

## Canadian Union of Public Employees Syndicat canadien de la fonction publique

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## TO ALL CUPE CHARTERED ORGANIZATIONS

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

## LABOUR COLLEGE OF CANADA 2014 Intensive Program

A college for workers! The Labour College opened its doors to workers in 1963. Today, it offers a four-week Intensive Program of post-secondary learning for union activists who want to enhance their leadership capacities.

The Intensive Program includes two in-residence sessions for two weeks each where students come together from across the country. In the three months between the in-residence program sessions, students will conduct an individual project in conjunction with their union.

Interested activists need to fill out an application, available as follows:

Labour College's web site:

www.canadianlabour.ca

Telephone:

(613) 521-3400, ext. 555; or

Email:

labourcollege@clc.ca

Students will be chosen by their union, after meeting national standards set out by the Labour College's Board of Governors.

Admission to the College is based on the premise that practical experience in the labour movement, combined with high motivation to learn, will enable workers to meet the challenges of the Labour College Intensive Program. Applications will be assessed by the College according to the following national criteria:

- A history of active engagement in the union and the community
- Considerable experience in union education
- The ability to think and write in a logical and coherent manner as evidenced by the two short essays
- A commitment to using your experience at the College within your union and community
- Basic computer skills

The College and affiliates of the CLC are committed to ensuring that the student body is representative of the labour movement, with particular attention to equality and regional representation.

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## **CUPE Funding and Selection Process**

The estimated cost of attendance at the full Intensive Program is:

Tuition - \$4,000 Accommodation - \$6,000 for 28 nights, 3 meals per day included Lost wages (4 weeks) Travel (2 return trips to Port Elgin, Ontario)

CUPE National established nine scholarships to assist CUPE members to attend Labour College. They are:

- 1. The Persons Case
- 2. Harley Horne Memorial
- 3. James Dowell Memorial
- 4. Glen Makahonuk Memorial
- 5. Employment Equity
- 6. Barbara Kowalski Memorial
- 7. David Saunders Memorial
- 8. Beverly Smale Memorial
- 9. Kealey Cummings Scholarship

Funding for each scholarship is \$10,000, which covers the tuition, accommodation and meals. Scholarship recipients will be required to cover all additional costs by getting support from their local, their division or other sources.

CUPE's Union Development Department will conduct interviews with those who meet the Labour College admission requirements and make a recommendation to the National Officers who will award the scholarships.

Please note the Labour College program is only available in English. The Québec Federation of Labour runs a French-language leadership development program for its members through its Collège Québécois. See the Québec Federation of Labour web site for details on that program at <a href="https://www.collegeftqfonds.ftq.qc.ca">www.collegeftqfonds.ftq.qc.ca</a>.

Thanks very much for your help in publicizing the information. We are looking forward to a strong CUPE contingent at the 2014 Labour College.

In solidarity,

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National President

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National Secretary-Treasurer

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