice in workplaces and communities.

## *Where is Steelworker Summer held?*

Steelworker Summer 2018 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.



## *What do Steelworker Summer interns do?*

Steelworker Summer 2018 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.

## *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. 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.

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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 June 8, 2018? 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 8, 2018.

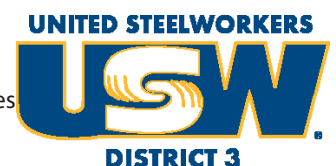
Steelworker Summer is an educational internship, not a job. It is a highly selective program because many more people apply than can be accommodated. We look for pro-union people who are committed to social and economic justice and can work well in a diverse group. We encourage women and people of colour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

Have you participated in Steelworker Summer before? Yes  No

Preferred location for placement: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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?



Gender:

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

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

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**Deadline: Application must be received by June 8, 2018**

You can scan your application and e-mail to [dsykes@usw.ca](mailto: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](mailto:dsykes@usw.ca) 604.683.1117)

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