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Students encouraged to apply for STEP summer jobs

WHITEHORSE—Students seeking summer employment are reminded that the Student Training and Employment Program (STEP) is now taking applications for the 2015 summer season.

"It's that time of year when students begin thinking about jobs for the summer," Minister of Education Elaine Taylor said. "The STEP program is an excellent way for post-secondary students to obtain summer employment that offers training and experience while helping to support their future studies."

STEP is designed to provide diverse work experience opportunities for full-time post-secondary students. By offering wage subsidies to qualified employers, the program provides students with practical work experience in their field of study. Interested students can now view current job opportunities online.

To apply for STEP, students must meet certain criteria, including:

- have just completed a semester of full-time post-secondary studies in or out of Yukon
- are returning to full-time undergraduate studies in the fall of the same year OR have just graduated this year from a diploma program or higher
- have resided in Yukon for two consecutive years immediately prior to commencement of post-secondary classes, OR eligible for the Yukon Grant
- are legally entitled to work in Canada
- are not a member of the employer's or direct supervisor's immediate family

"Many Yukoners have benefitted from the STEP program," Taylor added. "It provides students with experience in the workplace, develops career skills and provides financial security for their future education."

The STEP program has been providing job and training opportunities for Yukon students for more than 30 years. Last year, 130 placements were provided for students by Yukon businesses, non-profit organizations and government. The Yukon government is providing \$366,000 for this year's STEP program.

The deadline for applications is February 19.

Learn more: Student Training and Employment Program

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