

## Dear Employer:

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

The Saskatchewan Youth Internship Program (SYIP) is a project that the SIEC is pleased to deliver to the youth of our schools since 2003. This program provides youth with summer employment and a look at specific careers at the same time. In the past 5 years, over 450 youth have taken part in the SYIP with a 98% completion rate.

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) in order to complete the program. The objective of the program is to provide interested students an opportunity to explore various 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 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. Grade 12 students may be able to continue with a company at the completion of the program. Students also have the options to complete the Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship and earn high school credits during the internship.

Participating employers will be 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, 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 306.683.7771 or <a href="megan@saskatooniec.ca">megan@saskatooniec.ca</a>. Thank you for your interest in developing Saskatchewan's future workforce!

Sincerely,

Megan Unrau SYIP Coordinator