

Summer Employment for Students

Summer may seem far away, but for many post-secondary students, now is the time to think about that all important summer job. Where will it be? What type of experience will it provide?

Experience is really becoming the key to a successful summer job today. Of course it's still important to make enough money to pay next year's tuition. But more and more, money is not the most important factor. Students are starting to realize that in today's competitive job market, experience that can be used in the workplace after graduation is an absolute must.

This summer, as in the past, the federal government is helping students gain this valuable work experience. Five hundred post-secondary students will be hired to work as Student Placement Officers in the 135 Canada Employment Centres for Students across Ontario. In the Terrace Bay and Schreiber area, one person will be hired to operate the centre here from approximately early to mid May until the end of August. Applications are now being accepted for this position.

To qualify, a person must be enrolled in full-time studies at a post-secondary institution and be returning to full-time studies in the fall. Applicants must have experience dealing and communicating with individuals, groups or the general public.

Preference will be given to students who are from the Terrace Bay and Schreiber area. Also, preference may be given to students who are in the senior years of their courses of study.

The position of Student Placement Officer in the Terrace Bay and Schreiber area is a challenging one. The student must work alone and unsupervised since the office is managed by the Supervisors of the Canada Employment Centre for Students in Thunder Bay. This can allow for a great deal of freedom and originality on the part of the student. But, it also means a great deal of responsibility.

The largest responsibility of the Student Placement Officer (SPO) is to fulfill the main objective of the Canada Employment Centre for Students program: "to facilitate the placement of secondary and post-secondary students in the private and public sector and to assist employers in

obtaining the services of students as temporary summer help."

It's a big objective, especially since last year, the centre in Terrace Bay had 126 students who were on file and looking for jobs. To assist these students the SPO must register them, provide information on government programs available, and select and refer suitable candidates to jobs.

To assist the employers in the area, the SPO pre-screens students according to the employer's specific requirements, and then refers the students to the job, usually on short

notice. In addition, the SPO visits employers in the area to solicit job opportunities for the students.

When the SPO matches up the right student with the right employer, the job can be very satisfying. Last year's SPO filled 67 regular jobs and 112 casual or short-term jobs.

Thus the SPO becomes an integral part of the community during the summer months. Both students and employers come to rely on the work this person does for them.

Michelle Austin, an SPO for two summers in the Thunder Bay Centre, found the job beneficial because

she had the opportunity to meet many different kinds of people. "I improved my communication and organizational skills. This will be great experience for me to draw from when I enter the job market after graduation since I've chosen a people-oriented career."

The SPO is also required to maintain daily and monthly statistical records. "It's a real learning experience," says Austin. "I learned about how things are run in the government and in business in general."

One of the areas where the SPO can really be creative is in the promotion of the centre. In previous years, SPOs have organized official openings, car washes, Hire-a-Student weeks, babysitting courses, and a variety of other special events to make the centre visible in the community. Last year's SPO here even wrote a regular newspaper column on "Tips for the Unemployed Student."

One thing is certain. The person who works as an SPO won't have a boring summer. As Michelle

Austin says, "it wasn't predictable. Lots of different things happened. There was a lot of variety in what had to be done. And, it was a lot of fun."

Any students who are interested in this position can read the job description and

pick up an application at the Terrace Bay recreation Centre. The applications must be mailed to Thunder Bay by April 15. For further information, call the Canada Employment Centre for Students in Thunder Bay at 345-2757.

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This show has been extended to this date and has been drawing a very good crowd to see these amazing works.

Also showing at the centre until April 28th, is "200 Years of Architecture — A Retrospective" sponsored by the Thunder Bay chapter of the Ontario Association of Architects.

The exhibition illustrates the adaption of architecture to our changing times, through renovation, restoration and retrofit.

Also showing is "The 1940's — A Decade of Painting in Ontario" which reflects the social climate of that time.

The Centre is located on the campus of Confederation College and is open to the public, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from noon to 8 p.m., and Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free.



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There is no charge, if you qualify. To be eligible you must be under the medical supervision of a doctor, and need a professional health service that cannot be met on an outpatient basis.

Here's how it works. On the advice of your doctor, you may be admitted to the Program either from a hospital or from your home. A home care team, in consultation with your doctor, will provide the visiting service you need. Once you are well enough, you will be discharged from the program and referred to other community services as needed.

For more information on the Home Care Program and whether you qualify, please contact the area office nearest you:

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Ted & Alison Riley