

Minnesota Union Leadership Program Application

University of MN - Labor Education Service - 2026-2027

Applications from all Minnesota unions and worker organizations are welcome.

Participation is limited to ensure a quality educational experience. We request that no more than three individuals apply from any single local union or organization. Our goal is to select a diverse group of labor activists who reflect the workers and occupations found in the Minnesota labor movement. Historically and structurally excluded people, including all people of color, women, LGBTQ people, immigrants, disabled people, and people under age 35 are strongly encouraged to apply.

This program reflects a significant commitment for both the participant and their organization. Participants are expected to attend all six sessions and must attend a minimum of five sessions in order to successfully complete the program and earn a certificate. As of now we do not have the capacity to offer virtual alternatives should you need to miss a class, so please make sure at least five of the following dates work for you before applying (please check all the classes that you can attend):

☐ Sessions 1 & 2 - October 21-23, 2026

Our first two sessions are at Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort near Brainerd, MN. Your tuition payment covers two nights of lodging (you will have your own room) and all meals. Transportation is your responsibility, but please let us know if you need help getting there.

All other sessions will be in the Twin Cities, location yet to be determined.

- ☐ Session 3 - Thursday, December 3, 2026, 8:30am-5pm
- ☐ Session 4 - Thursday, January 28, 2027, 8:30am-5pm
- ☐ Session 5 - Thursday, March 18, 2027, 8:30am-5pm
- ☐ Session 6 - Thursday, May 20, 2027, 8:30am-5pm

Part C of this application must be filled out completely by a current sponsoring organization official with the authorization to indicate organizational and financial support. Feel free to attach supplemental material to the application. Limited funds are available to support applicants who do not have union sponsorship; email les@umn.edu for more information.

The deadline to apply for this program is **September 4, 2026**.

Part A: Applicant Information

Name: _____ Pronouns (if any): _____

Address: _____

Email (all MULP communication will be sent to this email): _____

Phone _____ Organization _____

LES works to maximize accessibility for all participants. Please let us know if you have any access needs, dietary restrictions, or if you need other accommodations. **Please write 'none' if you have no accommodation needs.**

- ☐ Access needs:
- ☐ Dietary restrictions:
- ☐ Other:

Part B: Applicant Interest (Include additional pages if necessary.)

1. Briefly describe why you would like to attend the Minnesota Union Leadership Program. How do you think your participation will benefit you as a leader?

2. We are looking for participants with a wide range of experiences, identities, and backgrounds. Please tell us about yourself and what qualities or perspectives you will bring.

3. How would your union/organization benefit from your involvement in this program? What organizational challenges and/or opportunities would you like to focus on during this program?

Part C: Union/Organization Information and Support

Sponsoring Organization _____

Address _____

- ☐ Our organization supports this applicant's participation in the 2026-2027 Minnesota Union Leadership Program. We acknowledge the time and commitment involved for the applicant to attend. If this applicant is accepted, we will cover the applicant's MULP tuition of \$2,500.

Invoice for tuition should be sent to:

Name _____ Email _____

Printed Name of Official

Printed Official Title

Signature of Organization Official

Please email or mail this completed application form by September 4, 2026 to:

Labor Education Service | 321 19th Ave. So., Suite 3-300 | Minneapolis, MN 55455
Contact us at 612-624-5020 or les@umn.edu with any questions. Thank you!