



## UFCW OUTreach Offers Member Scholarships to attend the Creating Change Conference in Washington D.C.

[OUTreach](#), the UFCW constituency group for LGBTQ and allies, are offering four scholarships for members to attend next year's [Creating Change Conference](#) in Washington D.C. in January. Creating Change Conference is organized by the National LGBTQ Task Force and it is the foremost political, leadership and skills-building conference for thousands of committed people to develop and hone their skills and share victories.

In the past two years, OUTreach Executive Board members have participated as one of the leading workshop presenters, putting our union, UFCW, in the forefront as a key voice for working class and labor issues at this conference. In a time where the labor movement and everything we have fought for is under attack, OUTreach's dedication to organizing social and economic justice for all workers and ensuring full equality for LGBTQ workers at work and in their union reflects our union's commitment to building a resilient working class that is not divided by hate.

Providing these scholarship to UFCW members is a crucial step in recruiting and developing our own rank-and-file leadership within our union and in the broader movement. It is with this vision in mind that OUTreach offers four scholarships to UFCW members to join our contingent at next year's conference.

**If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Michele Kessler at 610-513-9927 or Jean Tong at 213-590-7177.**

### **OUTreach Scholarship Application Details and Instructions:**

**What:** Creating Change Conference

**When:** January 24-28, 2018

**Where:** Marriott Wardman Park, Washington D.C.

### **Scholarship Includes:**

- Conference Registration Fee
- Hotel and Meals
- Transportation

### **Eligibility and Requirements:**

- Applicant must be an active UFCW member.
- Applicant is an OUTreach member or belongs to a union local that sponsors OUTreach.
- Applicant must be able to take time off to attend the conference in its entirety.
  1. Arriving Wardman Park Marriott in Washington D.C. no later than 9am on January 24 and leaving the hotel no sooner than 12pm on January 28.
- Applicant must submit a short essay to address the following:
  1. What does being a union member/activist/shop steward mean to you?
  2. Why are you interested in attending this conference, what do you hope to get from this experience?
  3. Please share an example of you standing up for yourself or others.
- Applicant must submit a letter of recommendation from his/her/their union local. (Please see attached form)

### **Deadline to Submit:**

Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at 5pm EST to Michele Kessler at [MKessler@ufcw1776.org](mailto:MKessler@ufcw1776.org) or Jean Tong at [jean.tong@ufcw770.org](mailto:jean.tong@ufcw770.org)

### **Scholarship Announcement Date**

Winners will be announced Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 5pm EST.

