

Youth Work in Trades (WRK)

Youth Work in Trades (formerly the Secondary School Apprenticeship Program) provides skill development through practical, hands-on work experience.

Students enrolled in these courses go to work and attend high school at the same time. That means they have found an employer who is willing to take them on (and pay them) as an apprentice. School counsellors may be able to offer help with this step.

Students that are 15 or older can enroll in this program. They must also formally register with the Industry Training Authority as Youth Apprentices. Successful completion of the program earns students 16 credits towards graduation. Some may also qualify for the Youth Work in Trades (WRK) Award, a \$1000 award given to students for sustained and exceptional work as an apprentice.

If you are a high school student already working as an apprentice, speak to your high school counsellor today about signing up for this program.

\$1000 Award Criteria

Students who are eligible for the Youth Work in Trades Award will automatically be considered. There is no need to apply. To be eligible, students must have:

- Been registered with the Industry Training Authority as a Youth Apprentice
- Graduated with a Grade 12 Dogwood Diploma or Adult Dogwood
- Successfully completed WRK 11A, WRK 11B, WRK 12A, and WRK 12B
- Maintained a C+ average or better on Grade 12 numbered courses *
- Reported a total of at least 900 hours to the ITA by December 31 of the school year the student turns 19 **

* Note: A student's graduation transcript only includes the courses the student passes. The Youth Work in Trades Award uses all Grade 12 numbered courses in the calculation of the grade point average.

** To be eligible for a Youth Work in Trades Award, a student must complete 900 hours of work-based training by December 31 of the school year the student turns 19. The December 31 date ensures the awards will be ready for distribution during that school year. In some cases, students are unable to complete the required hours by December 31 due to circumstances beyond their control. To accommodate these students, a second cycle to verify work-based hours occurs in early September of the following school year. Those school-aged students who met the eligibility criteria on or before June 30, but were unable to complete or report their hours to the ITA by December 31, can still receive the award if they accrue the required work-based hours by August 31. Awards for these students will be processed and distributed in October.