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Dear Business Owner,

I am pleased to inform you that the 2022 Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) funding application period is now officially launched. Not-for-profit organizations, public sector employers and private sector businesses with 50 or fewer full-time employees can now apply for funding to hire young Canadians in Essex next summer. Applications must be submitted by January 25, 2022.

Interested employers can submit their application using the [online fillable](#) form or by creating an account on the secure [Grants and Contributions Online Services](#) portal. The online form is the fastest way for employers to submit an application with having to create an account.

I am committed to supporting employers like you so that you can offer young people in our region quality job opportunities. CSJ can help you create full-time positions for youth aged 15 to 30 during the summer. This will help strengthen the local economy of your community.

Helping young people find valuable job experiences helps our businesses and not-for-profit organizations thrive. In Essex, it also supports our local priorities, which are focused on Small Business, Tourism and Skilled Trades. Complementing local priorities, the national priorities aim to ensure that young people who face barriers are given equitable opportunities for work next summer. CSJ 2022 will focus on supporting the hiring of youth who are early leavers of high school or who are not in employment, education or training, as well as the recruitment of Black youth, Indigenous youth, other racialized youth and youth living with disabilities. The CSJ program will also prioritize small businesses and not-for-profit organizations that self-report as having leadership from groups that are under-represented in the labour market.

As a business person, you know the importance of a first job when it comes to acquiring professional skills. By participating in CSJ, you will be helping young people in your community to develop the confidence and the skills needed to succeed in the labour market, while also meeting the needs of your organization.

My Office will be hosting a one hour Canada Summer Jobs information Session on January 18th at 10:30am. Please contact my office at 519-776-4700 or chris.lewis@parl.gc.ca to RSVP, if you wish to attend. I highly recommend this valuable information session.

For more information about the Canada Summer Jobs Program, including the eligibility criteria and the Applicant Guide, go to Canada.ca/canadasummerjobs, visit a Service Canada office or call 1-800-935-5555.

Sincerely,

Chris Lewis, MP
Essex