



Youth Train in Trades Program APPLICATION

(For TRADES programs to be taken in 2026-2027 School Year)

****APPLICATION DEADLINE****

First (preferred) deadline: **Tuesday, February 3, 2026**

Second deadline: **Tuesday, March 3, 2026**


***Submit application to the SD38 Career Programs – c/o Learning Services @ Cambie Secondary School (in person or by email to careerprograms@sd38.bc.ca)**

*Priority given to earlier applicants meeting program eligibility requirements. (For some programs, application may be accepted beyond these deadlines; check with Career Programs first.)

BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

- ❖ **TUITION PAID** (for Level 1) by Richmond School District #38 (approx. savings of \$2500 - \$4500)
- ❖ **EARN DUAL CREDITS** – high school credits toward graduation + post-secondary credits
- ❖ **EARN EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS / EARNING POTENTIAL**
- ❖ **EARN INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION** – Level 1/Foundation with SkilledTradesBC

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST:

- ☐ **Must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident.** (If PR, must be valid and not expire during program.) **International students are not eligible to apply.** 
- ☐ ONLY for Piping and Cooking, current grades 10-11 may apply (for these only, applications received past our deadlines MAY only be considered if space remains)
- ☐ For all other Train in Trades programs, grade 11 students apply to take in grade 12 (non-graduating Gr. 12's may apply)
- ☐ Has keen interest in field for which student is applying
- ☐ Has current/prior Applied Skills course work (e.g. Tech Ed, Foods)
- ☐ Is comfortable using tools/power equipment of chosen area
- ☐ Readiness/maturity for participation in a post-secondary environment
- ☐ Able to commute to post-secondary campus location
- ☐ In good physical shape (stamina/strength)
- ☐ Has strong English language skills to communicate and interpret technical program terminology
- ☐ Has strong Math and Science skills for solving problems and making decisions
- ☐ Driver's license an asset (certain industry work sites expect their employees to be able to drive)

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

- ❖ Visit <https://skilledtradesbc.ca/youth> to learn more about the apprenticeship programs for youth!
- ❖ Find the trade that works for you by exploring: <https://skilledtradesbc.ca/find-your-trade>

**** Please tear off this sheet before submitting application ****

Understanding PROGRAM COSTS for Youth Train in Trades Programs

****NOTE:** All fees are approximate at time of printing and are subject to change.**

By taking a *YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES* program while in high school, SD38 students will **save the cost of tuition (a savings between \$2500 - \$4700)**. This cost is covered by the Richmond School District #38.

ESTIMATED COSTS THAT STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAY INCLUDE:

*TBD = to be determined (in chart below)

- Post-Secondary fees - may include a variety of college, student union and compass pass fees.
- Program-Specific fees - costs such as uniform, required footwear, safety equipment, tools, workbooks, textbooks, learning manuals.
- Costs for Plumbing and Professional Cook are due in May/June prior to program start. **Payment plans are available for these two programs.** All others program fees are due to the post-secondary school once the program begins.
- **PROGRAM MONTHS INDICATED BELOW MAY VARY (Check with Career Programs Office)**

| PROGRAM | Approximate Student Cost | PROGRAM | Approximate Student Cost |
|---|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Aircraft Maintenance Engineer – M (BCIT Richmond) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Applicant must meet with Career Programs staff for program costs and details, as these are extensive • (ONLY OPEN to Gr. 11 applicants entering Gr. 12 or to non-graduating Gr. 12's) <i>This program is a 20 month commitment and starts in May (with scheduled breaks within that time).</i> | \$ *TBD | Hairstylist Certification (VCC Broadway) <i>Runs 10 months; start dates vary Check with Career Programs for options.</i> | \$ 2200.00 |
| | | Heavy Mechanical Trades (VCC Broadway) <i>Runs September – May</i> | \$ 1250.00 |
| | | Joinery (Cabinetmaker) Foundation (BCIT Burnaby) <i>Runs February - August</i> | \$ 1100.00 |
| Automotive Collision Refinishing and Repair Common Core (VCC Broadway) <i>Runs February – August</i> | \$ 2200.00 | Metal Fabrication Foundation (BCIT Burnaby) <i>Runs February – July</i> | \$ 800.00 |
| Automotive Service Technician (BCIT Burnaby) <i>Runs February – September</i> | \$ 1100.00 | Millwright Foundation (KPU Cloverdale) <i>Runs February – July</i> | \$ 1000.00 (may be more) |
| Carpentry (Framing and Forming) Foundation (BCIT Burnaby) <i>Runs February – July</i> | \$ 1600.00 | Painting (Commercial) Level 1 (FTI Surrey) <i>Runs Mid-June – End July</i> | \$ 900.00 |
| CNC Machinist (BCIT Burnaby) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must be entering Gr. 12 • Program is a two-year commitment | \$ *TBD | Piping/Plumbing Foundation (UAPIC and Palmer Secondary) <i>Runs February – June</i> | \$ 600.00 |
| | | Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Technician (VCC Broadway) <i>Runs September – April OR February – August</i> | \$1100.00 |
| Construction Electrician Foundation (BCIT Satellite Campus @ Delta Secondary) <i>Runs February – July</i> | \$ 1500.00 | Sheet Metal Foundation (BCIT Burnaby) <i>Runs September – January</i> | \$ 1100.00 |
| Professional Cook – Level 1 (VCC and Richmond High) <i>Check with Career Programs for 2025-2026 schedule</i> | \$ 1300.00 | Welding Foundation (KPU Cloverdale) <i>Runs February – August</i> | \$ 1000.00 |

EXTENDED HEALTH AND/OR DENTAL PLAN:

For students attending any of our Youth Train in Trades programs parents/guardians are **advised to acquire extended health and/or dental coverage** if they do not already have this.



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Date of Application Completion (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ / _____ / _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Current Grade: _____
First Middle Last

Mailing Address: _____

City/Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____ Home Phone: _____

Home School: _____ Grad Date (mm/yy): ____ / ____ School Counsellor: _____

PEN #: _____ Age: _____ Birthdate (DD/MM/YYYY): ____ / ____ / ____

Canadian Citizen: ☐ YES ☐ NO Permanent Resident: ☐ YES ☐ NO Aboriginal: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Student Email: _____ Student Cell: _____

Parent/Guardian Info: Email: _____ Cell: _____

Applicant's Signature: I certify that all statements in this application package are true and complete.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES PROGRAM APPLYING FOR: (Check One)

(Programs will only be offered based on sufficient enrolment)

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Cook – (VCC at SD38 site) | <input type="checkbox"/> CNC Machinist (BCIT) – 2 YEAR PGM | <input type="checkbox"/> Millwright (KPU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Piping – (SD38 site + UAPIC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrician (Common Core) (**BCIT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting (Commercial) (FTI) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aircraft Maintenance Engineer –M (*BCIT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hairstylist (VCC Pender) | <input type="checkbox"/> Refrigeration Technician (BCIT) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Collision & Refinishing Common Core (VCC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Mechanical Trades (VCC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheet Metal (BCIT) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Service Technician (BCIT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Joinery (Cabinetmaker) (BCIT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Welding (KPU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry (Frame/Form) (BCIT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal Fabrication (BCIT) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (MUST arrange with Career Programs Office prior to applying; call to inquire) | | |

Program Locations: **Bold** = SD38 high school location + post secondary **BCIT** = Burnaby Campus or *Richmond Aerospace Campus or **North Delta Secondary satellite
VCC = Pender or Broadway **KPU** = Kwantlen Polytechnic University – Cloverdale **UAPIC** = Piping Industry College **FTI** = Finishing Trades Institute of BC

PROGRAM SITE VISITS may be arranged by a Career Programs staff member

In Partnership with:



For Career Programs Office Use Only:

Application Received Date: _____ Entered into Database (date): _____

☐ Application Complete ☐ Missing Items _____



CHECKLISTS for Student, Parent/Guardian, Counsellor

(Please do not submit application until all below are checked off and enclosed.)

| STEP 1 – APPLICATION CHECKLIST for STUDENT | | Page | Completed and Enclosed |
|--|---|------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Applicant Information <i>(include application date and school year applying for)</i> | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | Completion of all checklists for Steps 1, 2 and 3 on this page | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | Statement of Interest and Intent <i>(thoughtfully complete; do rough draft prior to completing the form)</i> | 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. | Teacher Reference Form #1 <i>(teacher, counsellor or administrator completes and sends to Career Programs)</i> | 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. | Teacher Reference Form #2 <i>(a 2nd teacher, counsellor or administrator completes and sends to Career Programs)</i> | 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. | ATTACH Professional Reference Letter <i>(NOT same person as #4 and #5; can use employer, coach, other teacher)</i> | --- | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. | ATTACH Up-to-Date Resumé <i>(highlight skills or experiences related to your chosen program of study)</i> | --- | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. | ATTACH (if applicable) both sides Permanent Resident Card – MUST BE VALID & NOT EXPIRE DURING PROGRAM | --- | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| STEP 2 – PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION AND SUPPORT | | Page | Completed |
|---|--|------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Parent/guardian fully completes parent/guardian section and signs off on permission statement. | 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| STEP 3 – APPLICATION CHECKLIST for COUNSELLOR | | Page | Completed and Enclosed |
|---|---|------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Most recent Report Card attached | --- | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | BC Diploma Verification Report attached | --- | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | Up-to-date Attendance Profile attached | --- | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. | Indicate Ministry of Ed Special Education Category if Applicable: Ministry Code: _____ Code Identification is for: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable | --- | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. | IEP MUST be ATTACHED if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <i>(if applicable, check box in right column)</i> | --- | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Submit completed application (with all attachments) to the Career Programs Office in person at Cambie Secondary – Learning Services OR by email to careerprograms@sd38.bc.ca

After Application is Submitted...

- ❖ Career Programs sends email acknowledging receipt of application and informing applicant of any missing components.
- ❖ **Qualifying** student will be invited to an interview (usually in late April-May) and writes Math/English assessments.
- ❖ If successful with the above, notification of conditional acceptance will be sent to applicant in May/June.
- ❖ The Career Programs Office will arrange for a program site visit with student.
- ❖ Marks, attendance and behaviour will be reviewed to determine if final acceptance can be offered (late June for programs starting Semester 1 and late November for programs starting in Semester 2).

As program seats are limited, completion of application and granting of an interview do NOT guarantee acceptance into the program.

****ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED****

**PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS APPLICATION
FOR YOUR RECORDS**



FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN COMPLETION:

- **Medical Information**
- **Learning Support/Special Needs Information**
- **Permission and Support**

Parent/Guardian: Please respond to the following so that we may understand how to best support your child in the event they are accepted into this *Youth Train in Trades* program.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

List ALL medical/physical information that the school/post-secondary institution should be aware of, or that might affect performance (i.e. Diabetes, Epilepsy, Medication, Asthma, Allergies, previous physical injuries, etc.).

- ☐ No medical/physical concerns
- ☐ Yes (PLEASE DESCRIBE and EXPLAIN the concern(s) and the type of support your child may need to access)

LEARNING SUPPORT/SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION:

Please list ALL additional supports that the school/post-secondary institution should be aware of in order to help the applicant to achieve success in this industry program. (i.e. has an IEP, Learning Disability, ADD/ADHD, Physical Needs, etc).

PERMISSION AND SUPPORT:

- ☐ I support my child's participation in the **YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES** program indicated in this application package.
- ☐ I am aware that we are responsible for arranging transportation to and from the program (**including post-secondary school site**). NOTE: Many classes start early. Some at 8am and others at 7:30am.
- ☐ I am aware that Richmond School District pays the cost of tuition for the first level of this college program.
- ☐ I am aware that we are responsible for the costs of college fees, materials, books & equipment for this program.
- ☐ I believe that my child demonstrates a level of maturity suitable for a college/university setting and curriculum.
- ☐ I understand that the *Youth Train in Trades* program is the same college-based technical program that all apprentices take in BC. Some students will be in the same class as adult apprentices at their post-secondary school.
- ☐ I agree that the information contained herein may be provided to the instructor(s) of the applicable post-secondary institution.

I have reviewed the above information with my child, and I hereby grant permission for my child to participate in the YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES program indicated in this application.

Parent/Guardian FULL Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Parents/Guardians: To learn more about the program for which your child is applying, go to <https://skilledtradesbc.ca/find-your-trade> as well as our Career Programs website (Programs dropdown).

STATEMENT OF INTEREST AND INTENT

**** To only be COMPLETED by the STUDENT APPLICANT****

Full Name: _____ **Youth Train in Trades Program:** _____

Student: Please answer the following questions thoroughly and with thought/reflection.

1. What courses and/or work experiences have you taken that would support your participation in this trade program? (i.e. tech ed, foods or other courses, job or volunteer experience, extra-curricular activities, etc.)

2. What skills and attributes do you have that will help you to be successful in this program? Explain why these will benefit you in this program.

3. What specifically interests you about a career in this trade?

4. What knowledge do you have of this career field? For example: opportunities for work, working conditions, wages, etc. (Visit <https://skilledtradesbc.ca/find-your-trade> to research your chosen program).

5. What are your interests outside of school? (hobbies, sports, clubs, special talents, etc.)

6. Beyond this program, what is the career pathway you intend to explore or engage in after high school?

Student: _____ Grade: _____
Last Name First Name

This student has applied for a post-secondary seat in the _____ Youth Train in Trades Program. This program is the college/university technical training component of apprenticeship. When completing, bear in mind that this student has applied to take a rigorous college-level program. Also, there is a significant SD38 financial investment covering a student's full tuition.

Please check the following attributes as:

| | Emerging | Developing | Proficient | Extending |
|--|----------|------------|------------|-----------|
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| 1. Demonstrated passion/aptitude for trades | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Maturity | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Accuracy / ability to follow instructions | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Enthusiasm and interest | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Adaptable - adjusts to new situations | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Follows through on assigned tasks | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 7. Attendance | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 8. Punctuality | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Shows motivation to learn new skills | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 10. Can work independently | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 11. Has positive attitude towards work | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 12. Accepts constructive criticism | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 13. Makes changes as a result of constructive criticism | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

14. As a candidate for this college program I would rate this student as: (circle the most appropriate description)

| | | | | |
|---------------------|---|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| NOT SUITABLE | | SUITABLE | | EXCEPTIONALLY SUITABLE |

15. Could this student be counted on to represent Richmond SD38 favourably in a college setting?

YES _____ POSSIBLY _____ NO _____

16. Do you feel this student has a sincere interest in this District Partnership program?

YES _____ POSSIBLY _____ NO _____

17. Please **PROVIDE COMMENTS** that will aid in the selection of appropriate candidates.

Teacher Evaluation Completed by: Teacher please **SEND DIRECTLY** to careerprograms@sd38.bc.ca or put in school mail c/o Career Programs Office Cambie Secondary

Teacher Name: _____

Signature: _____

Subject Area(s): _____

Years Known Student: _____

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Reminder to attach to your application:

- Updated resume
- Professional reference LETTER
- Valid/non-expiring PR Card (front/back) – **if applicable**
 - Items listed under STEP 3 in checklist (pg 4)

TEACHER REFERENCE FORM #2

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Teacher Name: _____

Signature: _____

Subject Area(s): _____

Years Known Student: _____