ISLAND IGNITE MENTORSHIP SOCIETY

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ISLAND IGNITE 2024 - PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Island Ignite Mentorship Society is a not-for-profit society with the goal of engaging, encouraging, and empowering female youth through fire fighting. Our program is tailored to provide youth in grades 11 and 12 the opportunity to participate in a short immersive fire fighting camp on Vancouver Island.

We are committed to creating opportunities that give participants the confidence to explore non-traditional jobs and empower them through fire fighting skills and drills. Island Ignite endeavours to remain progressive, inclusive, and adaptive to the varied needs of our local partners and to build programs that are fun, safe, and accessible. We vow to work collaboratively with the departments in our region to create an amazing experience for all who participate.

This year we have planned a 3 day/2 night event hosted by Victoria Fire Department and IAFF Local 730 from July 12th to 14th, 2024. We will work with our host department to provide a variety of stations that may include auto extrication, forcible entry, entanglement props, hose handling, and many other standard skills associated with fire service work. Operations will be enhanced with volunteer assistance from active female firefighters in the region.

STUDENT APPLICANTS - HOW TO APPLY

The Island Ignite Mentorship Program offers this opportunity to youth at no personal cost outside of travel to/from the program. In order to achieve this we ask that a department in the applicants jurisdiction sponsor their participation. In order to be considered for sponsorship we need you to:

- Complete the online Google Form 2024 Island Ignite Participant Application Form application our website
- Submit your application by the deadline May 1st
- Follow our social media feeds for updates
- Email any questions to <u>info@islandignite.com</u>

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STUDENT PARTICIPANTS - SELECTION PROCESS

We invite sponsoring departments to select the student they would like to represent their department at Island Ignite. In order to assist with the timely execution of this **our organizers will**:

- Collect all completed applications by May 1st
- Sort applications into regions and distribute to each department for candidate selection
- Request the department select a student by May 15th and advise our organizers upon completion
- We will reply to <u>all applicants</u> and advise those selected of next steps

SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

- Our program can only accept 25-30 students in order to keep all activities productive and accessible
- Priority will be given to Vancouver Island, Gulf Island, and Sunshine Coast students
- Students in Grade 12 should be considered ahead of students in Grade 11 as they will age out and younger students are encouraged to apply again
- Each year applications vary and the selection process can be anywhere from 1 to 15 students, we generally allocate only 1 spot per department
- Departments are encouraged to work collaboratively with management, Union representatives, and members in supporting an applicants participation

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM

- Follow us on social media, like, share, and comment to aid in expanded our audience



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