



## Give your time, so they can shine! Be a volunteer.

*2017 Canada Summer Games Volunteer Recruitment Launches Today*

WINNIPEG (September 6, 2016) The 2017 Canada Summer Games Host Society needs 5,500 Games-time volunteers for one of the largest multi-sport and cultural events ever hosted in Winnipeg from July 28 to August 13, 2017.

Volunteers can register online at [canadagames.ca/2017](http://canadagames.ca/2017) or in-person at the volunteer recruitment centre. The centre is located at 296-240 Graham Avenue and is open 9AM – 3PM Monday to Friday.

“We want to emphasize the human legacy these Games will bring to our city and province,” said 2017 Canada Summer Games Host Society Co-Chair Mariette Mulaire. “Behind every exciting moment at the 2017 Canada Summer Games you’ll find our volunteers. They will represent the best of the Games and the benefits to the community will extend long past August 2017.”

Positions include, but are not limited to, customer service representatives, dining room attendants, security, transportation, ushers, and ticket takers. All positions will be listed on the online application form. Volunteer positions will be available in Winnipeg, Gimli, MB and Kenora, ON. For a complete list of positions please visit [canadagames.ca/2017](http://canadagames.ca/2017)

“Manitobans have a proud tradition of volunteerism, and we encourage everyone to take up the challenge of helping host this important event,” said Manitoba Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Rochelle Squires. “There’s a cultural element to the games as well and I’m sure Manitobans will embrace the chance to help athletes and show off our great province to visitors from across the country.”

All volunteers must have a working knowledge of the English language. The Games will require a substantial number of bilingual volunteers and those who speak French will be given preference for bilingual roles. Volunteers should be friendly and outgoing, have to access a computer and an email address, and be excited to celebrate youth, sport, culture and community.

“Winnipeggers have a reputation as being incredibly generous, optimistic, and hard-working,” said Mayor Brian Bowman. “Our commitment to work together to make positive impacts on our community is the Winnipeg Way, and I encourage our amazing volunteer community to continue this tradition to help make the 2017 Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg a huge success.”

“Manitobans are known for their volunteerism, enthusiasm and support for major sport and cultural events. We’re fortunate to already have over 450 leadership planning volunteers in place, but are

working to build to 6,000 total by Games time,” explained 2017 Canada Summer Games President and CEO Jeff Hnatiuk. “We’re excited to begin the recruitment of our Games-time volunteers as we work towards the Hottest Summer in Half A Century.”

Volunteer assignment and scheduling will begin in early Spring 2017. Volunteers are required to be at least 16 years of age or older as of June 30th, 2017. To browse pre-Games opportunities, get answers to frequently asked questions, or contact the Games volunteer team, visit [canadagames.ca/2017](http://canadagames.ca/2017)

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### **About the 2017 Canada Summer Games:**

Winnipeg, Manitoba will host the Canada Summer Games July 28 – August 13, 2017. Featuring 16 sports, over 250 events and a major cultural festival, the 2017 Canada Games will welcome over 4,000 athletes and coaches and more than 20,000 visitors. Celebrating the Games’ 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Canada’s 150th birthday, the Canada Games are this country’s largest multi-sport event for young athletes. They will leave a lasting legacy of new and enhanced sport facilities, volunteer and leadership development that will benefit athletes and the broader community for years to come.

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