

## Work 2 Live Application Form - Example. Please fill out the form online.

Zero Ceiling is committed to ending youth homelessness in BC. We create a supportive, stable, safe environment where young people can focus on personal growth. Strong, positive relationships are at the heart of everything we do. We work towards equity and social justice for young people who have been discriminated against, excluded, and oppressed.

We work with young people (aged 19-27) facing or at risk of homelessness in the Sea to Sky Corridor and the Lower Mainland.

Work 2 Live (W2L) is a 12-24-month supportive housing and employment program. We provide unconditional support and wraparound care so young people can heal, build stability, skills, and support systems to have a healthy transition to adulthood.

The services below make up a safety net for our program participants. With these supports we aim to create an environment in which young people feel at home and are supported in healing and growth. When people feel well, they do well!

1. **Transitional Housing:** Subsidized, communal living, supported and supervised by staff
2. **Supportive Employment:** We provide pre-employment training, supportive work placements, workplace coaching, and training and supports to employers.
3. **Individualized Support:** Participant directed case management (youth led goal setting and support), service referrals (counselling, doctors, etc.), cultural supports, transition planning.
4. **Group Programming:** Land based recreation (mountain biking, hike, ski, snowboard), family dinner, life skills workshops.

Before applying please review our program description and agreement.

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.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Be 19-27 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
- Prepared to participate in the services available
- 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 is 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 us.

## 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

If you have any questions, please contact:

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## 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 – Please type out your gender identity
  - Male
  - Female
  - Trans
  - Prefer not to say
  - 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)?
  - Yes
  - No
12. Do you identify as First Nations, Métis or Inuit?
13. IF you answered yes to the above question, which Nation or band are you from?

### 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?

- Homeless
- Shelter
- Precarious housing
- Supportive housing
- Family home
- Foster care
- Other

19. Can you tell us about your living situation?

## Employment

20. What is your current employment status?

- Full-time employment
- Part-time employment
- Temp labour
- Casual/"zero-hours" contract
- Informal
- Unemployed
- In school or training
- Other

21. Do you have any other sources of income?

- Youth agreement
- Agreement with Young Adults
- Income Assistance
- Disability Assistance
- 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. Can you tell us about your strengths? What makes you uniquely awesome?
30. What are some challenges that you face?\*
31. What resources/supports are you currently accessing? E.g. case management, counselling, life skills program
32. Are you currently experiencing mental health concerns?
  - Yes
  - No
33. Please describe any existing mental health concerns.
34. Do you have any alcohol or drug dependencies?
  - Yes
  - No
35. Would you like to declare any disabilities or health concerns?

### **Land Based Programing**

36. 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
37. Do you want to learn snowboarding or skiing?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Maybe
38. Do you want to learn mountain biking?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Maybe

39. Are you interested in hiking?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

**The Work 2 Live program**

40. How did you hear about the Zero Ceiling Work 2 Live program?

41. Why do you want to join the Work 2 Live program?

42. What would you most like help with in your life right now?

43. What changes would you like to make while in the Work 2 Live program?

44. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about yourself and why you want to join the Work 2 Live program?