



British Columbia Wildfire Service & School District #27 Cariboo Chilcotin

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Call the Cariboo Fire Centre 250.989.2600 and ask for the Recruitment Officer

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If you are interested in sponsoring the SD 27 Jr. Fire Crew program please fill in the following information and forward it to David Corbett, Career Programs Coordinator.

Sponsorship needed:

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This program is supported through the Williams Lake Community Forest Granting Program.

FAQ'S

Q: How do I apply?

A: You can apply in December of your grade 12 year. Talk to your Career Centre for more information about the process and date.

Q: Is there a fitness test?

A: Yes, applicants will be required to do a shuttle run (beep test) as part of the application. In addition, successful applicants will have to pass the WFX fitness test before they are offered a job. Information about the test can be found at www.wfx-fit.ca.

Q: How many students are accepted into the program? How many get jobs?

A: Up to 16 students are selected every year and 4 - 8 of those students are offered a job.

Q: Where will I work?

A: Positions are offered on fire crews in Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, and possibly Alexis Creek.

Q: What is the starting wage?

A: The starting wage is \$16.63/hour. Employees work a 35 hour week and are eligible for overtime rates after 7 hours of regular time. Standby hours are on top of regular worked hours, paid at 1/3 regular rate per hour



Physical work, just part of the job!



Junior Fire Crew Member Information



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WHAT IS THE JOB LIKE?

Junior Fire crew members begin work in July and work until the end of August. Some crew members have been given the option of working until the end of September.

Our fire crews usually work regular hours during the hottest part to the day, 08:30 - 16:30 or 10:30 - 18:30 when fires are most likely to start. The normal work shift is seven hours per day and 35 hours per week. A junior fire crew member is guaranteed a 2 month work term.

If crews are not on a fire but the fire danger is high, fire fighters may be placed on standby for extended periods throughout the fire season, including their weekends and after hours.

Fire fighters also come to the aid of other emergency response agencies. Whether it's filling sandbags for a local food control effort or travelling across the province to fight fires, for BC's fire fighters, it's all part of the job.

WHAT WILL I LEARN IN THE PROGRAM?

Throughout the Junior program you will get all of the basic training required to be a wildland firefighter.



The courses you will take include:

- WorkSafe Level 1 First Aid with Transportation Endorsement
- WHMIS
- S-100 (Basic Fire Suppression)
- S-185 (Fire Safety and Entrapment Avoidance)
- Navigation (GPS and Compass Use)
- Pumps and Water Delivery
- Fire Weather
- Bear Awareness and Wilderness Survival
- Helicopter Use and Safety
- Resume and Interview Skills



What is the Junior Fire Crew Member Program?

The Junior Fire Crew Member program trains students in their grade 12 year to become a wildland firefighter. Successful students will be offered a job on a fire crew for the summer where they will gain skills and experiences to help them gain a regular crew member position the following summer.

What are the minimum requirements to apply for the program?

In addition to being physically fit, highly motivated, and able to perform strenuous physical labour in extreme conditions with a variety of tools and equipment, applicants must also provide the following in their application:

- Resume plus cover letter
- Up to date "Verification" Transcript
- Copy of Timetable and latest Report Card
- Two references with current phone numbers
- Attendance with a parent/guardian at the information session in December
- Must be graduating with good academic standing

