



Work 2 Live Application Form - Example

This document is a copy of the questions we ask in the Work 2 Live application form. It is for reference only.

To apply for the Work 2 Live program, please submit the online form which can be found at www.zeroceiling.org/work-2-live.

About the Work 2 Live program

Work 2 Live is a supportive housing and employment program for young people aged 19-24 who are experiencing homelessness or precarious housing. The program provides stability and opportunities so that young people can work towards personal growth and achieving their goals.

The program is based in Whistler, BC, and lasts for 12 months. All participants get access to:

- Stable, affordable housing
- Full-time employment in the tourism industry
- Life skills training
- Case management and one-to-one support
- Mental health support
- Outdoor adventure
- A supportive community

Please read the following information before completing this form. It will help you understand if the Work 2 Live program is a good fit for you. It's often helpful to speak to a support worker about the program before you apply.

HOUSING

W2L participants live in staff accommodation and pay affordable rent (approx. \$600 per month). Zero Ceiling subsidizes rent for the first 6 weeks of the program. Participants share a bedroom with one other participant in a two-bedroom apartment. 24-hour support is available through the on-site resident advisor program. Zero Ceiling staff manage the apartments and help participants develop the skills to maintain stable housing.

EMPLOYMENT

W2L participants work full-time in front-line outdoor tourism roles in Whistler. Typically, they work in jobs related to: food and beverage, rental and retail, ski lift operations, and guest services. Pre-employment training, job coaching, and additional training is available to help participants succeed at work. Zero Ceiling works closely with workplace managers to provide high quality work placements.

SUPPORT & CASE MANAGEMENT

W2L participants are supported by a Zero Ceiling Case Worker throughout their time in the program. They work together to identify and work towards goals, and overcome challenges. Case Workers provide one-to-one meetings, group activities, workplace assistance, and general support and advocacy. They are available seven days per week to support participants. Case Workers will connect participants to additional services e.g. counselling as needed.



LIFE SKILLS

Work 2 Live is an MCFD-accredited Life Skills program for young people with an Agreement with Young Adults. Our weekly Life Skills program teaches skills like budgeting, healthy eating, conflict resolution, job search skills, housing rights, and healthy relationships. All participants attend workshops and get one-to-one support from staff to develop their life skills.

ADVENTURE

Every week, the whole W2L crew meets for Ride Day: mountain biking in the summer and skiing/snowboarding in the winter. We start the season off with beginner lessons and gradually work up to intermediate terrain and beyond and are able to explore the trails of Whistler. We also try other adventure activities, such as zip lining, whitewater rafting, hiking and much more. All participants receive a season's pass for Whistler Blackcomb so they can ski, snowboard, and mountain bike in their spare time too.

COMMUNITY

Zero Ceiling is a family, and participants build strong relationships with each other, staff, and program graduates. Our weekly Family Dinners program is a chance for everyone to connect by cooking and sharing delicious, healthy food. We also take part in community and cultural events together throughout the program.

No-one ever "ages out" of the Work 2 Live program. As young people transition to independent housing, we provide one-to-one support for as long as they choose. Many of our graduates still attend Ride Day and Family Dinner many years after leaving the program.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To apply to the Work 2 Live Program, you must:

- Be 19-24 years old
- Have no drug or alcohol dependencies
- Complete and sign the release of information form provided below

Those who find most success in the program are:

- Interested in working full-time in the tourism industry
- Happy to share an apartment with other participants
- Ready to work on personal goals and embrace positive change
- Interested in learning to snowboard, ski, or mountain bike

Priority will be given to young people who are currently experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

WARNING

Drug and alcohol use are highly prevalent in Whistler and those in our programs will likely come into direct contact with such activities. If you are currently working to abstain from drinking or using drugs, Whistler may not be a positive environment to put yourself in. There are limited resources available for those who are in the process of quitting as well. If you have any questions regarding this information, I encourage you to contact me.



APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for the Work 2 Live program:

1. Complete this application form. The form asks about your:
 - Personal and contact information
 - Housing situation and housing needs
 - Employment experience
 - Health and support needs
 - Interest in outdoor adventure
 - Strengths and the challenges you face
 - Changes you would like to make if you joined the Work 2 Live program
 - References (one from a support worker, and one from an employer)
2. Ask a support worker to complete a reference form.
3. We will contact you to arrange an informal interview
4. Successful applicants will be invited to join the program

Please note:

- Successful applicants will need government issued photo ID and a bank account for employment purposes.
- Members will also need to complete a Criminal Record Check to work for Whistler Blackcomb.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Lizi McLoughlin
Program and Development Officer
Zero Ceiling
604 962 5000
lizi@zeroceiling.org
www.zeroceiling.org

Application Questions

Contact Information

1. First name
2. Last name
3. Phone number
4. Email address
5. Permanent address (if available)

Applicant Information

6. Birth date
7. Gender
 - a. Male
 - b. Female
 - c. Trans
 - d. Prefer not to say
 - e. Other
8. Preferred pronouns
9. Social Insurance Number (for employment purposes)
10. Personal Health Number
11. Are you currently, or were you at one time in government care (e.g. foster care)?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
12. If so, was it on a Continuing Custody Order?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Not sure
13. Do you identify as First Nations, Métis or Inuit?

Referral Information

14. Name of organization referring you to this program:
15. Name of youth worker/supportive professional referring you to this program:
16. Youth worker phone number
17. Youth worker email address

Housing

18. What is your current housing situation?
 - a. Homeless
 - b. Shelter
 - c. Precarious housing

- d. Supportive housing
- e. Family home
- f. Foster care
- g. Other

19. What support are you looking for related to housing?

Employment

20. What is your current employment status?

- a. Full-time employment
- b. Part-time employment
- c. Temp labour
- d. Casual/"zero-hours" contract
- e. Informal
- f. Unemployed
- g. In school or training
- h. Other

21. Do you have any other sources of income?

- a. Youth agreement
- b. Agreement with Young Adults
- c. Income Assistance
- d. Disability Assistance
- e. Other

22. What support are you looking for related to employment?

23. Employment reference name

24. Employment reference organization

25. Employment reference phone number

26. Employment reference email address

27. Their relationship to you

28. Please attach your resume

Support and Health

29. What resources/supports are you currently accessing? E.g. case management, counselling, life skills program

30. Are you currently experiencing mental illness or mental health concerns?

- a. Yes
- b. No

31. Please describe any existing mental health concerns:

32. Do you have any alcohol or drug dependencies?

33. Would you like to declare any disabilities or health concerns?

Adventure

34. Have you ever come to Whistler for a Zero Ceiling Adventure Session? (e.g. snowboarding, skiing, mountain biking, ziplining)
- Yes
 - No
 - I'm not sure
35. Do you want to learn snowboarding or skiing?
- Yes
 - No
 - Maybe
36. Do you want to learn mountain biking?
- Yes
 - No
 - Maybe

The Work 2 Live program

37. How did you hear about the Zero Ceiling Work 2 Live program?
38. Why do you want to join the Work 2 Live program?
39. What are some of your strengths? E.g. hard worker, great with people, tells great dad jokes
40. What are some challenges for you? E.g. probation, mental health concerns
41. What do you feel you need most help with in your life right now?
42. What changes would you like to make while in the Work 2 Live program?
43. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about yourself, and why you want to join the Work 2 Live program?