

2017 Summer Company Program, Open for Business

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Before you know it school will be finished and summer will be here. If you are a student, have you ever thought about becoming your own boss? If so, contact the Small Business Advisory Centre (Smiths Falls/Lanark County) to find out how you possibly could be part of a program to do just that!

Summer Company is an Ontario Government Program administered locally by the Small Business Advisory Centre (smallbizcentre.ca) and provides funding, hands-on business training and mentoring throughout the summer months. Students in high school and college/university between the ages of 15-29, in school and returning to school in the fall can apply for opportunity to start and operate their own business. Successful students can receive up to \$1,500 for business start-up costs and an additional \$1,500 upon completion of the program, receive at 12 hours of business training, and meet with mentors for support and advice.

Over the past 16 years, Summer Company businesses have ranged from woodworking/construction, artisan businesses, retail, photography, computer services, tourism, lessons/tutoring (ie guitar, singing, swimming) and food services, to name a few. What are your ideas? In many cases, these summer businesses have turned into full-time, year-round operations that still are operating today.

Go online at www.ontario.ca/summercompany to get program details and complete the application. Write a business plan for your business idea; it's easier than you think. (*Contact the Centre, at any point throughout this process to obtain help.*) Applications are being accepted now and the deadline is May 7, 2017 or before, if the program is fully subscribed to. For more info about the program, call the Small Business Advisory Centre at 613-283-7002 ext. 109 or email smallbusiness@smallbizcentre.ca.

You could be your own boss just like these 2016 Summer Company participants!



About the Small Business Advisory Centre Smiths Falls/Lanark County:

The SBAC offers free information and advisory services for anyone interested in starting their own small business and for existing small business operators. The Centre is an initiative of the Ontario Government and partners with the Town of Smiths Falls and the County of Lanark. A counselor is available (free) by appointment for one-on-one sessions. The Centre provides a number of business seminars throughout the year (check out some of our sessions we have scheduled for the spring) at www.smallbizcentre.ca or call 613-283-7002 ext.108/109 or email cjames@smallbizcentre.ca.