



YOUTH WORK IN TRADES AWARD

The Youth Work in Trades Award is an important incentive for students to enrol in and complete the four WRK courses. The \$1000 awards are distributed twice a year (Spring and Fall cycles) to students who meet the eligibility criteria. The Ministry of Education and Child Care and SkilledTradesBC jointly administer the Youth Work in Trades Award, contributing \$500 each.

To be eligible, students must have:

- been registered with SkilledTradesBC as a Youth Apprentice
- graduated with a Grade 12 Dogwood or Adult Dogwood diploma
- successfully completed WRK 11A, WRK 11B, WRK 12A, and WRK 12B
- maintained a C+ average or better on Grade 12 numbered courses
- reported to SkilledTradesBC a total of at least 900 work-based training hours completed by January 31 of the school year in which the student turns 19

Educators and other district staff should note the following:

- Students who are eligible for the Youth Work in Trades Award will automatically be considered. There is no need for students or district staff to apply. Ministry staff distribute Youth Work in Trades Award schedules to school districts and independent schools to ensure that timelines are met.
- A student's graduation transcript includes only 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.
- The 900 work-based training hours completed by January 31 ensures that the awards will be ready for distribution in April/May of that school year (the Spring Cycle). In some cases, students are unable to complete 900 hours by January 31 of the school year they turn 19. Therefore, a second cycle to verify work-based training hours occurs in November of the following school year. This means eligible school-age students, who were unable to complete or report their 900 hours by January 31, can still receive the award if they accrue the required work-based hours by August 31. Awards for these students are processed and distributed in the Fall Cycle.

Youth Work in Trades Award Redesign

- The Ministry of Education and Child Care and SkilledTradesBC are planning a redesign of the Youth Work in Trades Award to better support recipients' transitions to their next level of formal trades training.
- Anticipated changes to the Award program would be implemented in the 2024/25 school year and would include legacy provisions for students entering the Youth Work in Trades Award program beforehand.