

2018 Summer Company Program, Open for Business

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Calling all students! 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 can become part of *Summer Company*, a unique training and funding program that can make your business dreams a reality.

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

Since 2001, Summer Company has helped create businesses in a variety of industries such as 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 operate today.

Go online at www.ontario.ca/summercompany to find program details and complete the application. The Small Business Advisory Centre can help you with the application and business plan process. Applications are now being accepted. The deadline for this program is May 19, 2018, but students are encouraged to apply early, as spaces are limited. For more info about the program, call Nicola Thomson, the Youth and Client Services Coordinator at the Small Business Advisory Centre, @ 613-283-7002 ext. 109 or by email smallbusiness@smallbizcentre.ca.

You could be your own boss just like these 2017 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.