

## ABOUT STARTER COMPANY

The Starter Company Program is an entrepreneurship program geared to help young people in Ontario start a small business. The program is funded through the Province of Ontario's Youth Jobs Strategy.

The Starter Company Program is delivered by Small Business Enterprise Centres (SBECs) across Ontario, part of the Province's Ontario Network of Entrepreneurs (ONE).

Do you want the opportunity to receive a micro-grant to help you launch your business idea? Getting started is easy as 1-2-3!

### STEP 1: Attend a free orientation session

Learn more about the Starter Company program and how you could qualify to participate. Orientation sessions are held each month in Brampton, Halton and Mississauga. See enclosed schedule for dates in your local area and contact your local SBEC for registration information.

### STEP 2: Complete an application package

Complete and submit a Starter Company application and business concept paper outlining information about you, your business and how you plan to turn your big idea into your dream job.

### STEP 3: Attend an interview

If your business concept paper demonstrates a viable business idea, you may be invited to attend a screening interview.

Contact your local Small Business Enterprise Centre for information on the Starter Company Program.



Brampton Small Business Enterprise Centre  
Brampton City Hall  
2 Wellington Street West  
Brampton ON L6Y 4R2  
905.874.2650  
sbec@brampton.ca  
www.brampton-business.com



Caledon Small Business Enterprise Centre  
Royal Courtyards – Upper Level  
18 King Street East  
Bolton ON L7E 1E8  
905.584.2300  
sbec@ccs4u.org  
www.ccs4u.org



Halton Region Small Business Enterprise Centre  
1151 Bronte Road  
Oakville ON L6M 3L1  
905.825.6000  
smallbusiness@halton.ca  
www.haltonsmallbusiness.ca



Mississauga Business Enterprise Centre  
Located in the Mississauga Central Library  
301 Burnhamthorpe Road West, 4th Floor  
Mississauga ON L5B 3Y3  
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Are you 18-29 years old  
with a business idea?

We can help you turn your  
business idea into reality.

Ready.Set.Work.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### Starter Company provides:

- Training and business skills development to help youth develop a business plan and prepare to run their own business;
- Where eligible, a micro-grant of up to \$5,000 to help kick-start a new business, expand an existing business or buy a business;
- Mentorship and guidance from local business professionals and consultants to help youth get their business up and running;
- Experience running a business that will better position youth to obtain more traditional financing and create additional jobs.

## PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### To be eligible to participate in the Starter Company program, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be 18 years to 29 years old;
- Not be a full-time student;
- Be a resident of Ontario;
- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- Proposing a new business, expansion of an existing business or buying a business;
- Prepared to commit to a minimum of 35 hours a week to running the business;
- Prepared to attend monthly meetings for at least six months after the start or assumed ownership of a business;
- Have not received a Starter Company Program grant in the past;
- Not currently enrolled in the Self-Employment Benefit (SEB) Program;
- Able to match micro-grant amount by 25 per cent.

# GET STARTED TODAY!

Attend a free orientation session in Brampton, Halton or Mississauga.  
Please register online for your preferred date and location.

## 2014 SCHEDULE

### Brampton

1st Monday and  
3rd Wednesday

sbec@brampton.ca  
905.874.2650  
brampton-business.com

May 5 and 21

June 2 and 18

July 7 and 16

August 20

September 17

October 6 and 15

November 3 and 19

December 1

### Halton

1st and 3rd Tuesday

smallbusiness@halton.ca  
905.825.6000  
haltonsmallbusiness.ca

May 6 and 20

June 3 and 17

July 15

August 5 and 19

September 2 and 16

October 7 and 21

November 4 and 18

December 2

### Mississauga

2nd and 4th Tuesday

mbec@mississauga.ca  
905.615.4460  
mississauga.ca/mbec

May 13 and 27

June 10 and 24

July 8 and 22

August 12 and 26

September 9 and 23

October 14 and 28

November 11 and 25

December 9