

2019 Essential Skills Youth Assembly

General Overview:

Held in conjunction with the 2019 Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC), the Essential Skills Youth Assembly (ESYA) will bring together a diverse group of young adults, aged 18-22, representing all provinces and territories.

The theme for the 2019 ESYF will be **Building Relationships with Essential Skills: Preparing for the Skilled Trades of the Future**

The 2019 ESYA participants will work as a group to research/discuss changes we could expect to see in the skilled trades and how it affects professional relationship building all within the scope of the Essential Skills.

They will consider the following questions:

- Which of the Essential Skills can be considered “human skills” and/or “relationship building skills?”
- In what way do you believe traditional trades will change in the future? (due to automation)
- With these changes in mind, how important are relationship building skills? Show examples
- What can Canadian youth do to improve their relationship building skills before entering the workforce?
- Why do you think ‘human skills’ and relationship building skills are just as important to the other Essential Skills?

The ESYA will also focus attention on the nine Essential Skills, their importance in the Trades beyond the competition, and how they believe they can improve their own Essential Skills within an ever-evolving Canadian workforce. A final report of the recommendations from the ESYA will be submitted via a written report to Skills/ Compétences Canada.

The other key component of the Essential Skills Youth Forum is focused on team building and leadership activities, this allows participants the opportunity to ‘tell their stories’, talk about what they learned as a Skills Competitor, and how this has contributed to their future. This information will also be documented by the ESYA Facilitator and submitted to SCC.

Criteria for Participation:

Youth attending the Essential Skills Youth Assembly must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 18 and no more than 22 years of age during the 2019 SCNC.
- Current or previous involvement in a Skills Canada Competition within their province/territory, preferably at a Skills Canada National Competition.
- Have been identified as possessing great leadership skills and capabilities and/or potential by their provincial/territorial Skill Canada office.
- Possess good academic standing (either current or past, if graduated).
- Have demonstrated maturity when involved in their provincial/territorial Skills Canada events.
- Have not previously participated in an Essential Skills Youth Forum.

Costs:

- This year, Participant costs will be covered by SCC National Office, including expenses related to travel to the ESYA (i.e. cab fare, per diem) If participant is not traveling with the Team, travel can be booked through SCC's travel agent Myriam Duplantie Myriam.duplantie@corporatetraveller.ca
- The Marriott Harbourfront in Halifax has been booked from Monday, May 27th to Thursday, May 30th (Three nights) –If your team arrives in Halifax prior to the 27th and/or stays later than the 30th, please include your participant in your own hotel block for the additional nights at your cost.

Deadline:

Please send the registration form to Marisa Sosa marisas@skillscanada.com
fax to (613) 691-1404 at the latest Monday, May 3, 2019