



Eligible & Non-Eligible Businesses

Thank you for your interest in the Summer Company Program! Work for the best boss ever this summer. You!

All participating businesses to be eligible for the program must have some face-to-face component and cannot be strictly online.

Eligibility requirements for businesses:

Almost any type of business is eligible, as long as it:

- is a sole proprietorship or a corporation where you (the applicant) will be the majority shareholder
- is an independent business venture
- is a new business, not previously registered or operated on an on-going basis
- operates at arm's length from family business ventures
- operates in Ontario
- operates full-time as defined in the business plan
- follows government rules and regulations for operating a business

Businesses must meet all of the above requirements.

Check out [the yearbook](#) to see the types of businesses started by previous program participants.

Example of eligible businesses:

- Lawn Care/Services
- Car Detailing
- Swimming Lessons
- Tutoring
- Makers / Creating a product
- Photography

- Dog Walking
- Window Washing
- Professional services

These types of businesses are NOT eligible for funding:

- Strictly online businesses
- Cash only businesses (ex. vending machines)
- Partnerships/co-operatives, franchises, and distributorships
- Incorporated businesses that are controlled directly or indirectly by a person who would not be eligible for a Summer Company award
- Business ventures that are subsidiaries or divisions of an existing business or continuations of existing commercial endeavors
- Commissioned sales or multi-level marketing ventures
- Single events such as a theatrical production, a DJ gig, a music concert, a dance/party event, a fundraiser, a sporting tournament, etc.
- Businesses that are strictly pay per click or 1-900 businesses

Please Note:

If your business requires certification, you'll need to show proof to your Program Provider. If you're unsure about certification obligations, ask your Program Provider.

Certification examples include:

- Food handling certification for businesses that produce and/or sell food
- National Life Saving certification for businesses that offer swimming lessons
- Canada Professional Fitness Certification (CanFitPro) for businesses that offer personal fitness training
- Licenses for businesses that specialize in drone photography

Questions?

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