

# Greetings, June!

Summer is finally here! With it comes one of the best stretches of the year and time to explore something new. Whether you're wrapping up your last semester, enjoying a well-earned break, or already mapping out the months ahead, June is the perfect time to build your résumé, earn volunteer hours, apply for a scholarship, and connect with other young Canadians who are doing the same.

This month, Ignite Fair has put together a fresh round of standout opportunities, including flexible virtual volunteering you can do from anywhere, paid summer jobs that are hiring right now, scholarships with real prize money, and upcoming events that will challenge and inspire you.

Some of these windows are closing fast, so act quickly, and share this with a friend who could use it just as much as you. We'd love to hear what you've been up to. Send your feedback to [ignitefair@pledgesforchange.com](mailto:ignitefair@pledgesforchange.com). Your story might be featured in our next issue!



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### YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

#### GLOCAL Foundation - National Youth Service Network (NYSN)



If you're looking for flexible, meaningful volunteering you can do entirely online, NYSN is one of the best programs in Canada right now. You can complete your hours at your own pace before December 2026, mixing and matching activities based on your schedule, interests, and skills. Tracks include communications, research, leadership, cybersecurity, and more, and participants get priority access to GLOCAL's micro-grants, summer jobs, and storytelling initiatives. All you need is a computer and an internet connection. To apply, visit [glocalfoundation.ca](https://glocalfoundation.ca).



#### Canadian Red Cross

The Canadian Red Cross relies on volunteers to help during emergencies and disasters, sit on committees and project teams, and provide customer service and office support, all of which can make a big difference in your community. They'll provide you with training and support to ensure you have a rewarding experience, and each year the Canadian Red Cross helps over 100,000 people across Canada. Roles are available in-person and vary by region, from emergency response to community wellness programs. Visit [redcross.ca/volunteer](https://redcross.ca/volunteer) to browse available positions near you and start your application.

## SUMMER JOBS / PROGRAMS



### Canada Summer Jobs 2026 – Up to 100,000 Positions Now Open

The Canada Summer Jobs program this year has up to 100,000 job opportunities for young Canadians. The hiring period runs from April 20 until July 20, 2026, with jobs running until August 29, 2026, and positions are posted on the Job Bank website and mobile app throughout the hiring period, so new opportunities keep appearing. To be eligible, you must be between 15 and 30 years old and be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person with refugee protection. Fields include construction, environmental protection, technology, recreation, food and tourism, and digital skills. Search and apply at [jobbank.gc.ca/youth](https://jobbank.gc.ca/youth).

### Parks Canada – Student Summer Jobs (Deadline: June 30)



Want to spend your summer in some of the most beautiful places in the country? Parks Canada is looking for students and temporary staff across its vast network of national parks, historic sites, and marine conservation areas. The closing date for many positions is June 30, 2026, so there's still time to apply now. Job areas include event planning, fire crew, marketing and communications, environmental monitoring, skilled trades, and more. Pay ranges from \$17.75 to \$30 an hour, with 27 different fields to choose from, and applicants can select up to 10 preferred locations and job types. Create an account and apply at [parks.canada.ca/emplois-jobs](https://parks.canada.ca/emplois-jobs).

## SCHOLARSHIPS & COMPETITIONS



### Ted Rogers Entrance Scholarship — Rogers Communications

Graduating this spring and heading to university, college, or trade school in the fall? This is one of the most accessible scholarships in Canada. Rogers awards hundreds of one-time \$2,000 entrance scholarships to eligible youth across Canada, with preference given to students from equity-deserving groups. To be eligible, you must be starting a first degree or diploma program in September, with the program being a minimum of two years for university or college, and one year for trade school, and have a minimum cumulative average of 70%. Based on past cycles, the portal typically closes around mid-June once 800 applications are received – so apply as soon as it opens. Visit [rogers.com/tedrogersscholarships](https://rogers.com/tedrogersscholarships) for the latest details and to apply.

## CFIG National Scholarship - \$15,000 Essay/Video Contest



This one is a hidden gem for students who work, or whose family works, in the grocery or independent retail industry. The Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers (CFIG) awards one national essay or video winner \$15,000, plus four regional prizes of \$3,250 each for high school and college/university students across Canada. The 2026 essay prompt asks how independent retailers can deepen customer relationships in innovative ways to boost their competitive edge in a fast-changing market, and motivate more young Canadians to explore independent retail as a rewarding career, in 1,000 words with proper referencing. The program closes July 13, 2026. Apply at [cfig.ca/national-scholarship](https://cfig.ca/national-scholarship).

## UPCOMING EVENTS



ONE FUTURE CONFERENCE  
CANADA 2026

## One Future Conference 2026 — Toronto, June 25–28

Toronto is about to become the centre of the world – and this is your chance to be part of it. The One Future Conference 2026 is a global gathering uniting thought leaders, students, young professionals, creators, and innovators in Toronto from June 25 to 28, 2026, coinciding with the FIFA World Cup 2026. Over four days, participants will explore the future of AI and global governance, human rights, technology and innovation, content creation, cryptocurrency, FinTech, and the future of work through interactive sessions, panels, and networking with world-class speakers. Anyone aged 17 to 50 from any country or background is eligible to apply. Conference Pass and Student Pass options are available for guaranteed participation. Visit [one-future.org/canada2026](https://one-future.org/canada2026) to register.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### YRES x U+ x Ignite Volunteer Fair 2026

Join us on June 20th, 2026, from 1 - 3 PM at Suite 600 - 95 Mural St., Richmond Hill, ON, to connect with meaningful opportunities across York Region and beyond. Whether you want to join as an attendee to explore new projects and opportunities, sign up as a volunteer to help run the event, or represent your club as a community partner, this is your chance to grow your impact and give back to the community!

[NPO Sign Up & Volunteer/Attendee Sign Up](#)

