

Regina V. Polk Women's Labor Leadership Conference

THE POLK SCHOOL

May 12 – 15, 2016

Pere Marquette Lodge - Pere Marquette State Park
Grafton, Illinois

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The Polk School

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The Regina V. Polk Scholarship Fund
for Labor Leadership



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The Regina V. Polk Women's Labor Leadership Conference is a multi-day participatory conference that creates an open and invigorating space for rank and file women union activists and community leaders to learn from skilled instructors and one another.



Grievance Handling and Contract Enforcement:

Let's Get Creative!

Who: Women union members & other women worker activists*

When: May 12-15, 2016

Where: Pere Marquette Lodge, Grafton, IL

Cost: \$675/person all-inclusive**
Scholarships are available!

Transportation

TRAIN: Amtrak is available to Alton with shuttle service provided by the Polk Conference to the Pere Marquette Lodge.

DRIVING DISTANCES:

Chicago to Grafton: 5.5 hours

Peoria to Grafton: 2.75 hours

Springfield to Grafton: 1.75 hours

Carbondale to Grafton: 2.5 hours

Indianapolis to Grafton: 4 hours

Des Moines to Grafton: 5.5 hours

The goal of the program is to learn the nuts and bolts of contract enforcement while also developing your skills as a leader. The curriculum is developed for women who are just beginning their training as well as those with more experience. This mix allows us to learn from one another.

During the three days, you will have the opportunity to work with and learn from over 30 women workers from around Illinois and the Midwest who work in all kinds of jobs. Courses are typically taught by university labor educators, staff of unions and worker organizations, and former Polk students.

By the end of the training, you will join the ranks of over 500 women workers who have attended the Polk school before you and have gone on to elected union leadership, union staff positions, returned to school, and so much more.

Accommodations

Built by hand by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Pere Marquette State Park, this historic Lodge is an impressive structure of limestone and massive timbers. Pere Marquette Lodge is located just across the Illinois River from St. Louis, MO and includes 72 newly renovated guest rooms and cabins. The workers are members of UNITE HERE Local 74 (St. Louis)

To Apply

Please complete the attached application or download the application forms.

All applicants must complete a registration form and questionnaire regardless of whether or not they are applying for financial support.

**APPLICATIONS
DUE:
March 31, 2016**

www.reginapolkschool.org



The Regina V. Polk Scholarship Fund
In Labor Leadership

Application

Deadline: March 31, 2016

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Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please return BOTH Pages to:

MAIL: Labor Education Program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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815 W Van Buren #110, Chicago, IL 60607

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EMAIL: reginavpolk@gmail.com

Name

**Union and Local/
Organizational Affiliation**

Occupation

Phone Number

Employer

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Conference Cost: \$675 (includes lodging, meals, instruction and materials. **Please note that all that all rooms are doubles with two participants per room**)

Please check the appropriate payment method below:

____ Please consider me for a scholarship

____ Enclosed is a check for \$675 (payable to: University of Illinois, Labor Education Program)

____ Please bill my credit card \$675 - Visa/MC Number _____

Exp. Date _____ 3 digit code _____ Zip code _____

Signature _____



Application

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Please add additional pages if needed. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Name _____

Positions held/work done in your union or the labor movement

Number of Years in Your Union: _____ **Years**

Why do you want to attend The Polk School?

What would you like to do next in your union?

Prior labor education classes or conferences you have attended.

Have you attended Polk in the past? _____ **Yes** _____ **No**