

# apprenticeship

Labor South Young Workers Collective



## Young Workers Collective Apprenticeship

September 2026 - April 2027

Applications due July 31 - Fill out the [registration form to apply today!](#)

The Apprenticeship is for young workers, organizers, and students who want to be a part of building the labor movement in your community. Through this part-time, eight-month apprenticeship, young workers will partner with a local union or worker center in your community to:

- Build relationships with each other and movement elders so that you can have a peer network and mentor support
- Understand how you can utilize organizing stories from the past to strengthen current movements
- Gain organizing skills
- Learn about the network of organizations supporting workers

Groups of 2-3 apprentices will work together on one campaign in the same geographic area. Apprentice placements will be in Memphis, TN; Chester County, SC; and the NC Triangle. Apprentices will work with their partner union, federation or worker center to conduct:

- Oral Histories of workers, organizers, and elders in their community
- Direct action organizing, such as planning a public march, rally, or other public action
- Language Justice organizing, integrating the strength and leadership of immigrants and other nondominant language users into local campaigns
- Participatory Action Research projects such as community assessments

Apprentices will work approximately 20 hours per month for eight months and will receive a total stipend of \$5,000, as well as room and board at 2-3 overnight Action Schools. Apprentices will have a chance to support each other through a monthly virtual peer call and training. They will also receive one-on-one mentorship from Labor South staff, elders and other volunteers.

Note: The apprenticeship will begin with an overnight two-day Action School during Labor Day weekend. Apprentices will be joined by other young workers on the first two days of the training, but will participate in an additional day focused on the apprenticeship.

The apprenticeship program is a competitive process. Once your application has been received and reviewed, finalists will be interviewed. Final selections will be made by August 7.

To find out more and to register for the Action School, [please visit here.](#)

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