

Call for Session Proposals: California LULAC Annual Convention 2026

The California League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Foundation invites individuals, students, educators, nonprofits, community leaders, industry professionals, and advocates to submit session proposals for the California LULAC Annual Convention 2026.

This year's convention continues our commitment to spotlighting youth and young adults as catalysts for progress across California. We welcome sessions that are engaging, forward-thinking, and designed to uplift lived experiences, strengthen leadership, and empower Latina/o communities statewide.

Conference Theme

Honoring Our Voices, Building Our Future: Igniting Leadership in the Next Generation of Latina/o Changemakers

This theme centers the power of lived experience, collective voice, and leadership development as tools for shaping a stronger, more equitable future. Sessions should reflect how honoring identity, community wisdom, and diverse perspectives fuels meaningful action and prepares the next generation to lead across education, careers, civic life, and community change.

Important Dates

- **Deadline for Submission: February 10, 2026**
- **Session Day: April 10, 2026**
- **Location: Monterey County, California**

Who Should Submit Proposals?

We encourage submissions from:

- High school and college students
- Educators, counselors, and higher-education professionals
- Community organizers and nonprofit leaders
- Industry partners committed to equity and opportunity
- Advocates, activists, and emerging leaders

Sessions may take the form of workshops, panels, interactive discussions, or presentations that support youth, college students, and young professionals in navigating education, leadership, advocacy, and career pathways.

Suggested Session Topics (2026)

This list serves as a guide. Additional topics are welcome.

Theme Area	Examples of Session Topics
Leadership, Identity & Civic Engagement	Youth leadership development; civic participation & voter engagement; advocacy skills; strengthening cultural identity & belonging
Education, College Success & Student Advocacy	College access and financial aid; retention and transfer pathways; mentorship; student voice in institutional change
Career Pathways, Professional Growth & Entrepreneurship	Workforce readiness; internships & career pipelines; early-career navigation; entrepreneurship & innovation in Latina/o communities
Community Change & Collective Action	Community organizing; multi-generational leadership; policy literacy; building power through collaboration
Health, Well-Being & Belonging	Mental health and wellness; culturally responsive care; student support systems; fostering inclusive environments
Immigration, DACA & Lived Experiences	Rights education; navigating mixed-status realities; resilience, identity, and leadership rooted in lived experience
Technology, Innovation & the Future of Work	Tech and digital career pathways; AI and digital literacy; equity in innovation-driven industries
Sustainability, Environmental Justice & Energy Futures	Youth-led sustainability efforts; environmental justice; clean energy pathways; community resilience

Proposal Guidelines

Session Format

Workshops, panels, interactive presentations, roundtables, or other dynamic formats.

Session Duration

45-50 minutes total, including Q&A and participant interaction.

Target Audience

High school and college students, young adults, educators, community advocates, and professionals across diverse fields.

Content Expectations

Proposals should offer:

- Actionable skills, insights, or knowledge
- Youth-centered and culturally affirming perspectives
- Opportunities for interaction, dialogue, or hands-on learning
- Practical tools or resources participants can apply after the session

How to Submit

Submit your proposal online at [CLF Convention 2026 Submission Link](#) by **February 10, 2026**.

The conference planning committee will review proposals based on relevance to the theme, depth and clarity of content, potential impact on youth and young adults and overall potential impact.

Selection Criteria

- Relevance to Youth & Young Adults
- Alignment with the 2026 Theme
- Engaging & Interactive Delivery
- Quality and Practical Value of Content
- Presenter Experience & Connection to the Topic

Additional Information

- **Travel Support:** Limited travel stipends may be available, with priority for youth, students, or presenters focused on youth leadership and community impact.
- **Language:** Sessions may be delivered in English, Spanish, or bilingual format.
- **Student Presenters:** Students and recent graduates are strongly encouraged to apply and share their expertise and lived experiences.

The California LULAC Annual Convention provides an important statewide platform for honoring voices, building leadership, and investing in the next generation of Latina/o changemakers. We look forward to receiving your proposals and creating an inspiring, impactful 2026 convening.

For questions, contact sessions@calulacfoundation.org.