



## **Yukon Tourism Relocation Rebate Fund Guidelines 2026-2027**

### **ABOUT THE YUKON TOURISM RELOCATION REBATE FUND**

The Yukon Tourism Relocation Rebate Fund (YTRRF) provides a portion of the relocation costs for eligible tourism workers relocating to the Yukon to work in the tourism industry.

The fund is intended for:

- Current students who are taking on seasonal tourism positions, and
- Recent graduates (within the past three years) of tourism or hospitality-related programs at Canadian post-secondary institutions, who are taking on either seasonal or year-round tourism roles.

The program is open to all Yukon tourism sectors: Hospitality, Accommodations, Wilderness Tourism, Arts & Culture, Sports & Events, Travel Services, and Transportation.

This highly competitive program covers up to 80% of the initial relocation costs, including round-trip transportation to/from the Yukon and/or first-month accommodation, up to a maximum of \$1,600 per applicant (based on a total cost cap of \$2,000).

Only applicants who have completed a minimum of 420 verified work hours in the Yukon tourism sector **between April 1 to October 31, 2026**, are eligible for this reimbursement. As this is a pilot program with limited funding, not all applicants meeting the minimum eligibility criteria may be approved. Applicants are therefore strongly encouraged to submit a well-prepared application that clearly demonstrates their eligibility, relevance to the tourism sector, and alignment with the program's objectives. All applications are reviewed by a tourism industry-led committee based on their alignment with program guidelines, objectives, and expected outcomes, as well as the availability of funding.

The program is funded by the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) and administered by the Tourism Industry Association of the Yukon (TIA Yukon).

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE YUKON TOURISM RELOCATION REBATE FUND**

- To attract post-secondary students and recent graduates in tourism and hospitality-related programs in Canadian post-secondary institutions to work in the Yukon's tourism sector
- To reduce financial barriers for students and recent graduates moving to the Yukon from other parts of Canada by supporting eligible relocation costs
- To strengthen Yukon's competitiveness in recruiting qualified tourism professionals from across Canada


- To support the sustainable growth of the tourism sector through strategic workforce planning

#### **EXPECTED RESULTS OF FUNDING**

- Increased participation of out-of-territory tourism students and recent graduates in Yukon's tourism workforce
- Improve access for local employers to a broader pool of skilled and education-aligned candidates
- Enhanced industry capacity to deliver quality visitor experiences through a more skilled and supported workforce
- Strengthened labour capacity across Yukon's tourism sector through seasonal placements and potential long-term hires
- Increased retention and post-graduation return of skilled workers, helping to build a long-term tourism labour pipeline

#### **WHO CAN APPLY?**

The fund is intended to support post-secondary students and recent graduates of tourism and hospitality-related programs in Canadian post-secondary institutions who explore tourism careers and develop a long-term interest in the Yukon.

<p><b>Individual Applicant</b></p>	<p><b>Types of individuals who can apply</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Current post-secondary students of tourism and hospitality-related programs in Canadian post-secondary institutions</li> <li>● Recent graduates of tourism and hospitality-related programs in Canadian post-secondary institutions within the past three years</li> </ul> <p> <b>Eligibility Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Must be legally eligible to work in Canada in the next 12 months or more at the submission of funding application or be expected to be eligible to extend an open work permit (e.g., PGWP)</li> <li>● Must complete a minimum of 420 work hours in Yukon's tourism sector between April 1 and October 31, 2026</li> <li>● Must fill out the application form and submit required support documents by October 31, 2026</li> <li>● Must cover at least 20% of the eligible relocation costs and prepay eligible relocation expenses upfront</li> </ul>
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**✗ The following applications are NOT eligible:**

- Applicants who have resided in the Yukon before April 1, 2026
- Applicants whose work is primarily outside of the tourism sector
- Applicants who graduated from non-tourism/hospitality programs or graduated more than three years ago
- Applicants working remotely while located outside of Yukon (e.g., virtual marketing roles)
- Return-trip-only relocation claims (i.e., travel only from Yukon back to the city of origin)
- Applicants who have already received relocation support for the same move from another territorial or federal program
- The applicant's full-time position must **not** be associated with a government entity as part of this relocation

**ELIGIBLE RELOCATION COSTS**

This program covers up to 80% of the initial relocation costs listed below, up to a maximum of \$1,600 per applicant (based on a total cost cap of \$2,000)

- One-way or round-trip transportation between the applicant's previous residing city in Canada to/from the Yukon
  - If the applicant drives their own vehicle to/from the Yukon, they may claim mileage at a rate of **\$0.73/km**
- First month of accommodation in the Yukon

Note: All purchases/expenses must be made between April 1 and October 31, 2026

**The following expenses are ineligible costs:**

- Transportation not from/to the applicant's previous city of residence
- Accommodation located outside the Yukon
- Rental cars / Taxi

## APPLICATION TIMELINE AND PROCESS

- All completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted by **October 31, 2026**.
- The committee will review all complete applications to assess eligibility, alignment with program goals, and funding availability. Applications are evaluated fairly and based on merit. Applicants will be notified of the results in **November 2026**.
- Successful applicants will be required to submit banking information by **December 31, 2026**.
- Approved reimbursements will be issued by **December 31, 2026**.

### Mandatory Supporting Documentation

#### Students:

- A completed and signed [Employment Verification Form](#) from the tourism employer to prove the completion of 420 hours of tourism-related work between April 1 and October 31, 2026
- Proof of current enrollment from a relevant tourism or hospitality-related program of a Canadian post-secondary institution (e.g., enrollment letter/document, or valid student ID)
- Proof of the most recent out-of-territory residence (e.g., government-issued IDs, utility bill, signed residential tenancy agreement)
- Proof of payment:
  - One-way or round-trip transportation between April 1 and October 31, 2026 (e.g., receipts from airlines)
  - First month of accommodation (e.g., signed residential tenant agreement, including monthly rate, receipts from hotel/B&B)
  - If claiming mileage reimbursement for driving to/from the Yukon:
    - A gasoline receipt issued outside of the Yukon and dated between April 1 and October 31, 2026
    - A document showing the distance travelled (e.g., a screenshot of Google Maps from the origin location to the Yukon)

#### Recent graduates:

### Mandatory Supporting Documentation

- A completed and signed Employment Verification Form from the tourism employer to prove the completion of 420 hours of tourism-related work between April 1 and October 31, 2026
- Proof of graduation from a relevant tourism or hospitality-related program of a Canadian post-secondary institution, including graduation date
- Proof of the most recent out-of-territory residence (e.g., government-issued IDs, utility bill, signed residential tenancy agreement)
- Proof of payment:
  - One-way or round-trip transportation between April 1 and October 31, 2026 (e.g., receipts from airlines)
  - The first month of accommodation (e.g., signed residential tenant agreement, including monthly rate, receipts from hotel/B&B)
  - If claiming mileage reimbursement for driving to/from the Yukon:
    - A gasoline receipt issued outside of the Yukon and dated between April 1 and October 31, 2026
    - A document showing the distance travelled (e.g., a screenshot of Google Maps from the origin location to the Yukon)

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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