



Y.E.S.

(Youth Enabling Seniors)

It is easy to understand why people like to stay in their own homes, as they grow older. One way an older person can feel comfortable about keeping up with routine home maintenance is by looking to the other end of the age spectrum, and hiring a high school student to help.

In Red Deer, the 'Y.E.S.' program (one of the many programs administered by the Golden Circle) is a registry of students who offer "an extra pair of hands" to help homeowners with seasonal outdoor chores such as grass cutting, shovelling snow and raking leaves. Seniors expect that while students are not professionals, they will try their best, and will be eager to learn! Our current rate of pay is \$17.50 per hour, with a one-hour minimum, paid directly to the student when the work is done. Students may also volunteer their time to help out their neighbour.

While clients receive enthusiastic, low-cost help, students learn new job skills that will be useful in later life. At the same time they gather references for university applications or future work positions. They also learn that someone is depending on them to honour commitments, and that the work they do makes a real difference in someone's life. 'Y.E.S.' hopes that the positive experiences a student has will be reflected in later years as the young person chooses other volunteer commitments.

When students join the program, they are required to supply two references (one from school and one from the community) to assure us that they are honest, reliable and suited to working with seniors. Clients are requested to review their home insurance, as they will be the "employer" of the young person and are thus responsible for personal injury claims on their property.

While 'Y.E.S.' offers an excellent "first level" of service, we are aware that the needs of some clients are too complex for a student to cope with. In these cases we have a pool of adult service providers with specialized skills at fees for these services that are negotiated between client and service provider, based on the nature of the job.

'Y.E.S.' helps a larger group than just those over 65 years of age. We also try to assist adults with special needs.

<p>Golden Circle Senior Resource Centre 4620 47A Ave Red Deer AB T4N 3R4 403-343-6074 info@goldencircle.ca</p>	<p>A non-profit charitable organization Funded by: FCSS Red Deer and Area United Way of Central Alberta Donations</p>
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Student Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Education Information:

School _____ Grade Completed _____

Employment and Volunteer History: (include any/all experience with outdoor maintenance)

What are your interests / hobbies?

What is your availability? Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Circle: AM/PM AM/PM AM/PM AM/PM AM/PM AM/PM AM/PM

I agree that if I am a successful candidate I will provide Golden Circle Senior Resource Centre with two written references.

Signature

Date

Provide 2 reference names. One from school and one from community.

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Parental Permission Slip

I give permission for _____ to participate in the Golden Circle Senior Resource Center Y.E.S. Program.

I understand that as a participant in this program my son / daughter is, in essence, self-employed and will receive referrals for clients from Golden Circle Senior Resource Centre.

I further acknowledge that Golden Circle Senior Resource Centre (aka Circle of Red Deer Seniors' Society) does not assume any liability for injury or damage in connection with this self-employment.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Print name

Date: _____