

## STUDENT SUMMER EMPLOYMENT SOARS WITH S.J.S. PROGRAM

### The Summer Jobs Service Program

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It may not seem like it, but there are jobs out there and now is a good time for students to start job searching and preparing for summer employment! Many post secondary students will have been at it for awhile. 2nd Chance offers assistance with this endeavor through the Summer Jobs Service Program. The Summer Jobs Service Program is a provincially funded program designed to encourage employers to hire students in the summer months. Employers who participate in the program receive a wage subsidy, allowing them to create more summer jobs. Students benefit from having access to a large pool of available job postings, and can also access 2nd Chance resource centres to get help with resume writing, cover letter writing and the employment application process. Computers are available to search the internet for jobs as well. Please come and talk to staff at 2nd Chance today to get the assistance you need with your summer job search!

Remember that it is often hard work to find work. Initiative through networking, dedication, a positive attitude and an open mind can make all the difference.

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"The world's favourite season is the spring.  
 All things seem possible in May."

- Edwin Way Teale

### Job Searching From A Distance

Students often move for the summer – to travel, to return home between school years, or to get set up in a new city before school starts. Even in these situations, you can still look for a summer job!

**Here are some tips:**

◆ **Use online job search tools.** The Job Bank ([www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca)) and Workopolis.com list jobs all across Canada. Quintessential Careers has a list of major employers' recruiting pages at [www.quintcareers.com/career\\_centers/](http://www.quintcareers.com/career_centers/)

Even on line classifieds like [www.kijiji.ca](http://www.kijiji.ca) often have jobs posted

◆ **Find out if there's a college or university where you're going** and check into their career centre for info on local employers

◆ **Let employers know when you plan to move** and offer to do a phone interview before meeting in person

◆ **Network!** Talk to everyone you can about your skills and what kind of work you are looking for. Try to get introduced to people in the city where you are going.

◆ **Get a phone book**, and simply call every employer who might have a use for your skills. (Make sure you call at the right time if there is a time difference!)