



STEPPING UP FOR IOWA'S FUTURE

A building trades leadership program for young workers in the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City area



PARTICIPANTS GAIN:

- LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- CONNECTIONS
- WORKERS' RIGHTS EDUCATION

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A project of the Center for Worker Justice, University of Iowa Labor Center, and the Cedar Rapids / Iowa City Building Trades Council

STEPPING UP FOR IOWA'S FUTURE: OVERVIEW

MISSION:

Build a team of next generation building trades activists from Cedar Rapids / Iowa City Building Trades unions and the Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa who will develop their leadership skills and help promote Registered Apprenticeships opportunities, combat labor abuses, and advance good jobs in the green economy.

PARTNERS:

This initiative is a partnership between the Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa, the University of Iowa Labor Center, and the Cedar Rapids / Iowa City Building Trades Council and its affiliates. It made possible with funding support from LIFT (Labor Initiatives For the Twenty-first century).

COMMITMENT:

We are accepting nominations for 20 young building trades workers who will join our 2025 cohort. Participants commit to be involved in the following activities:

Leadership conference Saturday, January 18 in Coralville

The program will kick off with a high energy, intensive one-day leadership conference organized by the University of Iowa Labor Center. Door prizes and food provided! It will be held at the BioVentures Center, 2500 Crosspark Road, Coralville from 9am-3pm.

At least 6 monthly two-hour classes in 2025

Participants will develop their knowledge, leadership skills, and connections by joining at least six of our monthly leadership workshops. Classes include: workers' legal rights, public speaking, running meetings, and struggles for good green jobs. Classes will be at the BioVentures Center in Coralville from 10am-Noon on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Two labor or community actions in May - December

Participants will choose from a list of community actions, or propose a new idea, to put their knowledge to work and promote good jobs in our area. Between May - December, they can take action to help defend workers who experience workplace abuse, speak at high schools to promote Registered Apprenticeship, attend local government forums, volunteer for labor groups, build labor-community alliances, or take other actions!

Questions?

Contact Robin at the University of Iowa Labor Center at labor-center@uiowa.edu or call 319-335-4144 if you have any questions about the program. Join us in 2025!