



# Youth Services

## Summer Work Experience and Adventure Program Application 2026

The District of West Vancouver’s Summer Work Experience and Adventure Program addresses the need for vocational training for youth in West Vancouver who face challenges finding their first job. The program consists of employment training and a paid work placement for the participants, as much as possible in a setting consistent with their interests and/or career choices. Participants do not need to be job ready to apply as the focus of the program is on pre-employment training, opportunity, and a direct work placement for development and growth. It also includes exciting and challenging outdoor adventures!

We accept a limited number of applicants into the program. If there are more eligible applicants than available spaces, final selection will be determined on the following basis:

- Priority will be given to youth who have not participated in this or similar programs before,
- Priority will be given to youth who are able to commit to the **entire program**; and
- If further selection is required, applicants will be randomly selected by a neutral party.

June 3	Application deadline (by 11 p.m.)
June 17–19	Interviews
June 23	Final selection and notification
July 7	Mandatory orientation and training for selected participants
July 13	Summer Work Experience and Adventure Program begins
August 21	Summer Work Experience and Adventure Program end and celebration!

### Application Checklist:

Applicants must meet all the following criteria to be considered for the Summer Work Experience and Adventure Program (please check):

- At least 15 years old by July 13, 2026, and no older than 18 years of age by August 21, 2026.
- Lives in, and/or attends school in, West Vancouver.
- Legally entitled to work in Canada.
- Available for **ALL** the dates associated with the Summer 2026 session:
  - Afternoon of July 7
  - Full days: July 13-17, July 20-24, July 27-31, Aug 4-7, Aug 10-14, Aug 17-21
- Is committed to attending and actively participating in every session to the best of their ability, and to treating themselves and other participants, plus presenters and facilitators with care, kindness and respect over the duration of the program.
- Has transportation to/from the West Van Youth Hub, 706 Main St, West Vancouver (in Park Royal) and assigned work placement, either on their own or through the support of their parent/guardian.
- Has a Social Insurance Number and their own bank account or is committed to getting both by July 6, 2026.



**Youth Information:**

Full Name:		Date of Birth:	
Email:		Phone:	
Street Address:			
City:		Postal Code:	
Pronouns (e.g., she, he, they, etc.):		Social Insurance Number*:	
School:		Current Grade:	
Parent/Legal Guardian:			
Email:		Phone:	
Emergency Contact (if different from above):			
Email:		Phone:	

**Tell us more about you:**

How did you hear about the Summer Work Experience and Adventure Program?
Why would you like to participate in the Summer Work Experience and Adventure Program?
Have you been employed in past or have you volunteered before? If yes, please tell us about it.
Have you volunteered in the past? If yes, please tell us about it.



<p>What type of work are you interested in (e.g., retail, food service, childcare)?</p>
<p>Is there anything else you think we need to know to best support you through the summer?  <i>Please give details of any assistance you receive at school, and any learning or support needs staff might need to know to ensure you get the best out of your training and experience.</i></p>

**References (teacher, family friend, counsellor, previous employer, coach, youth worker, etc.):**

Name:	Email:
Relationship to youth:	Phone:

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**Thank you for your application!**

Please email your completed application to:  
 Lauren Odile Pinkney, Youth Outreach Worker at [lpinkney@westvancouver.ca](mailto:lpinkney@westvancouver.ca).

Or drop off your completed application to:  
 West Vancouver Community Centre  
 2121 Marine Drive  
 Attention: Lenna Nakamura

Lastly, you can also request that we pick it up from you. To arrange, please contact Lauren by email or call 604 351 8762.

**Applications must be received no later than 11 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.**



*\*Note: If you do not have a Social Insurance Number and are accepted into the program, you must have one by July 6, 2026 in order to participate. If you need assistance with getting a Social Insurance Number or setting up a bank account, please let us know.*

*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Notice: personal information contained on this form is collected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act section 26(c) and will be used for the purpose of the Youth Services Pre-Employment Program as described on this application form. If you have any questions about the collection of this information please contact Legislative Services, Records and Information Management Coordinator at 604-921-3497, District of West Vancouver, 750 17th Street, West Vancouver, BC, V7V 3T3.*

**For office use only:**

Has the youth been accepted into the Summer Work Experience and Adventure Program?

Yes  No

If yes, date of interview: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, state reason: