



September 2018

TO: ALL CLC AFFILIATES (Pacific Region)

RE: **COMMUNITY SAVINGS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE CLC PACIFIC REGION WINTER SCHOOL**

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Community Savings Credit Union is offering scholarships to assist union members in attending the **2019 Canadian Labour Congress Harrison Winter School**. We are pleased to solicit applications from BC CLC Affiliates for two deserving members in the following fields of study:

**Women in Leadership**

**Week 1: January 13 – 18, 2019**

**Young Workers in Action**

**Week 5: February 10 – 15, 2019**

The scholarship will cover the costs of tuition, single accommodation and meals for each course.

To apply for one of these scholarships applicants must:

- Be a member of a union, lodge or chapel affiliated to the Canadian Labour Congress
- Be endorsed and recommended by their union
- Submit the attached form
- Write a brief letter outlining their union activities and describe what they hope to learn from this area of interest and how it will assist them in their union work or in the broader labour movement

Applications should be submitted to:

**Community Savings Union Development**

**5108 Joyce Street**

**Vancouver, BC V5R 4H1**

**OR [union@comsavings.com](mailto:union@comsavings.com) OR fax: 604-654-2130**

**Applications must be received in our office no later than 5:00 pm (PST) December 5, 2018**

All applicants will be evaluated and the Scholarships awarded by Friday afternoon December 7, 2018. Please include your phone numbers so that you can be notified quickly of the decision.

In solidarity,

Lisa Langan

Union Liaison Officer

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# COMMUNITY SAVINGS

## CLC PACIFIC REGION WINTER SCHOOL

### SCHOLARSHIPS

In 1944 Community Savings was founded as the IWA Credit Union. Although our financial co-operative has grown over the years to include members from all of BC's unions - one thing has stayed the same; we remain "The Unions' Credit Union".

For many years Community Savings has participated in the CLC Winter School at Harrison Hot Springs. As a result of a visit to our trade show booth many alumni sport a Community Savings piggy bank in their home or workplace. However, in 2010 we paused to consider whether this annual exercise was particularly meaningful. We wondered whether this expenditure could be put to better purpose.

Community Savings operates on a number of core values; one of which is our belief that union membership not only improves the safety, earning power and future security of Canada's workers, but it enhances our communities as well. We believe a thriving labour movement benefits all facets of daily life; from the public services our tax dollars pay for to the increased purchasing power a union paycheque brings to the private sector.

We also know that the most effective unions are those whose members are empowered with a collective understanding of their purpose and the skills necessary to achieve their goals. It is with this in mind that we settled on the idea of direct support for the work of the Canadian Labour Congress in labour education.

The result was the establishment of two continuing CLC Pacific Region Winter School Scholarships. It was also decided that the course topics could change from year to year, depending on the emerging needs of the labour movement.

We offer these scholarships in the spirit of those union workers who were our Community Savings founders; visionaries who brought their values from the shop floor to the financial sector, where many had been unfairly denied support for their modest dreams before.

It is our hope that these scholarships shall help bring enhanced understanding, a sense of purpose and practical skills to the members of CLC affiliate unions throughout the Province of British Columbia.

