

Focus on Youth

2024

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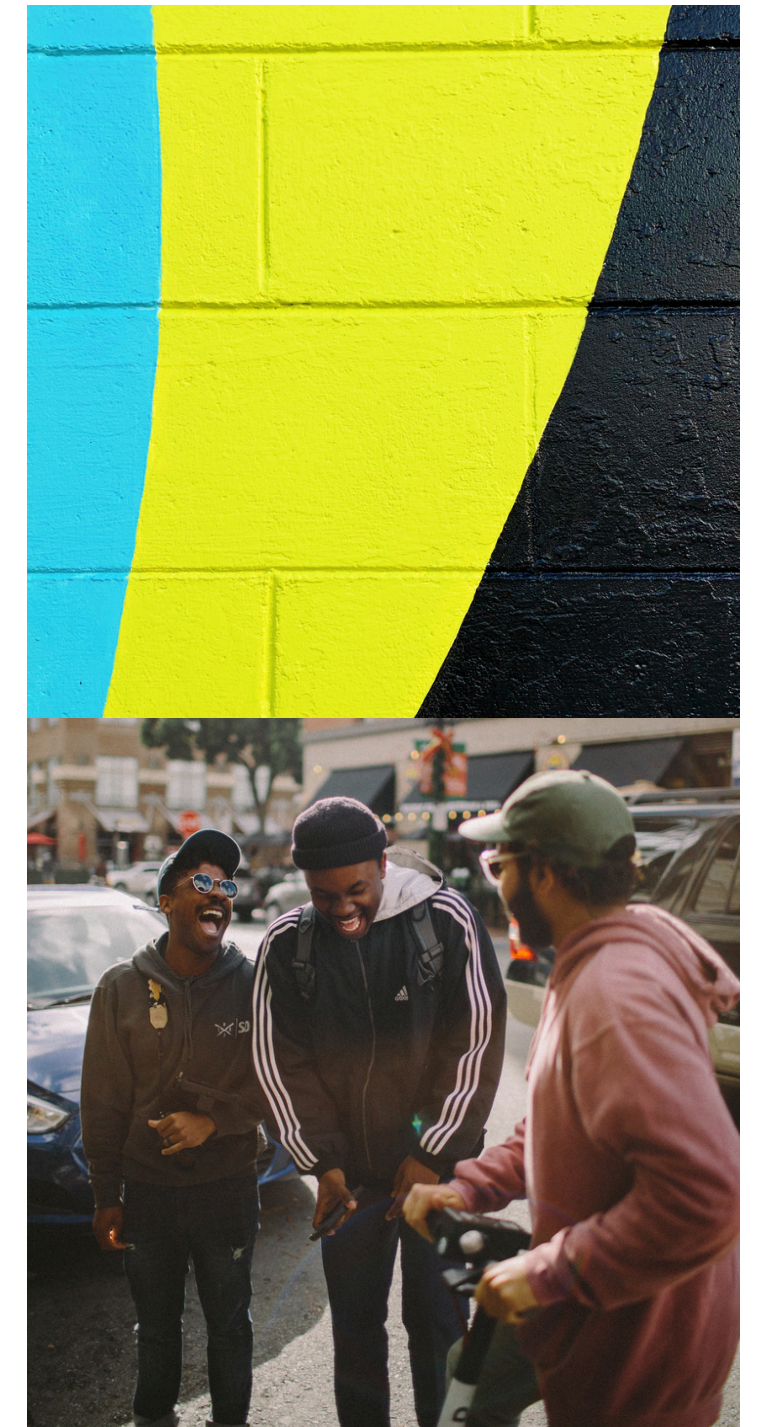
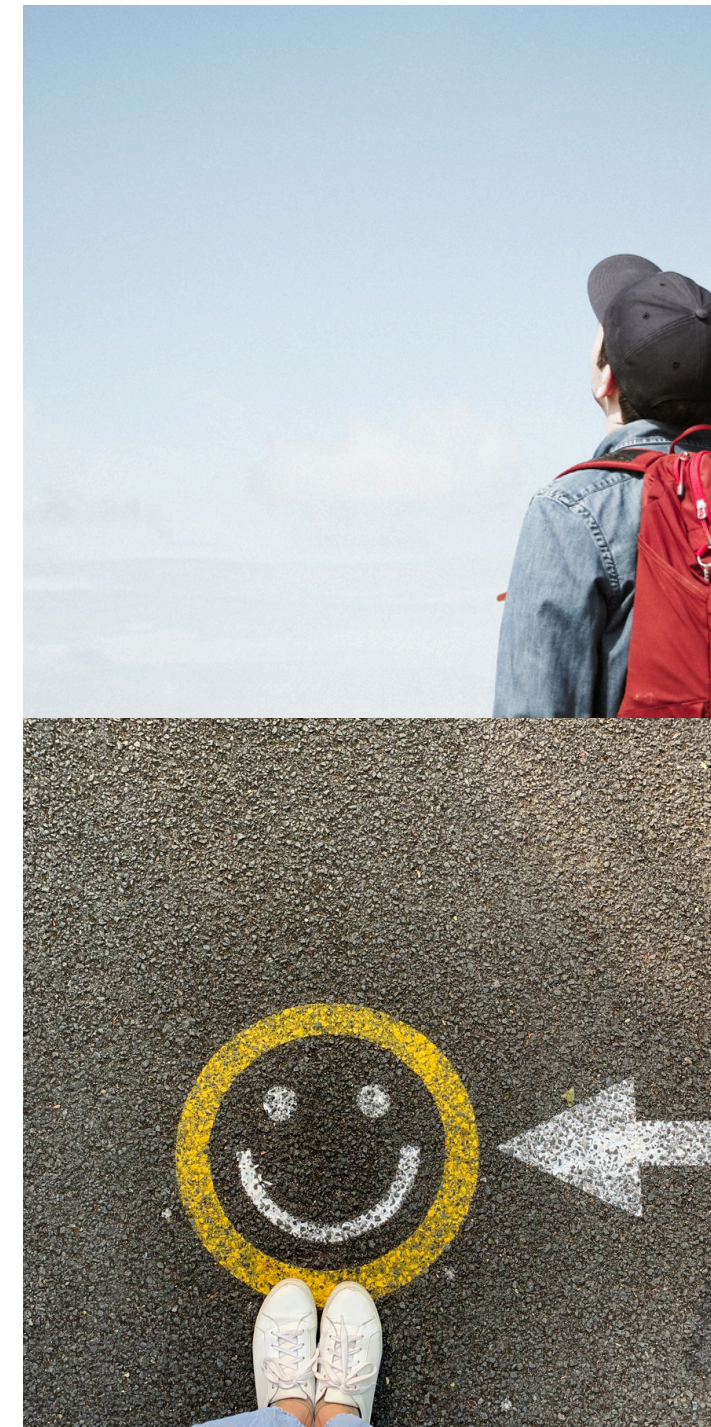
What is Focus on Youth?

Focus on Youth is a summer employment program made for students in the HWDSB. Since 2008, we have partnered with organizations across Hamilton to support their summer programming while giving students a chance to make a meaningful impact in their community and gain valuable employment experience. Students who apply will be invited to interview for one of our 100 summer placements with community partners!

What is Focus on Youth?

Some community placements might include:

- Sports and Recreation
- Working with Seniors
- Community Gardens and Horticulture
- Summer Camps and Childcare
- Arts and Culture
- Office Administration
- Social Media and Marketing
- Education



Program Requirements

- Must be **16 to 21 years of age as of July 2, 2024**
- Must have been an HWDSB student in the 2023/24 school year (graduating students can still apply!)
- Must have an up-to-date resume and cover letter
- 3 professional/teacher references - can be volunteer-related
- Must have a social insurance number
- Must have bank/chequing account in **your name**
- required to pass a criminal record check if over the age of 18 (costs provided by program)



Program Streams

There are **THREE** possible employment streams in Focus on Youth!

Community Agency

Community Connectedness

HWDSB Learning Camps

Within program streams, each student is assigned to a **Program Monitor**.



Community Agency

Students in the Community Agency Stream are placed within a community organization's summer camp or youth programming. Many of these placements include working with children in summer camps and daycares leading activities related to the arts, sports, and recreation.



Community Connectedness

Students in the Community Connectedness Stream are placed with a community organization supporting day to day operations and programming. These positions include jobs such as working with seniors, people with exceptionalities, community gardens, and food banks.



HWDSB Summer Learning Camps

Students in the HWDSB Summer Learning Stream spend half the summer working with a community organization in childcare roles, and the other half of the summer working with teachers running summer learning education camps in HWDSB schools. Many students work with children grades 1-6 helping in classrooms.





Important Program Dates

- Students must commit to working from **July 2 to August 23, 2024** (does not include civic holidays or weekends)
- Weekdays Monday-Friday between 8AM - 5PM
- Mandatory paid learning sessions every Monday 4PM - 6PM
- 32 hours per week
- Rate of pay: **\$17.20 per hour**

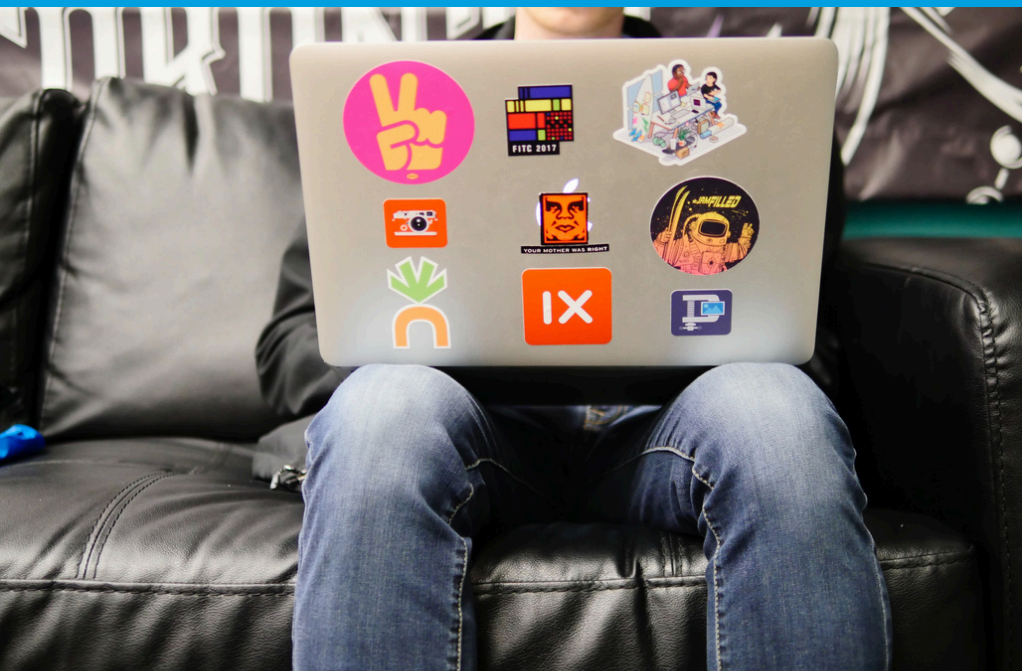
Focus on Youth Timeline

Applications Open
May 1 - 31

Student Interviews
June 4 - 14

Staff Training (paid)
July 2 - 5

Placement (paid)
July 8 - Aug 23



HOW DO I APPLY?

Access our online application form on our website or through the QR code.

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NEED SOME HELP?

We are here to support you!

**Email or call with any questions you have
about your application or the program.**

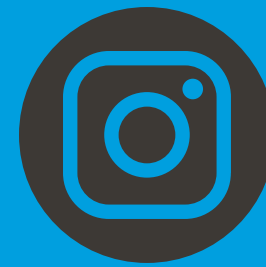
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