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# The Pipeline

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### Who we are

Unions.org is the Internet's largest and most experienced union resource website. The Unions.org website has been live since 1996 and registers as #1 for "unions" on Google. As the information age continues to develop, Unions.org remains committed to strengthening our nation's labor movement. The primary objective of our dedicated team is to educate and support the work force of America.

### Goals

- To continue to protect the American Dream.
- To foster relationships between unions and the business community.
- To educate our youth about union apprenticeship and journeyman training programs throughout the United States.
- To encourage union enrollment and full participation.
- To inform union members of current news and political views that affect them.

### Apprenticeship Program

*"Committed to Strengthening Our American Unions"*

Unions.org is currently in the process of unifying apprenticeship programs in the U.S., and we would like to post information and resources for individuals who want to become apprentices within their respective fields. The questions we most often receive from our Web users are "How do I become an apprentice?" and "Where do I go to find information?" In answer to these questions, Unions.org decided to create a program that reaches out to schools in the U.S., promoting unions to students and providing information about the types of jobs available to them. Nevertheless, we need your help in order to bring about this revolution.

If possible, we would like to obtain a list of available apprenticeship programs within your union, and the specific requirements needed to join. Descriptions of available jobs would be a major plus. Also, we would like to have contact information for each apprenticeship so that we may direct interested students to the correct coordinators. We understand that many of the unions have information on their Web sites, but many prospective students do not even know where to begin looking. They have only heard of unions and their knowledge ends there. Our Web site is the number-one result on Google for the key word "unions," and we hope that our site can be a portal to each individual union.

Unions.org is launching its first campaign within California, promoting your apprenticeship programs to individual school officials. We have many contacts with the schools and superintendents; they agree that the information currently provided to students is inadequate, and more importantly, that many students are unaware that apprenticeships are even available to them.

### Our Partners

*Special thanks to our partners who have made it possible to offer scholarships to our members. These companies help strengthen our nation's unions by their constant support of our Web site and research. Visit [www.unions.org/unionpartner](http://www.unions.org/unionpartner) for more information.*

#### NID - National I.D. Defense

National I.D. Defense (NID) is a privately funded corporation, headquartered in San Diego, California, that is 100% committed to today's growing identity theft issues. NID has partnered with Marsh, Inc., to deliver the ID TheftSmart® program to consumers. NID is now responsible for the marketing and sales of ID TheftSmart®. Program administration is managed by Marsh. Identity theft restoration services are provided by Kroll, Inc.

#### The Law Offices of Ronald S. Housman

has offices in Santa Monica, CA., and the San Fernando Valley (Woodland Hills, CA.). Mr. Housman has been a member of the California Bar for 21 years. His practice is devoted exclusively to Family Law and related matters.

#### RK&M - Rose, Klein & Marias LLP

For more than 70 years, the firm of Rose, Klein & Marias LLP (RKM) has offered specialized legal services to union members in the fields of Workers' Compensation and Personal Injury in Southern California counties from offices in Los Angeles, Ventura, San Fernando Valley, Covina, Ontario, Orange, Long Beach, San Diego and Santa Barbara

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If you do not have an apprenticeship program, then we would appreciate a summary of your union and organizing information. Many of our users are unsure as to what unions they can join; with the right information, workers in their respective fields could identify which union they would like to be part of. We have already planned to link our site to each main page of the individual union sites, but we want to make sure we are directing them correctly.

Our goal is to remedy this situation and help strengthen our unions. With this in mind, we would greatly appreciate any support you can give. With your help, we can move the labor force into the future. To include your apprenticeship program, go to

[www.unions.org/apprenticeships](http://www.unions.org/apprenticeships)

### Scholarship Program

Unions.org is proud to announce a new Union Scholarship Program. Each year, this program will provide a scholarship to the finalist.

#### Think about it!

You can receive a scholarship up to \$2000 and be trained by professionals in many trades across the country. To learn more about union apprenticeship programs available to you, log on to Apprenticeship Training Programs. We are offering scholarships to assist the winners with funds to achieve their goals.

#### What is the purpose?

The Apprenticeship Scholarship Program is designed to reward and encourage union apprenticeship trainees who receive professional, hands-on training through union apprenticeship programs, as well as assist them financially in order to cover the cost of training supplies and materials.



Up to four (4) Apprenticeship Scholarships will be awarded each year.

#### What does "up to \$2000 scholarship" mean?

The maximum total scholarship award each year is \$2000. If two scholarships are awarded by the committee, each scholarship amount will be \$1000. If only one scholarship is awarded, the amount will be \$2000. The number of scholarships awarded each year will be decided by the Unions.org committee based on the number of qualified applicants. The committee reserves the right to change the number of scholarships awarded at any time prior to announcing the Apprenticeship Scholarship winner(s).

#### Who chooses the recipient of the Apprenticeship Scholarship?

A panel of union management leaders chosen at random by Unions.org will select and vote on the applicants for each area.

The deadline for applications for the 2006-2007 Apprenticeship Awareness Scholarship Program deadline is October 15, 2006. All apprenticeship students who have been enrolled for at least three months in an apprenticeship program are eligible for the award.

Go to [www.unions.org/scholarship](http://www.unions.org/scholarship) for a Scholarship Application.

You may also call us at (805) 481-8431, or e-mail us at [scholarships@unions.org](mailto:scholarships@unions.org).



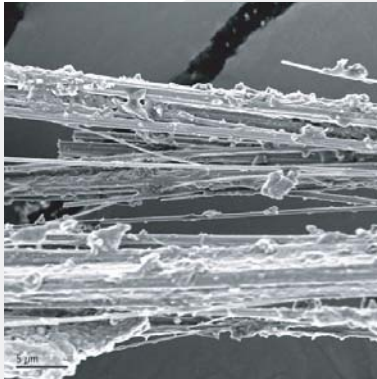
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**Hot Topic**

## LABOR ASBESTOS REFORM WEBSITE LAUNCHED

**Asbestostruth.org** expands to tell working families the truth about asbestos reform



WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 18, 2006) –

The Committee to Protect Mesothelioma Victims (CPMV) announced today the launch of an addition to the Asbestos Truth Web site: [workersforasbestostruth.org](http://workersforasbestostruth.org). The new addition will allow working families to take a stand against the asbestos trust fund bill, expected to be considered by the U.S. Senate in the coming weeks.

The FAIR Act, which could hit the Senate floor by early February, will establish a trust fund for qualified victims of asbestos exposure, while relieving hundreds of companies of their asbestos-related liabilities. However, millions of American workers who were unknowingly exposed to asbestos will receive far less, if any, compensation through the trust fund than they would through the court system. The fund will exclude many victims from receiving compensation, including most who have any history of cigarette smoking

**“It is important that workers be made aware of the implications of this bill”**

Today, nearly 1.3 million workers are still exposed to asbestos while on the job. The FAIR Act will do little to help protect these workers and will establish an arbitrary date by which victims must have been exposed to asbestos in order to be protected.

Chair of the CPMV, Susan Vento, believes the trust fund is unfair to all asbestos victims, including working families. Her husband, former Minnesota Congressman Bruce Vento, died in October, 2000, of mesothelioma, a fatal form of cancer caused by asbestos exposure. He was exposed while working in a factory job as a teenager to put himself through college.

“We hope that this new portion of our Web site will help to educate and activate labor unions and working families across the country,” says Vento. “It is important that workers be made aware of the implications of this bill and how they will be affected in the future.”

In addition to CPMV, many other groups have questioned the adequacy of the \$140 billion fund including the Congressional Budget Office, which in November declared that the fund could go bankrupt within three years.

Peg Seminario, AFL-CIO Safety Director, claims, “We have always said that the amount of money is insufficient, especially the up-front funding.”

The federation has recently voiced concern regarding several problems they have with the bill, including the possibility that the proposed trust may not start paying claims immediately after enactment.

**To urge your Senator to oppose this bill please sign the online petition at:**

[www.workersforasbestostruth.org](http://www.workersforasbestostruth.org)

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Unions.org has also provided a simple forum that allows union members to post questions and comments easily and efficiently.

Please use our forum to post local and national union news, as well as crucial information that you think union members need to know.

Unions.org has enlisted the aid of many top industry leaders to help inform you on industry trends and breakthroughs. Check out our “I on Industry” section located on our “Pipeline” page. These companies are proud to support unions across the nation and will be glad to help your union reach new heights!

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