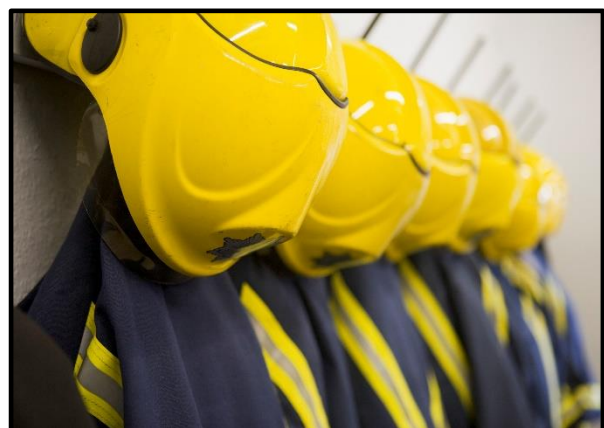


Youth Firefighter Program Application 2024-25



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Youth Firefighter Academy Work Experience

The Chilliwack School District, in partnership with the *Chilliwack Fire Dept.* and the *City of Chilliwack*, is pleased to provide the first annual **Youth Firefighter** Work Experience. This opportunity is designed for students in grades 11 and 12, who would like to gain insight into firefighting as a potential career option. Successful candidates will experience 6 days of training, including classroom instruction and practical training exercises.

Teamwork, Leadership, and Community Service are the 3 central themes of this training program. In addition to technical knowledge and skill development, students will learn how Firefighters exemplify these 3 themes every day.

This is a career simulation activity, and can be applied to WEX12 course hours or as a part of your Career-Life Connections (CLC) career exploration activity requirements.

The Youth Firefighter Camp will be held between **March 17 – 22, 2025** (Spring Break), at Chilliwack Firehall #1, located at 45950 Cheam Ave., and at the Chilliwack Fire Training Centre, located at 44880 Wolfe Rd. Camp hours are **8:00am - 4:00pm**.

Interested students must complete the attached application **IN FULL**. Applications will be assessed and students will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applications MUST be received no later than January 10, 2025.

(Please return completed applications to your Work Experience Facilitator)

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Any student wishing to apply may do so, but only students who meet the following basic criteria will be considered for the program:

- PRIORITY given to Grade 11 and 12 students
- Have a genuine interest in firefighting as a possible career option
- Are in good standing in all classes, be physically and medically fit
- Have maintained good attendance records
- Display willingness to work hard and are team players
- Completed the application in full by the application deadline: **Jan. 10, 2025**
- Has been recommended by a school staff member



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What will I learn in the Youth Firefighter Program?

- Training Week Learning Modules may include:
 - First Aid
 - Fire Behaviour
 - Fire Extinguishers
 - Hoses
 - Ropes & Knots
 - Ladders
 - Personal Protective Equipment
 - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
 - Fire Prevention and Education
 - Community Service Initiatives
- Several community guest speakers from partner organizations will present on various relevant topics
- **STRONG** emphasis on Leadership, Team-Building, Community Service and Life Skills development. Students will be expected to contribute to the daily operations of the Fire Hall, including cleaning and meal prep.

Notes for Students and Parents/Guardians

1. The Youth Firefighter Program is a hands-on career simulation activity. Students will be expected to participate fully in all aspects of the day, and abide by all rules and regulations. Although student safety and well-being is a priority, participants may be exposed to simulated situations that may be stressful or anxiety-inducing for some. Parents/guardians are encouraged to strongly consider their child's individual "fit" for these types of activities.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

**Signature of parent/guardian indicates acknowledgement and consent*

2. The Youth Firefighter Program is categorized as a **NON-STANDARD** worksite, as defined by the BC Ministry of Education. As such, WorkSafeBC coverage for Work Experience purposes is **NOT** available to the student. This agreement releases the Chilliwack Fire Department of all liability relating to any injury/death that occur as a result of the Youth Firefighter work experience program. Furthermore, the participant and his/her parent/guardian recognize that participation in this event is completely voluntary and that participating in the Youth Firefighter program is entirely at the participant's own risk.

Additional, optional third-party liability insurance may be purchased by the parent/guardian for the student. Additional information is enclosed, and plan details can also be found on the Chilliwack School District website.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Legal Last Name: _____ Legal First Name: _____

Usual Last Name: _____ Preferred First Name: _____

Birth Date (Day/Month/Year): _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Street Address: _____

Apt. No.: _____ City: _____ Prov.: _____ Postal: _____

Are you an International Student? YES NO

Are you an ELL (English Language Learner)? YES NO

Do you have an IEP (Individual Education Plan)? YES NO

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Primary Contact

Relationship to student: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address (if different from student): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Secondary Contact

Relationship to student: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address (if different from student): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Doctor Name: _____ Phone: _____

Care Card No.: _____

Allergies and/or conditions: _____

Are any of these life-threatening? YES NO If "YES", please specify: _____

Treatment: _____

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DRESS CODE

It is expected that students conform to District dress code guidelines, in addition to worksite-specific requirements (e.g. Trade-specific, professional office attire, uniform, personal protective equipment, etc.)

RELEASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION

In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protections of Privacy Act, Chilliwack School District requires consent to use personal information for purposes unrelated to educational programs.

I will conform to the guidelines presented to me for appropriate attire while participating in any Chilliwack School District Career Education programs.

I give my consent for release of my name, address, email and phone number to School District personnel and/or community employers to contact me regarding Career Education activities, meeting or schedules.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

STUDENT IMAGES

Your child's photograph may be used for administrative and identification purposes consistent with providing an educational program. As such, your child's name, photograph and comments may be published in a District newsletter, brochure, video or website.

In addition, on occasion, Career Education activities may be featured by local news media as a means of information sharing or promotion. As such, your child's name, photograph and comments may be published in the newspaper, online or on social media channels.

I give my consent for use or publication of my child's name, photograph and comments for purposes consistent with the above.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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PROGRAM: Youth Firefighter Program

Fire fighters must maintain a high level of fitness to perform their duties effectively and professionally. This program may be physically demanding at times and all students will be expected to give maximum effort and to participate to the very best of their ability. Please complete the following questionnaire honestly, and IN FULL.

1. List any injuries or illnesses affecting physical activity:

2. Have you been under a doctor's care for any reason within the preceding two (2) years?

3. Please list any allergies (including food allergies) or any special dietary requirements?

4. Do you have a bone or joint problems that could be aggravated by physical activity?

5. Do you feel pain in your chest when you exercise physically?

6. Do you experience dizziness or do you ever lose consciousness?

7. Are you currently on medication? If so, please describe below:

8. Do you smoke? _____

9. Dr. Name: _____ Phone: _____ Care Card No: _____

Student Name (printed): _____ Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____ Signed: _____

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Statement of Interest & Intent



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Application to this program may be a competitive process. Please give detailed answers

Name: _____

Program: **Youth Firefighter Program**

Career Goal: _____

1. The Youth Firefighter program is intended to be a challenging and rewarding experience. Tell us what you will offer to, and what you hope to gain from this program.

2. Firefighters have to be able to work with others as part of a strong team. Tell us of your experiences working as part of a team, any challenges you faced and how you dealt with those.

3. Firefighters are constantly working to help members of the public. Tell us why you think it is so important to help people we don't even know.

4. Firefighters often have to deal with extremely difficult and uncomfortable situations. What is one way you practice "self-care" when you encounter stressful situations.

5. During the course of their duties, Firefighters will be given instructions to do specific tasks a certain way. Do you think it is important for someone to be able to follow instructions? Explain your answer.

6. Firefighters are constantly training to maintain the skills they already have and to learn new ones. How important is lifelong learning? Explain your answer.

7. Describe a personal challenge and how you managed to overcome that challenge.

8. We appreciate you applying to be a part of this program. Please use the space below to tell us a little more about yourself. For example; your hobbies, memorable experiences, your friends and family and any careers you are considering etc.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND COMPLETE IN FULL

This program will require you to wear appropriate Firefighter safety gear which will be provided for you. To help us provide you clothing that will fit you, please accurately complete the following sizing information in full – **leave no blank spaces**:

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Chest: _____ Inside leg: _____

Shoe/Boot: _____ Waist: _____

T-Shirt size (please check one): Small Medium Large Extra Large



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Teacher Reference Form



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Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Course you taught this student: _____

This student has applied for a seat in the **Youth Firefighter Program**

1. The program this student is applying for is academically and physically rigorous. The student must be self-motivated and able to apply the theory knowledge to their practical work. The ability to think critically is essential to the students' success.

Do you feel the student applying can meet these criteria?

YES **POSSIBLY** **NO**

2. Can this student be counted on to represent the school district favorably in a professional setting?

YES **POSSIBLY** **NO**

3. Do you feel this student has a sincere interest in this District Career program?

YES **POSSIBLY** **NO**

4. Please help by providing frank comments about this student. This will aid in the selection of appropriate candidates for this program.

	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement
Maturity				
Accuracy/ability to follow instructions				
Enthusiasm and interest				
Adaptable – adjusts to new situations				
Follows through on assigned tasks				
Attendance				
Punctuality				
Shows motivation to learn new skills				
Can work independently				
Has positive attitude towards work				
Accepts constructive criticism				
Makes changes as a result of constructive criticism				

Evaluation completed by: _____ Phone #: _____

School: _____ Signature: _____

Accident Insurance



Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP)

The Chilliwack School District or Schools Protection Program (SPP) does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or **during school activities (including Work Experience placements at NON-STANDARD Work Sites)**. Parents/Guardians are responsible for these expenses.

iA Financial Group is now offering a new comprehensive accident insurance plan with a critical illness component designed for the whole family.

The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan is ideal for supplementing costs not covered by your provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans. Regardless of the size of your family, all eligible family members can be insured under one set monthly rate.

To apply or to find out more, visit solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc

Plan Details are available at: sd33.bc.ca/accident-insurance