

FINDING AN EMPLOYER

The most challenging part of becoming a Secondary School Apprentice is finding an employer who is interested in registering you as an apprentice. BE CREATIVE. Don't just wait for the perfect job to be advertised in the paper. Approach companies that interest you.

- Develop your own network. Tell everyone you know that you are looking for work and what you are interested in.
- Make sure your resume' is up-to-date and polished. Review it with someone who will give you objective feedback.
- If the trade that you are interested in has a union hall or association office, check out their website or call and ask about visiting to find out more information.
- Talk to your Transition Coordinator at your school for assistance.

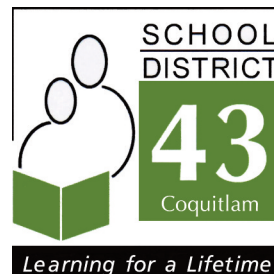
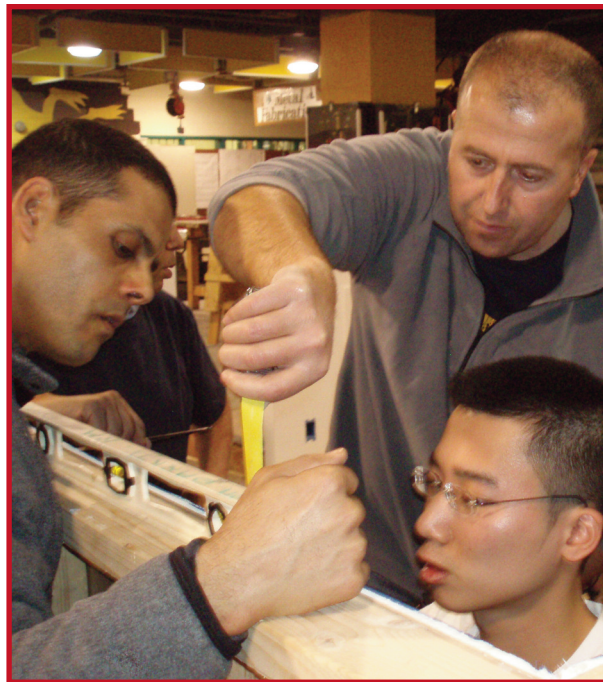
Remember: If you have, or find, an employer who will take you on as an apprentice - your application/registration form **must** go through your Transition Coordinator in order that you are tracked and can take advantage of the opportunities for Secondary School Apprentices (credits/scholarship).



STAY POSITIVE IN YOUR SEARCH. If you are enthusiastic and patient, you're sure to find the job that opens the door to an apprenticeship and a great career.

For more information on
Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA),
please contact:

careerprograms@sd43.bc.ca



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPRENTICESHIP

*Earn...
while you learn!*

Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) is a joint venture with:

- Employers
- School District #43 (Coquitlam)
- Ministry of Education
- Industry Training Authority



WHAT IS SECONDARY SCHOOL APPRENTICESHIP?

Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) is a high school program that provides students 15 and over with the opportunity to begin an apprenticeship while still in high school. Students must be employed in an apprenticeable trade. This is a wonderful opportunity to get a head start on a trade while completing secondary school graduation.



Trade and technical careers are an excellent alternative to college and university. Careers are available in everything from aerospace to electronics . . . and a whole lot more.

SKILLS SHORTAGE = OPPORTUNITY

The time for serious exploration of trade and technical careers is now and SSA can give you a big head start in your chosen career.

BENEFITS:

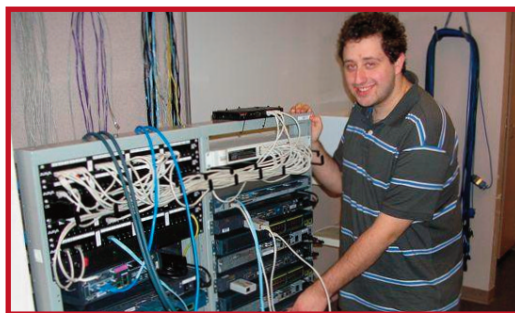
- Earn money while learning valuable skills
- You get a head start in your career - an SSA student can be a journeyman by the time they are 21
- Students can earn 16 credits toward their high school graduation
- You gain valuable work experience
- You can acquire skills valued by employers
- You are eligible for \$1,000.00 scholarship
- \$1,000.00 tax credit once you complete Level 1

EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

Secondary School Apprentices get paid while they are learning valuable skills and gaining high school credit (wages will vary depending on the trade and the employer). After high school, apprenticeship wages increase along with your skill level. Successful completion of the apprenticeship will qualify you for the journey person wages.

SSA SCHOLARSHIP

SSA students who complete all 4 SSA courses which includes 480 hours of paid employment in an approved trade, have a C+ average on all grade 12 courses taken, have 900 hours registered with the ITA by December 31st of your graduation year or 6 months after graduation are eligible to receive a \$1000 Scholarship. Talk to your Transition Coordinator at your school.



WHO SHOULD BE AN APPRENTICE?

Someone who:

- is interested in trade / technical industries
- likes working with their hands
- is interested in working with people
- is interested in being an entrepreneur
- likes seeing the end result

Research individual trades profiles and industry information at:

www.itabc.ca OR www.gossa.ca

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Research the trade areas that interest you.
2. Talk with your parents about your interest in Secondary School Apprenticeship.
3. Contact your school's Transition Coordinator.



Will SSA work interfere with the student's high school work?

Not at all. Student's paid work experience as a SSA student can be completed on weekends, summer holidays, or on a special release from school if the timetable will permit. It's like having a part-time job outside of school. However, students can earn 16 credits towards graduation (4 courses worth 4 credits each) and get paid to complete them.

Course Codes: SSA 11A
SSA 11B
SSA 12A
SSA 12B

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER GRADUATION?

SSA provides the perfect transition from school to work. When the student graduates they will have a great start in their apprenticeship and be on their way to becoming a certified journeyman.