



“Naming the Moment” Scholarship Sessions

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Collective conversations can lead to powerful action. The ***Naming the Moment: Education for Action*** workshop series will provide MTA members with the opportunity to discuss and plan action on the issues that are most important to them.

The *“Naming the Moment”* Scholarship Sessions include three workshops that are designed to help MTA members identify, analyze and plan action around issues that impact their work, students, communities and public education. Workshop participants will decide which issues to explore—and topics could range from local working conditions to statewide policy matters.

If you register and attend all three of the *“Naming the Moment”* workshops listed below, you will qualify for a Summer Conference Scholarship which covers fees, room and board for the duration of the conference. You may then complete your conference schedule with any other workshops—union skills or professional development.

“Naming the Moment” required sessions:

-  ***Naming the Moment: Conversations on Critical Issues*** | SUN 3:00 p.m.
-  ***Naming the Moment: Education for Action*** | MON 1:30 p.m.
-  ***Participant Choice*** | Participants will choose from various Summer Conference workshops designated with a tree symbol  in the Summer Conference guide.

Scholarships are limited, so early registration is advised.

For questions, please contact Jessica Parlon at jparlon@massteacher.org.

For more information and to register, please visit:

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WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Workshop 1 - Naming the Moment: Conversations on Critical Issues

Naming the Moment is a popular education tool that helps participants identify and analyze issues, and act more effectively for change. This workshop will introduce participants to the **Naming the Moment** guide and describe its history and use in other progressive organizations and movements. Using this tool, participants will “name our moment” as public education workers in 2019. This will include naming the key forces and events shaping public education today, how these forces and events play out in our schools and colleges, and how they impact the every day issues we care about most. Participants will leave with a clearer analysis of the factors impacting our work as public educators, leading to effective short and long-term strategies for change.

Workshop 2 - Naming the Moment: Education for Action

In this workshop, participants will delve deeper into the issues they identified as being most important to them and begin to make local plans for action. Applying their analysis from the previous workshop and continuing to use the **Naming the Moment** guide, participants will discuss what actions we can take collectively to achieve our goals. This tool is particularly helpful in strategizing about how to move both short-term goals and longer-term objectives. It focuses on actions that move decision-makers and educate, mobilize and energize our base. Workshop participants will also have the opportunity to begin building regional and/or statewide networks around their key issues.

Workshop 3 - Participant Choice

For the third workshop in this scholarship series, participants will choose among other Summer Conference workshops that cover some of the pivotal issues and moments for educators, public education and our union today. These workshops cover a variety of topics—from membership organizing to racial justice issues to OSHA to negotiations—and are highlighted in the Summer Conference guide with the 🌳 symbol.

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