

WHAT IS THE MIDWEST SCHOOL FOR WOMEN WORKERS?

The Midwest School for Women Workers brings together union women to develop leadership skills, understand challenges and issues facing the labor movement, and share experiences. The school has been held annually since 1976, and aims to equip women to be more active and effective leaders in their unions and to build solidarity among union women.

The school is open to all union members in the Midwest region, but its primary focus is to meet the educational needs of union women. Participants typically include women active at all levels of their unions, including rank-and-file activists, elected leaders, stewards, and staff.

The school is sponsored by the United Association for Labor Education (UALE) and this year will be hosted by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's School of Labor and Employment Relations - Labor Education Program.



I hope the empowering and reenergizing feeling that I've experienced all week long continues throughout my activism in the workplace.

The instructors were very strong, dynamic, engaging speakers, and I left the class knowing that I had learned something new that would benefit me in the workplace.

Through networking with other union sisters I found out we all have some of the same issues.

I enjoyed learning from others in a supportive atmosphere. I'd love to return to future schools.

All the sessions were very educational; I came away with information and ideas that I can use to keep our membership informed and active.



The Midwest School for Women Workers welcomes participation regardless of race, creed, religion, ethnicity, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or immigrant status.

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MIDWEST SCHOOL FOR WOMEN WORKERS 2014



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**JUNE 22—JUNE 26, 2014
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT
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Employment Relations
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2014 MIDWEST SCHOOL FOR WOMEN WORKERS

Registration and Cost

Please register by **May 22** to insure availability of housing. Registrations received after **May 22** will be accepted on a space available basis.

Tuition rates are as follows:

- **\$650 double room and board** (includes parking, hotel, daily breakfasts & lunches, and two dinners)
- **\$750 single room and board** (includes parking, hotel, daily breakfasts & lunches, and two dinners)
- **\$400 commuter rate** (tuition, all meals, and parking only)

Confirmation of registration and course selection material will be sent to the email address listed on your registration form.

Cancellation: Registrations cancelled **after June 7 will incur a \$100 fee.** All cancellations must be in writing by mail, fax, or email to memoore1@illinois.edu

Child Care Because of limited resources and a lack of child care providers on campus, we regretfully cannot offer childcare.

Classes, Instructors, and Special Events

Participants will attend core skill-building classes each morning and afternoon throughout the school as well as numerous plenary and workshop sessions on current economic and policy issues affecting unions and workers. Special events will include a welcome reception, a closing banquet, a graduation ceremony, documentary film screenings, labor history and culture activities, and group action planning. Instructors at the school will include university-based labor educators along with experienced union leaders, labor activists, attorneys, and community leaders. Subject areas covered in the school may include:

- Standing up for the public sector and the public good
- Leadership Skills
- Labor law for workers and union activists
- Grievance handling and arbitration basics
- Bargaining in tough times
- The Family and Medical Leave Act
- Common sense economics
- Labor history
- Building solidarity in the global economy
- Understanding Obamacare
- Building community coalitions



Travel to Champaign-Urbana By car, C-U is approx. 2.5 hours from Chicago, 3 hours/St. Louis, 2 hours/Indianapolis, 4-5 hours/Madison/Milwaukee, 9 hours/Minneapolis, 8 hours/Omaha, 6.5 hours/Kansas City & Detroit, & 4 hours/Iowa City. Air travel to C-U is through US Airways & AA. Amtrak, Greyhound, and Megabus also serve C-U.

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Registration Form

First name _____ MI _____ Last _____

Union & Local/Worker Organization _____

Your Street _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

_____ I need all materials sent via postal mail to the address listed. (Otherwise the materials will be emailed)

_____ Special Accommodations (Please describe your needs below and we will do our best to accommodate you. Examples include health-related, dietary restrictions, etc.)

Registration Options/Fees

_____ **Option A—Double room at Illini Union** **\$650**

Roommate preference? We will try to match requests. _____

_____ **Option B—Single Room at Illini Union (limited availability —first-come, first serve)** **\$750**

_____ **Option C—Commuter Rate (tuition, meals & parking only)** **\$400**

_____ **Late Fee—** Apply if registration is postmarked after May 22, 2014 **\$ 50**

Options A & B includes parking, wireless, daily breakfast and lunches, 1 light dinner, and 1 banquet meal. **Total** \$ _____

Payment—Full payment is due before registration deadline of May 22nd

_____ I've enclosed a check/money order payable to "University of Illinois." Memo line says: "MSWW"

_____ Charge total amount to this credit card. MasterCard Visa Exp. Date: _____

Name on card _____ Security Code _____

Credit Card # _____

_____ My union will send payment. Union _____

Contact _____ Phone _____

Scholarships

A limited number of partial scholarships may be available for women whose organizations are unable to pay the full costs of tuition. Please encourage your union and/or central labor council to request support before applying for a scholarship.

For scholarship applications go to: www.ler.illinois.edu/labor/womenworkers.html

To fax your form and credit card info: (217) 244-4091 Attention: Martha Glotzhober

To mail your form and fee: LEP • 504 E. Armory, #223 • Champaign, IL 61820

Questions? Contact Martha Glotzhober memoore1@illinois.edu or (217) 333-0980

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