



Dear Employer:

Thank you for showing an interest in the Summer Youth Internship Program. The Saskatoon Industry-Education Council (SIEC) is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with three local school divisions and regional business/industry.

The Summer Youth Internship Program (SYIP) is a project that the SIEC is pleased to deliver to youth of our schools for the seventeenth year. This program provides youth with summer employment and a look at specific careers at the same time. In the past 5 years, over 425 youth have taken part in the SYIP with a 98% completion rate.

**The internship starts on July 5, 2021 and ends on August 13, 2021** (alternate dates can be arranged if necessary). We ask employers to commit to the full six-weeks with their student(s) in order to complete the program. We are once again partnering with the Construction and Tourism/Hospitality Sectors. It is the objective of the program to provide interested students an opportunity to explore various opportunities available to them in hopes of continuing in their chosen field after graduation.

The Summer Youth Internship Program asks our youth, industry, parents, teachers and government to invest in the workforce of the future by:

- Helping students make the link between their classroom education and future workforce careers
- Enabling students to explore career options through workplace internships;
- Supporting career education by helping students understand the real world of work;

The Summer Youth Internship Program is an opportunity for employers to hire young individuals who are excited about their futures and eager to learn about the career that interests them. The experience and skills they gain now will be the foundation they need in order to become a successful part of Saskatchewan's skilled workforce. Our target group includes students currently in grade 11 and 12 with exception given to those in grade 10 who can show an adequate level of maturity. All hours worked by a student go towards completing the Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Program. Students also have the option of earning high school credits during the internship. Students are asked to fill out an application form, including a resume and sent it back to the SIEC office no later than Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Participating employers are contacted after the student application deadline to set-up interviews times; you will have the opportunity to interview 3-5 candidates and choose the student(s) who best fits within your organization. You will have the option to select safety training needed for your student employee which can include WHMIS, Fall Protection, Safety Construction Orientation Training and Food Safe. The SIEC will provide a youth internship coordinator and also job coaches who will oversee the program and will monitor the students' progress and act as a support for both student and employer throughout the duration of the program.

Any additional questions may be directed to Megan Unrau at 306.381.8054 or [megan@saskatooniec.ca](mailto:megan@saskatooniec.ca). Thank you for your interest in developing Saskatchewan's future workforce!

Sincerely,

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