

action school

Labor South Young Workers Collective



Young Workers Collective Action School

September 4 - 5, 2026

Applications are due July 31 - Fill out the registration form to apply today!

The Action School is for young union members, organizers, and students from across the U.S. South who will participate in a two-day training focused on building relationships, strengthening organizing skills, and developing the next generation of worker leaders. Young workers will:

- Participate in workshops, conversations with movement elders, and peer learning
- Explore labor history, union contracts, taking leadership, and strategies for partnering with organizations that support workers
- Understand how they can utilize stories from the past to strengthen their union and campaign work today
- Learn about the network of organizations supporting workers so they can build partnerships

The cost of attendance is approximately \$500, plus travel. Young workers are encouraged to ask unions/worker centers/organizations to pay their cost. Labor South does offer scholarships for those that need it; please indicate financial support in your application.

Who Can Attend?

- Training is open to 20 participants ages 18–30
- Preference given to applicants from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana

How long will the training be?

- 2 day overnight training
- Friday, Sept. 4 - Saturday, Sept. 5
- Monthly peer cohort support for 4 months after training or participation in apprenticeship

Where is the training?

- Avila Center for Community Leadership, Durham, NC

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For any additional questions, please contact ypazmartinez@laborsouth.org or (910) 990-2206