

MB4YOUTH

CONNECTING YOUTH TO SERVICES AND PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA.

It's Time to Tell a New Story, Manitoba

In Manitoba, self-deprecation is practically our provincial pastime. We make cracks about the cold, only to ask 'hot enough for ya?' six months later. We call construction a season and joke about watching dogs run away for days on the flat prairie. And then there's the mosquitoes... our provincial bird, right?

Obviously we're really good at focusing on the negative. So good, in fact, that even many Manitobans forget all the incredible things this province has to offer. It's time to tell a new story.

That's where "Spirited Energy" comes in.

Spirited Energy is a new way of defining ourselves, positively. It's a way of representing our diversity of climate and culture. Of honouring the musical, artistic and entrepreneurial hotbed that our province has become. Acknowledging the value of our abundant natural resources. Spirited Energy reflects how Manitobans feel, and how we'd like everyone outside of the province to feel about Manitoba.

For more information on Spirited Energy, check out www.spiritedenergy.ca. You'll find information resources, an online store with cool Manitoba merchandise, and a video diary featuring Manitobans and Manitoba visitors sharing what they love about our province.



From the MB4Youth Advisory Council

Hi: I'm Nathan, returning member of the MB4Youth Advisory Council. Last year, I had an amazing time representing Manitoba youth on many important issues. The coming year promises to be just as exciting with many opportunities to make a real difference in our province. Get connected with MB4Youth today – call 204-945-3556, toll free 1-800-282-8069, ext. 3556, or visit www.mb4youth.ca

Third Annual Youth Citizenship Conference

On October 24, 2006, Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth hosted the third Annual Youth Citizenship Conference – Valuing Our Diversity – in Beausejour, MB. The conference brought together over 100 young people from across the province to talk about ways to promote good citizenship and cultural diversity in their communities.

For more information, call Hugh Sigurdson, Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth at 204-945-2568 in Winnipeg; toll free 1-800-282-8069, ext. 2568.

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MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS!

Manitoba's Hot Jobs

Infrastucture, roads, hydro dams, floodway, housing construction – there are loads of great career opportunities in the trades. The Manitoba Labour Market Information Unit projects great career potential over the next 10 years in many trades, including:

- bricklaying
- concrete finishing
- crane operation
- insulation
- ironworking
- structural metal fitting
- tilesetting
- steamfitting
- pipefitting
- sprinkler system installation

Plan for your future today by looking into a High School Apprenticeship Option or a Building and Trades Technology Program in these trades at your high school. For more information about these and other great opportunities in Manitoba, see your guidance counsellor or contact the Manitoba Labour Market Information Unit at 204-945-8879.

Make a Difference, Get a Scholarship

Are you a Grade 12 student headed for college or university next year? Are you a first-year post-secondary student trying to find ways to pay for your education?

If you are a Grade 12 student and volunteered in a healthy living activity over the past year, you may be eligible to receive a \$500 bursary toward your post-secondary education through the Manitoba Youth Leadership Scholarship Program.

For more information and applications, call Hugh Sigurdson, Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth at 204-945-2568 in Winnipeg; toll free 1-800-282-8069, ext. 2568.

College or university students can also earn tuition money through the Youth Serves Manitoba program.

Complete 100 hours of community service and you could receive a \$500 bursary for tuition or student loans. Even better – if you complete 100 hours before January 8, 2007, you may apply to the program for an additional \$500 bursary.

For more information and applications, call Jodie Fast, Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth at 204-945-3560 in Winnipeg; toll free 1-800-282-8069, ext. 3560.



Tec-Voc Talk

Technical-vocational education is better than ever in Manitoba, thanks to improved programs and more funding. Grants for demonstration projects, development of new industry-associated standards and stronger connections between high school and college programming have made it easier to go from high school into post-secondary studies in your chosen field.

If you want to learn more, check out www.edu.gov.mb.ca/tvi or call Dan Lemieux at 204-945-0420 in Winnipeg; toll free at 1-800-282, 8069, ext. 0420, or e-mail DLemieux@gov.mb.ca

Earn While You Learn

With 40 per cent of new jobs in the next decade being in skilled trades and technology, apprenticeship is an excellent post-secondary option, allowing you to earn while you learn.

Get certified in any of over 50 skilled trades recognized across Canada. You can be your own boss or find career-related work anywhere in Canada. Whether you are interested in carpentry, hairstyling, landscaping or mechanics, there is a trade that is right for you.

Get a head start on an apprenticeship while in high school by enrolling in the Senior Years Apprenticeship Option (SYAO) or a vocational program. Skilled trades offer great pay, benefits and opportunities for advancement. What are you waiting for?

For info, visit www.gov.mb.ca/tradecareers, or call 204-945-3337 in Winnipeg, 204-726-6365 in Brandon, 204-677-6346 in Thompson or 204-627-8290 in The Pas.



We Support Young Artists

Is your school-based performing arts group participating in an off-site event? Do you need money for travel expenses? The *Youth Performing Arts Travel Grant* can help.

Do you, or your organization, need money to develop or improve arts education for students and youth? The *After School Arts Enrichment Program for Students* can help develop arts programs for students who don't normally get after-school arts education.

Does your community need arts education programming? The *Arts Education Access Program* provides funds to support arts education programming for children and youth in places where arts education isn't easily available.

For details about all of these programs, contact Greg Kristalovich, Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth, 204-945-8115 in Winnipeg; toll free 1-800-282-8069, ext. 8115, or e-mail GKristalov@gov.mb.ca.

Calling All Entrepreneur Wannabes

Are you between the ages of 18 and 29? Have you always wanted to start your own full-time business but did not have the money? The Young Entrepreneurs Business Grant Program could be the answer. Eligible entrepreneurs could be paid up to \$4,000 to offset start up costs. Make the dream of being your own boss come true.

For more information, call Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth at 204-945-3556 in Winnipeg; toll free 1-800-282-8069, ext. 3556.

ETS Can Help You

Sometimes the toughest thing about starting a great career is finding one in the first place. Staff at any of Manitoba's 16 Employment and Training Services (ETS) can help students and the general public find job leads, training opportunities, career options and schools. Staff can help you put together a winning resume and provide fax, Internet access and computer services.

Want to know more? Go to www.edu.gov.mb.ca/aet/ets2/ to find your nearest ETS Centre location or call 204-945-0575 in Winnipeg; toll free 1-866-332-5077. The career of your dreams may be just a phone call or mouse click away!

STAY CONNECTED!

Getting to Work

To succeed in the competitive job world – and in life – you need to make the most of every opportunity. That's why the Manitoba government offers the following programs to help young people get started along their career paths:

- **Aboriginal Public Administration Program** – provides practical work experience, training and mentoring to give you an edge when competing for provincial government jobs
- **Career Assistance for Members of Visible Minorities and Immigrants** – connects you with jobs and other work experience opportunities
- **Career Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities** – helps you find a provincial government job and co-ordinates related workplace accommodation needs
- **Financial Management Development Program** – offers training in financial management, work experience in government and mentoring
- **Management Internship Program** – training and mentoring for young people wanting to work in the public service

For more information, visit www.gov.mb.ca/csc/programs/overview.html or contact Jo-Anne Neaman, Civil Service Commission, 945-2368.



One Stop to Reach the Top

It's all you need to know and just one place to go. Get easy access to over 200 programs and services for Manitoba youth, all in one place. At www.mb4youth.ca there's information about education, employment, health, the environment, citizenship, scholarships and so much more. You can even e-mail the Premier through the Premier's Pipeline. We're here and we're listening, so speak out today.

STEP Up to Work

Your part-time job search just got a little easier. STEP Services offers part-time jobs for post-secondary students throughout the school year. You could work for the provincial government, make money and gain experience and valuable job contacts in a variety of areas. Apply today at www.studentjobs.gov.mb.ca