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FOCUS ON YOUTH

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Davenport friends and neighbours / amis et voisins de Davenport:

At a community dinner a few weeks ago, I spoke to a couple who proudly told me that their two sons are interested in pursuing careers in the trades (one in construction work and the other as an electrician)—but that neither knows how to get started.

Their story has inspired this constituency mail piece. I was troubled to hear that these two young men were having a difficult time finding the information they need and I wanted to rectify that.

There are so many opportunities and supports available for our youth.

Programs, internships, scholarships, grants, loans, and training programs exist for any number of jobs, careers, and trades across every possible sector.

There is funding for those who'd like to start a business through **Futurpreneur**, as well as exciting career and travel prospects for those thinking of joining the **Canadian Armed Forces**.

There are a variety of scholarships available to youth looking for **international opportunities**. Students can also live, work, or study with federal support in one

of 36 countries through the **International Experience Canada** program.

Turn to the other side for links, QR codes and helpful information.

We know that many youth have had a hard time over the last few years, as a result of the global pandemic that impacted their learning, social interactions, and growth—and many are now having a hard time finding jobs. That is why **our federal government has increased our efforts to ensure youth have a wide variety of opportunities**. We want to support our youth in finding work, pursuing their dreams, and achieving their potential.

If you have any questions about any of the programs listed in this communications piece, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

As always, it is an honour and pleasure to serve you.

My best regards,

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

There are so many opportunities for young people to pursue, either at college or university, through training, apprenticeships, by starting their own business or pursuing the amazing array of career options through the Canadian Armed Forces. Below is a short summary of supports and related QR codes that will lead to more information on any of these opportunities.

SKILLED TRADES AND APPRENTICESHIPS

Not everyone wants to go to university. Pursuing a trade is an excellent option—most lead to six-figure jobs.

The website below is your one stop shopping destination for all you need to know about finding the skilled trade that fits your passion. Browse **over 300 skilled trades in Canada and find out about the Red Seal certificate**. You will also see what trades are in-demand across the country and what financial support is offered by the Government of Canada. Get ready to turn what you love into what you do!

[To learn how to become an apprentice, including information on financial aid: **canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/campaigns/skilled-trades.html**](https://canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/campaigns/skilled-trades.html)

[For more information on Red Seal trades: **red-seal.ca/eng/w.2lc.4m.2.shtml**](https://red-seal.ca/eng/w.2lc.4m.2.shtml)

[Information on Ontario pre-apprenticeship and youth apprenticeship programs: **ontario.ca/page/prepare-apprenticeship**](https://ontario.ca/page/prepare-apprenticeship)



Skilled Trades



Red Seal Trades



Ontario Apprenticeships

UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE SUPPORTS

The federal government provides very generous **student grants** (doubled the amount since 2014) and we offer substantial **interest-free loans** for full-time or part-time study.

There is also **financial aid for student housing**, and we have made it easy for **mature students** (over 21, not completed high school or completed GED) to go back to school. Finally, there are merit-based **scholarships** for undergraduates, graduates, and post-doctoral studies in a variety of disciplines to study abroad.



Grants & Loans



Scholarships

JOBS, INTERNSHIPS & PLACEMENTS

If you are between the ages of 18-35 visit the **Youth Employment and Skills Strategy Employment** program online for Student Work Placement programs or visit **jobbank.gc.ca/youth** to explore job opportunities, internships, and government jobs. If you are looking for an **international experience**—you can work or travel abroad in over 36 countries with International Experience Canada.



Int'l Experience

FUTURPRENEUR CANADA

Futurpreneur Canada is a national not-for-profit organization that **provides young entrepreneurs with access to financing, mentorship, and other business supports** to help them launch and grow their businesses. To date, they have helped over 17,700 young entrepreneurs to launch more than 13,900 businesses across the country. Visit **futurpreneur.ca** for more information.



CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

There are so **many amazing careers available with the Canadian Armed Forces**, including Information Systems Officer, Naval Communicator, Medical Specialist, Marine Technician and much more. All the information you need to apply is available at: **forces.ca/en/apply-now**

