

## Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Frequently Asked Questions May 2016

### 1. What is SYA?

- SYA stands for Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship.
- It is a program that is taken in high school in grades 10 through 12.
- The program raises awareness of apprenticeship by helping young people discover the rewards that come from working in the skilled trades.
- SYA enhances student career development by exploring the world of opportunities skilled trades offer Saskatchewan youth.

### 2. What is the purpose of SYA?

The purpose is to:

- Introduce students to apprenticeship and the certification process.
- Create awareness of apprenticeship programs and opportunities.
- Make connections between high school programs and skilled trades training.

### 3. If high school students are in grade 12, and they want to participate in the Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship, is there enough time for them to complete?

Ideally high school students should register into the SYA program in grade 10. Upon the completion of the Young Worker Readiness Certificate Course, the student can look for part-time work while in high school.

The SYA program takes about 20 to 25 hours to complete and by grade 12 the student would likely have completed several of these challenges. If a student registers in grade 12, with some hard work and dedication, he or she can certainly complete the SYA program before graduation.

### 4. What are the benefits to completing the SYA program?

Students can get a head start on career planning and record achievements for resumes and career portfolios. There are additional benefits for students who complete all three levels of the program and register as an apprentice in a designated trade. The benefits are:

- a. waiver of registration fee (currently \$150);
- b. waiver of first level of technical training tuition; and
- c. 100 hours of trade time credit per SYA level completed.

## **5. What is the process to register a high school student into the SYA program?**

Students enrolled in schools that are currently participating in the program must fill out a *Youth Apprenticeship Contract* with their school. This contract is available on the SATCC website. Please ensure that printing is neat as this is the information that is entered into our database. Be sure to include the student's Saskatchewan Student ID number.

## **6. What are the entry requirements for the Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship program?**

The SYA program is available to Saskatchewan secondary students who are at least 15 years of age and meet one of the following criteria:

- experienced with part-time or seasonal employment;
- registered in a trade-related Practical and Applied Arts (PAA) course;
- registered in a trade-related locally-developed course;
- registered in Career and Work Exploration 10, 20, 30; or
- registered in a PAA survey course with at least one-third trade-related content.

## **7. Can all Saskatchewan high schools participate in the SYA program?**

Yes. Even though some high schools may have limited resources, every high school student can complete the SYA program. There needs to be a 'Champion' (teacher, administrator, guidance councillor, educational assistant, or parent) that is the go-to person for students at the school. This individual will take care of the administration details, be available to answer or direct questions, and sign off on the challenges completed. Upon the students' completion of the program, this person will request the SYA certificates shortly before graduation.