

September 2027

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

Dear Friends:

Community Savings Credit Union is offering four scholarships to assist union members in attending the 2027 Canadian Labour Congress Winter School. We are pleased to solicit applications from BC CLC Affiliates for the following courses.

- **Member Engagement - Member Action**
- **Parliamentary Procedure & Public Speaking**
- **From De-escalation to Prevention: Handling Bullying, Harassment, and Workplace Violence**
- **Mental Health First Aid Certification**

The scholarship will cover the costs of tuition. Transportation is not included. 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.

Submit applications to:

Community Savings Union Department
union@comsavings.com

Applications must be received in our office no later than 5:00 pm (PST) Friday, November 20, 2026.

All applicants will be evaluated and the scholarships awarded by Friday afternoon, November 27, 2026.

Please include your phone number so that you can be notified quickly of the decision.

In solidarity,



Community Savings
the unions' credit union

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Community Savings

CLC Pacific Region Winter School Scholarships

Community Savings Credit Union is a purpose-led co-operative financial institution committed to building a better BC for all workers. Our mission is to financially empower our members and communities with best-in-class personal and business banking services, while supporting economic inclusivity.

We exist to unite working people to build a just world. This is our guiding principle above and beyond the products and services we provide daily.

We believe that empowerment of union members is an effective way to strengthen and engage unions' collective understanding of their purpose and the skills necessary to achieve their goals. It is with this understanding that we support the work of the Canadian Labour Congress and its ongoing labour education.

As BC's largest fully unionized credit union, we offer four memorial scholarships in the name of Gary Kroeker and Marie Decaire. Gary was a long-serving member of the Community Savings Board and was instrumental in ensuring that the Operating Engineers' Credit Union became part of Community Savings. Marie was a pioneer in the labour movement, a former Community Savings board member, and a former Union Liaison Officer. Gary and Marie advocated for the fair treatment of the working community in all aspects of life and we proudly continue their legacy and commitment with these four scholarships.

We believe these scholarships will help bring enhanced understanding, a sense of greater purpose and practical skills to the members of CLC affiliate unions throughout the province of British Columbia.





COMMUNITY SAVINGS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – 2027 CLC WINTER SCHOOL

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

Affiliate Union: _____ Local: _____

Email: _____

COURSE: (Please register me for the following – **ONE** only please)

- ☐ **Member Engagement - Member Action** – Week 1: January 10-15, 2027
- ☐ **Parliamentary Procedure & Public Speaking** – Week 2: January 17-22, 2027
- ☐ **From De-escalation to Prevention: Handling Bullying, Harassment, and Workplace Violence** – Week 3: January 24-29, 2027
- ☐ **Mental Health First Aid Certification** – Week 5: February 7-12, 2027

SIGNATURE & POSITION OF UNION OFFICER _____

Union Officer Name (printed) _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please note:

Candidates must be members of a CLC affiliate.

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The applicant's union will be advised of the successful candidate following the decision.

Don't forget to include your brief letter outlining your union activities and describe what you hope to learn from this area of interest and how it will assist you in your union work or in the broader labour movement.

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Privacy Statement: The personal information provided in this registration form will only be used for the purposes of session registration and will not be sold, shared or otherwise provided to any third party other than the Canadian Labour Congress. Community Savings may use the contact information that you have provided to contact you, or provide you with additional information in the future.