

Catawba Regional Youth Apprenticeship Council
Youth Apprenticeships – Frequently Asked Questions

Introduction to Youth Apprenticeship

Regional employers are offering rising high school juniors, seniors and graduating seniors the opportunity to "learn and earn." Youth apprentices receive paid on-the-job training along with related classroom instruction at York Technical College. The costs associated with the youth apprenticeship college courses are covered by the program for students who are hired by participating companies.

Two-year apprenticeship programs are available in the following areas: Automotive Mechanical Repair, Automotive Collision & Body, Healthcare/Nursing Assistance, Industrial Maintenance/Mechatronics, Machine Tool Technology (CNC Machinist/Tool & Die), Utility Line Worker, Welding Technology...and new youth apprenticeship opportunities are being added continually.

Students who complete the two-year program receive:

- Paid employment and mentoring from an industry professional
- A high school diploma (for those still taking high school classes)
- Approximately 30 college credits from YTC free of charge
- A completion certificate for coursework that may be applied to an associate degree
- National credentials from the U.S. Department of Labor
- Two years of work experience
- Marketable skills for life

To be eligible, a student must:

- Be a rising junior or senior (at least 16 years of age) or a graduating senior
- Have a SC high school GPA of 3.0 or higher OR achieve qualifying placement test score
- Demonstrate academic readiness and responsibility
- Have reliable transportation to work and to school
- Meet SC residency requirements
- Legally able to enroll in post-secondary education and work in the United States

Youth Apprenticeship FAQs

What are Youth Apprenticeships?

Apprenticeships are flexible training programs that cultivate well-educated, highly skilled workers able to meet the demands of a competitive global economy. Youth apprenticeships are open to high school juniors, seniors and graduating seniors, giving them the opportunity to earn while they learn through paid on-the-job training under the direction of an industry mentor. Youth apprentices also take college classes that directly relate to their apprenticeship.

Will my high school schedule change?

Please work with your high school counselor. Your high school schedule may need to be adjusted to accommodate the college courses you will be taking at YTC. Youth apprentices

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usually take high school classes in the mornings and their YTC classes in the afternoons or evenings. Your high school counselor will work with you to ensure you meet all of your academic goals and that you are on track to graduate with your high school diploma.

Can I still participate in sports or other extracurricular activities?

There may not be room in your schedule. Becoming a youth apprentice requires a serious commitment of time, effort and energy. You will likely be working a minimum of five hours per week for your employer during the academic year and possibly full time during the summer between the two years of the program. In addition to regular high school classes, youth apprentices take a specific sequence of college courses each semester throughout the two years. The program is designed for motivated students interested in gaining career focused work experience, on-the-job and in-the-classroom training, and professional connections while still in high school. The demands of the program are significant, but so are the rewards.

If I am hired by a company as a youth apprentice, what will I be doing?

Right at Home <https://www.rightathome.net/rock-hill>

Whether a family member needs a little extra [help around the house](#), assistance [recovering from a hospital stay](#) or [someone to check in on them throughout the week](#), Right at Home Rock Hill's in-home care is the answer.

Students will be supervised by a vetted Right at Home mentor/employee. Students will learn personal care activities that assist the patient with activities of daily living which include (but are not limited to): Personal hygiene, Ambulation/Transfers, Eating, Dressing/Shaving, Meal and snack preparation according to instructions, Accompany patient on errands or medical appointments. Right at Home employees also can do light housekeeping activities which include (but are not limited to): vacuuming, dusting, sweeping or mopping floors, doing dishes, changing bed linens, doing laundry and cleaning bathroom. Moreover, there can be patient-specific activities that are taught by a Right at Home nurse. These could include (but are not limited to): Medication reminders, Assisting with the prescribed range of motion exercises, Measuring and preparing special diets, Understanding dementia care and incontinence care.

Clinton Family Ford <https://www.clintonfamilyford.com/service/index.htm>

Students will be supervised by a designated, Clinton Family Ford mentor/employee in the Service Center to learn basic automotive care skills, progressing to more advanced automotive repair. Students will start by learning Safety, Haz-Mat, Tools & Equipment, Communications, Oil changes, Tires and brakes, 21 point inspections, and then advance to Electrical/Electronics, Suspension & Steering, Engine Performance, Heating/AC, Automatic Transmission/Transaxle, Manual Drive Train & Rear Axles.

Schaeffler Group USA (Fort Mill) <https://www.schaeffler.us/content.schaeffler.us/us/index.jsp>

<https://www.schaeffler.us/content.schaeffler.us/us/careers/opportunities-with-schaeffler/apprenticeship/fort-mill/index.jsp>

Students will be supervised by a Schaeffler Group USA mentor/employee to progress through the following activities and skill development to support the transportation manufacturing industry: Familiarization with hand tools and measuring equipment, Familiarization with basic metalworking equipment and machines (drill press, lathe, milling and grinding machines, stamping, etc.), Basic Metalwork projects in shop, Mathematics, Basic Drawing, drafting, Machine Shop Theory, Materials, Familiarization of various Production and metalworking departments, Welding, Basic Electricity, Basic Hydraulics/Pneumatics and how to Support CNC Operations

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How do I apply?

Go to [York Technical College :: Youth Apprenticeships](#) and complete the application process.

Once my application is complete, am I in the program?

Qualifying placement test scores and a complete application packet are the first steps. After you apply, your application will be reviewed for completeness. Then, if there is a job opening in your area of interest, your application packet will be sent to the prospective employer(s). If an employer decides to interview you, they will contact you. You would then need to receive and accept a job offer. **YOU MUST BE HIRED BY ONE OF THE PARTICIPATING COMPANIES TO BECOME A YOUTH APPRENTICE.**

Need more help?

Please email us at apprenticeship@yorktech.edu