

**HSA offers scholarships for Summer Institute for Union Women
July 10 - 14, 2018
Sonoma State University, California**

The 37th annual Western Regional Summer Institute for Union Women (SIUW) is a four-day conference sponsored by AFL-CIO, and will be held at Sonoma State University, California. SIUW brings together 150 diverse, dynamic activists from more than 50 unions, worker centers, and community organizations in the western region of the US and Canada.

This year's theme "The RESISTERhood—Working Womxn Organizing for Collective Power" lifts up organizing and collective action as integral to the advancement of working women's issues and building power for all workers. It also reflects our commitment to creating an environment that is inclusive and builds on the strength of our shared but also uniquely different experiences as women from diverse backgrounds in the broader labor movement. We use the new spelling of the word 'womxn' in the Institute's theme to be inclusive of gender non-conforming and transgender people.

The Summer Institute is also a place where women from unions, worker centers, and community organizations encourage each other to step up into leadership in their organizations. It is a space for personal growth and reflection designed to ignite the empowerment of labor and labor-minded women.

This year's SIUW will provide an "organizer's boot camp" to emerging new leaders. Participants will be able to choose from classes that offer hands-on training in: mobilizing members in difficult times; building inclusive organizations; organizing against sexual harassment; bargaining for racial justice and immigrant rights; unions, worker centers and community allies campaigning for a common goal; and so much more.

In addition, HSA supports the participation of daughters of HSA members by sponsoring a scholarship to attend the Summer Institute for Union Women. If your daughter is interested please complete the on-line registration called 2018 Summer Institute for Union Women (Daughters) on her behalf.

To apply for an HSA scholarship, use the [on-line registration](#) and create a login using the prompts provided. Please call the HSA office at [604.517.0994](tel:604.517.0994) or [1.800.663.6119](tel:1.800.663.6119) if you do not know your HSA member ID number. Once you have created your login the Summer Institute will be listed under 'other events' on the event registration list. If you require more information, please contact Carol-Lee Campbell at the HSA office at ccampbell@hsabc.org

Please note, accommodations are arranged by the SIUW's Event Coordinator, not by HSA. Please refer to the [UC Berkeley Labor Center website](#) for information on housing and other important details.

Deadline for registration is midnight on April 29, 2018