



BUILD WITH US

New struggles require a new generation of leaders. YOU are called to build it.

You are the next wave of change! Turn your questions into action and plug into new opportunities for engagement by fully embracing your leadership.

THE OPPORTUNITY

Something is shifting. Young Ohioans are paying attention — reaching out, asking questions, looking for a way in. This fellowship will build an infrastructure supported by seasoned movement builders. We help you develop strategic thinking, emotional resilience, and organizing skills to lead — not just participate in — the next great movement for Black civic power in Ohio. Your assignment is to integrate within a network of organizers in your city, connected to a statewide coalition that has been holding this ground for over a decade.

THE STAKES

Black voters are 14% of Ohio's population but made up just 8% of turnout in 2024. Of newly registered Black voters, only 34% cast a ballot. We're building for the ballot and beyond — because winning elections and building lasting power require the same thing: prepared leaders who organize before the moment demands it. This is that preparation.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

- Learn to read power, build strategy, and design campaigns that move from crisis to lasting change.
- Recruit and develop a team of 5–10 organizers in your city — turning two people into a local force.
- Deepen your capacity to lead through conflict, hold community together, and sustain yourself for the long haul.
- Connect your local work to Ohio Unity Coalition's statewide strategy for Black voter engagement and civic power.

WHAT YOU WALK AWAY WITH

- The ability to analyze a political landscape, build a base, and run a campaign — not just knock doors or make phone calls.
- A network of Black civic leaders across six Ohio cities doing the same work.
- Mentorship from organizers who've been in this fight for decades and are ready to pass the torch.
- A foundation in the same movement-building tradition that powered the civil rights movement's greatest victories.

\$250 COMPLETION GIFT UPON CERTIFICATION

READY TO JOIN?

Talk to your OUC coordinator or visit www.ohiounity.org • Apply at strategiconnonviolenceacademy.org

Orientation: March 7 | Course begins: March 28 | Virtual | Ages 18–40+

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