



# Kingston Police

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## Media Release

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### **YIPI-2024 Youth In Policing Initiative applications are being accepted**

Kingston Police, with funding made available through the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, is again offering full-time summer employment through the Youth In Policing Initiative (YIPI).

The YIPI program is setup for youth 15-18 years of age who are attending school in the Kingston area. The goal is to give young people an opportunity to develop job skills while enhancing police and community relations.

The summer YIPI program session runs for eight weeks from July 2, 2024, to the week of August 30, 2024.

For 40 hours per week, the participants will work in various sections of the Kingston Police service, support community initiatives and learn valuable life and employment skills. YIPI participants will also have a working relationship with a number of valuable youth-serving organizations in Kingston.

The application deadline is May 20, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. Applications can be accessed by visiting the Kingston Police website. Completed applications can be submitted at the front desk to the attention of Constable Valerie Hurding or by emailing it to [yipi@kingstonpolice.ca](mailto:yipi@kingstonpolice.ca). Anyone with questions can also reach out to Constable Valerie Hurding by phone at 613-549-4660 ext. 6213.

YIPI participant:

- Eligible to work in Canada
- Between 15 and 18 years of age for the duration of the program
- Must be a registered full-time student (in a secondary educational program) during the 2024 academic year
- Resident of Kingston, Ontario
- Successfully complete the recruitment/background check process

The Youth In Policing Initiative is designed to engage youth by providing a positive paid work experience, on the job training, and mentorship opportunities. The primary objectives of YIPI is to:

- Provide a safe and positive employment opportunity for youth from diverse backgrounds, who reside in at-risk communities and are reflective of the cultural diversity of the community
- Enhance relationships and partnerships between police and the communities they serve, by developing a positive working relationship
- Promote youth participation and exposure to the work environment through diverse, educational and productive work assignments with the police service
- Promote Kingston Police as an employer of choice

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