



Expression of Interest



Rural Student Billet Homestay Opportunity

School District No.73 (Kamloops-Thompson) provides rural students (students enrolled at Clearwater Secondary School, Barriere Secondary School, Chase Secondary School, and Logan Lake Secondary School), who have been *fully accepted* into District Trades and Transitions programs, an opportunity to access district-facilitated temporary billet accommodation in Kamloops. The programs are:

- **Youth Train in Trades** (Examples: Heavy Mechanical Foundation Program, Welding Foundation Program, Professional Cook Level 1 Program) located at Thompson Rivers University.
- **TRU Start Programs** (Examples: Police and Justice Studies, Health Care Assistant, Power Engineering) located at Thompson Rivers University.
- **Hairstylist Level 1** located at NorKam Secondary School.
- **Youth Explore Trades Sampler** located at NorKam Secondary School.
- **Digital Arts Technology Academy (DATA)** located at Valleyview Secondary School.
- **Health Sciences Academy** located at Brocklehurst Secondary School.

Parents / guardians / caregivers of students applying for entry into one or more of the above-listed programs, who wish to access a district-facilitated billet homestay in Kamloops during the program's duration, are asked to submit this Expression of Interest form with the student's program application (due December 11, 2026, to the school Trades and Transitions Coordinator). *If interested in accessing a district-facilitated billet, the Expression of Interest form needs to be submitted at the time of student program application (even if the student is applying in grade 10 for a program that will begin in grade 12).*

Students applying for a 2027-2028 program will be informed about the status of their application no later than April 30, 2027. Status can include full acceptance, conditional acceptance (the student needs to address specified conditions such as course completion or satisfactory attendance), being placed on a waitlist, or denial based on lack of suitability.

This form does not serve as a binding commitment between parties. It is intended to inform the school district about anticipated need. School and District authorities will confirm the need with the parent / guardian / caregiver if the student is fully accepted into a program and informed of a start date. Once confirmed, the request will be forwarded to the School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) Homestay Manager to determine billet homestay placement availability. If a billet homestay is available, an *ISP Homestay Agreement* will be signed between the School District, the billet Homeowner, the student, and the student's parent / guardian / caregiver. The anticipated cost of the billet homestay to the student for 2027-2028 is \$1275 per month for room and board and is to be paid quarterly with the first payment due a month before the program begins. For special dietary needs there is an additional \$150 fee per month.

For further information regarding the Expression of Interest – Rural Student Billet Homestay Opportunity please contact:

- Trades and Transitions Coordinator at your local school
- Kerry Gairdner, District Vice Principal – Career Programs (kgairdner@sd73.bc.ca)
- Rick Kienlein, Assistant Superintendent (rkienlein@sd73.bc.ca)



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73
(Kamloops - Thompson)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

RURAL STUDENT BILLET HOMESTAY OPPORTUNITY



Trades and Transitions
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73
Career Development

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT EMAIL: _____

PROGRAM APPLYING FOR: _____

PROGRAM LOCATION IN KAMLOOPS: _____

PROGRAM BEGINS: _____
MONTH DAY YEAR

PROGRAM ENDS: _____
MONTH DAY YEAR

PARENT / GUARDIAN / CAREGIVER

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

MAILING ADDRESS (if different from above):

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

DECLARATION:

I am interested in accessing a district-facilitated billet homestay placement for
_____ (student's name).

Parent / Guardian / Caregiver Signature: _____

Date: _____
(DD-MM-YYYY)