



# GET YOUTH WORKING!

[www.getyouthworking.ca](http://www.getyouthworking.ca)

## Hello Youth Worker / Case Manager / Employment Service Provider:

It's an age-old cycle; you need experience to get the job, but you need the job to get the experience. With the **Get Youth Working!** Program, this gap is closing for many BC youth, providing them with the opportunity to gain experience and new skills in the workplace and opening doors to rewarding careers and good wages.

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The **Get Youth Working!** website is a one-stop online information site for youth, employers and those involved with helping youth gain employment. This site provides a complete overview of the Program and includes the following page features:

- **Youth** – Can find out about the Get Youth Working! Program eligibility requirements and complete and submit an online form to determine if they are eligible. If they answer “YES” to all questions on the form, we will email them a youth eligibility **Self-Marketing Letter** to attach to their resumes. This letter informs employers about the Program and how they can apply for the \$2,800 wage subsidy.
- **Employers** – Can read about the Get Youth Working! Program eligibility requirements, download our program flyer, send an online inquiry, and apply online.
- **Career Advisors** – **This page is dedicated to you!** You'll find Program details and how you can help unemployed youth 15-29 years of age determine their eligibility. Do you need Get Youth Working! Program literature for your centre or upcoming event? If so, you can complete an online request for promotional materials.
- **Job Board** – Employers have the opportunity to **post their jobs on our FREE Job Board.** The Job Board can be searched by keywords such as 'location' and 'job position'. We are continually directing unemployed youth to our website through our social media efforts using Facebook, Twitter, etc. Employers can connect with eligible youth by posting their jobs here.



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- **FAQ's** – Includes many frequently asked questions about the **Get Youth Working!** Program for both employers and youth. If visitors have a question and can't find the answer on this page they can contact us!
- **Employment Resources** – This Page includes many links to employment resources to help youth when looking for that perfect employment opportunity.

## Social Media

Our social media is our online “meet-up” space for youth, employers, and those involved with helping youth find employment. Through our social media marketing efforts, we are continuously communicating employment opportunities, tools for job search, videos and events.

Here are some ways that you can help us **Get Youth Working!**

- Use the checklist in this folder to determine your clients' possible eligibility;
- Using the checklist, if they answer each question with “YES”, provide them with the enclosed youth eligibility **Self-Marketing Letter**;
- While meeting with your clients, go to [www.getyouthworking.ca](http://www.getyouthworking.ca), click on the Youth Info tab, help them complete the online form, and **submit**. Once we receive it, we will email a digital version of the youth eligibility **Self-Marketing Letter** for inclusion with their resumes; and
- Encourage your clients to promote the Program and their eligibility to employers.

Thank you for joining with us to **Get Youth Working!**

If you have any questions about the enclosed material, please contact us.

Kind regards,

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## Get Youth Working! Youth Check List

In order for a youth to receive a *Self-Marketing Letter*, they must answer **YES** to the following 8 statements:

Are these statements **TRUE** about the youth?

- ✓ I am 15 to 29 years of age
- ✓ I am currently unemployed or underemployed (less than 20 hours a week)
- ✓ I am not a full-time student or returning to school
- ✓ I have not applied for Employment Insurance in the last 12 months
- ✓ I have not collected Employment Insurance in the last 3 years
- ✓ I have not collected Employment Insurance on a parental claim in the last 5 years
- ✓ I am a resident of BC (living in BC as a Canadian, a permanent resident or a protected person) and legally entitled to work in Canada
- ✓ I am not participating in any other Canada-BC Job Fund programs

If so, please give a copy of the *Self-Marketing Letter*.

### Helpful advice to give to youth:

- Always market yourself with the *Self-Marketing Letter*
- Attach the Letter to any employment application you complete or resume you give out
- When applying for jobs or speaking to hiring managers, point out the advantages of hiring you with the **\$2,800** wage subsidy
- During your interview, emphasize that employer applications only **take 1-2 business days** to process and that the employer's application **must be approved before** you start your job
- By marketing yourself alongside this Program, you'll stand out from the rest

If you have any questions regarding this Program,  
please call **250.861.3100** or toll-free **1.877.866.3100**.



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Dear Employer,

This letter is to inform you that this youth may be eligible for the **Get Youth Working!** Program.

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Applying for the **Get Youth Working!** Program is simple. It takes **less than 5 minutes** to complete an application and just **1-2 business days** to process! Apply online at [www.getyouthworking.ca](http://www.getyouthworking.ca).

**Eligibility criteria for employer:**

- Youth must be a new hire
- In operation for at least one year
- In good standing with WorkSafeBC
- Must employ youth for a minimum of 3 months for a minimum of 30 hours per week
- **Employers will NOT qualify if employee is hired prior to signing Get Youth Working Funding Agreement**

**Eligibility criteria for youth:**

- 15 to 29 years of age
- Unemployed or underemployed (less than 20 hours a week)
- Not a full-time student, enrolled in high school or returning to school
- Not a participant in another Canada-British Columbia Job Fund program
- Not currently receiving or eligible for EI and have not received EI in the past 36 months or 60 months for a parental claim
- Resident of BC (living in BC as a Canadian, a permanent resident or a protected person) and legally entitled to work in Canada

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Does your company **have a long term position to fill** and **want to hire an ambitious youth?**

## **Get Youth Working! can help!**

The **Get Youth Working!** Program, offers eligible employers in specified regions a \$2,800 wage subsidy to hire eligible youth age 15 to 29.

### **The application is easy!**

You conduct your own recruiting. At any time during the recruiting process you can complete and submit an online application, which can be **completed in less than 5 minutes**. The approval process is quick and easy. If you and your proposed new hire meet the program criteria, you are eligible for the funding.

### **Post your employment opportunity on our FREE Job Board.**

Complete an application to gain access and post your position to our Job Board.

### **No complicated paperwork!**

Upon completion of the three month work experience, the \$2,800 Wage Subsidy is disbursed to you.

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## **WANT TO REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM?**

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