

Dear Employer:

RDIEC (REGINA DISTRICT INDUSTRY EDUCATION COUNCIL) is once again planning the Saskatchewan Youth Internship Program. RDIEC is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with three local Regina and area school divisions, File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council, and regional business/industry. We are seeking employment opportunities for students for July and August of 2024.

The Saskatchewan Youth Internship Program (SYIP) is a project that the RDIEC has been pleased to deliver to the youth of our schools since 2013. This program provides youth with summer employment and a look at specific careers at the same time.

The internship starts on July 8, 2024 and ends on August 16, 2024 (alternate dates can be arranged) We are once again partnering with the construction, manufacturing, and tourism/Hospitality sectors. We ask employers to commit to the full six-weeks with their student(s) to complete the program. The program's objective is to provide interested students with an opportunity to explore assorted opportunities available to them in hopes of continuing in their chosen field after graduation.

The Saskatchewan 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 Saskatchewan Youth Internship Program is an opportunity for employers to hire young individuals who are excited about their futures and eager to learn about a career that interests them. The experience and skills they gain now will be the foundation they need to become a successful part of Saskatchewan's skilled workforce. Our target group currently includes students in grade 10 and 11 with the exception given to those in grade 9 who can show an adequate level of maturity. We encourage Grade 12 students to participate in the **Regina Trades and Skills (RTSC) "12 to Trades"** program. Grade 12 students may continue with a company at the program's completion. Students also can complete the Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship and earn high school credits during the internship. Students fill out an application package, including a resume and recommendation forms and send it back to the RDIEC office no later than **Wednesday**, **May 8**, **2024**.

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

Any additional questions may be directed to Mark Edmonds, RDIEC Executive Director, at 306.531.3892 <u>mark.edmonds@rdiec.ca</u> or to Marcel Lorenz, Program Facilitator, at 306.530.6907, <u>marcel.lorenz@rdiec.ca</u>

Thank you for your interest in developing Saskatchewan's future workforce!