



Kitchen Prep & Support Worker – Canada Summer Jobs Position

Location: St Catharines, ON

Position Type: Full-Time, 12 week contract

Organization: Southridge Homelessness Services (operated by Southridge Church)

Salary: \$22.35, Living Wage for Niagara

Application Deadline: May 10, 2025

Eligibility: Applicants must meet **Canada Summer Jobs** requirements (see below)

About Us:

Southridge is proud to operate the Southridge Shelter a 24/7 emergency shelter committed to offering compassionate, housing-focused support to individuals experiencing homelessness. We provide a welcoming and inclusive environment where all guests are treated with dignity and respect. We believe that meaningful engagement and social inclusion through recreation are essential components of healing, growth, and housing stability.

We are seeking a community-minded and organized **Shelter Recreation Program Coordinator** to support the development and delivery of recreational programming that fosters community, promotes well-being, and supports our residents' journeys toward housing and independence.

Position Summary:

The Kitchen Prep & Support Worker plays a key role in our shelter kitchen by assisting with meal preparation, maintaining a clean and organized workspace, and supporting overall food service operations. This position is ideal for someone who enjoys working as part of a team, has a passion for helping others, and is comfortable in a fast-paced environment.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist in preparing meals for shelter residents under supervision and coordination of the Kitchen Coordinator
- Maintain cleanliness and organization in food prep, cooking, and dining areas
- Wash dishes and sanitize surfaces following food safety protocols
- Help with inventory, unpacking deliveries, and rotating stock
- Ensure meals are served in a respectful, friendly, and efficient manner
- Support safe food storage and proper handling procedures
- Work cooperatively with staff, volunteers, and shelter residents
- Uphold shelter policies and demonstrate sensitivity to diverse populations

Qualifications & Requirements:

- Interest in food preparation, community service, or social work
 - Ability to work in a physically active environment (e.g., standing, lifting, bending)
 - Strong teamwork, reliability, and communication skills
 - Willingness to follow health and safety protocols (training provided)
 - Prior kitchen or food handling experience is an asset but not required
 - A positive attitude and desire to make a difference
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Canada Summer Jobs Eligibility:

To apply, you must:

- Be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment
 - Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person with refugee protection
 - Have a valid Social Insurance Number (SIN)
 - Be legally entitled to work in Canada
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How to Apply:

Please submit your resume and a brief cover letter outlining your experience and interest in the position to Annie Froese (afroese@southridgechurch.ca) by May 10, 2025

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Southridge is an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity and inclusion. We encourage applications from individuals with lived experience of homelessness, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, racialized persons, and persons of diverse faiths, sexual orientations, and gender identities.