



Volunteer Training Opportunity – Festival Security Program

The Security Folk Crew is a very important part of our protection and wellness volunteer team. This highly-skilled, dedicated group provides support during incidents and ensures general crowd safety. They specialize in de-escalation, take care of small problems before they become big ones and foster a great festival experience for all.

Because we care how we treat our folks, we developed our own security training. Not only will graduates of the Festival Security Program earn their provincial security guard license and many other credentials that can be used outside our festival weekend, Security Folk also learn how to apply these skills within the festival's welcoming, respectful and inclusive environment. This program, which is provided at no cost to participants, is an unparalleled opportunity for individuals to increase their skills, learn from first-rate instructors and gain work experience at our festival.

Who should apply?

If you are looking to make a difference, can meet the course requirements and are committed to the goals of the Festival's Security Folk team, then you may be ready for this opportunity. *Applicants who are already licensed security personnel will only be required to complete topics not included in the Manitoba Security Guard Training Program.*

Our Security Folk team is stronger for its diversity and welcomes folks from all backgrounds and lived experiences.

Requirements and Assets:

- *Successful applicants must be fully vaccinated (i.e., two doses plus two weeks) to participate in this training.*
- All applicants will be interviewed (by Zoom) between December 6-17 prior to being enrolled.
- Successful applicants will complete a Criminal Records Check and a Child Abuse Registry Check at the beginning of the course (TBD).
- Attendance at all sessions is mandatory.
- A computer with email and Internet access is mandatory.
- You must be physically capable of sitting/walking/standing for up to 8 hours daily without impairment.
- You must be able to communicate, both verbally and in writing, in English without impairment.
- Additional languages are an asset.
- A valid Manitoba driver's license is an asset.
- We ask that you commit to the Festival Security role for a minimum of three festivals after course completion.

Time Commitment: 120 hours (all classes held at 211 Bannatyne Ave, Winnipeg)

- January 4 (Tuesday, 6:30-9:30 PM)
- January 8-9 (Saturday & Sunday, all weekend dates 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM)
- January 15-16
- January 29-30
- February 5-6
- February 12-13
- February 26-27
- March 5-6
- March 12-13
- March 19-20
- March 22 (Tuesday, 6:30-9:30 PM)
- Home study/work, both online and offline, will be required during the program. Duration varies based on learner's abilities.

Pass Criteria:

- Successful demonstration of physical and interpersonal skills (as required)
- Successful completion of all section tests and final written exam (80% pass mark)

Application Process:

- Send an email to plaporte@winnipegfolkfestival.ca indicating the following:
 - Why you wish to take the program and any safety/security experience you may have,
 - How you meet the requirements and assets, including attendance at all class dates,
 - If you have ever attended or volunteered at the Winnipeg Folk Festival,
 - That you are committed to volunteering at the festival in a security role for the next three festivals.

To apply or for more information, please contact:

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Application Deadline: Friday December 3rd, 2021

Program Topics Include:

Part 1 – Manitoba Security Guard Training Program (MSGTP) – 40 hours

- General Duties and Responsibilities
- Professionalism
- You and the Law
- Patrolling
- Writing Notes and Reports
- Access Control & Alarm Systems
- Traffic Control
- Fire
- Working Safely

Part 2 – Festival Security Program (FSP) – 40 hours

- Introduction / Security Philosophy
- Festival Culture
- MSGTP in the Festival Environment
- Anti-oppression
- Radio Usage
- Critical Incident Safety Procedures
- Drug and Substance Impairment Awareness
- Opioid Awareness / Naloxone Administration
- Festival Rule Enforcement
- Festival Rule Enforcement – Scenarios/Practical Assessments
- Occurrence / Incident / Emergency Response Procedures

Part 3 – Additional Credentials – 40 hours

- Nonviolent Crisis Intervention (NCI)
- Smart Choices – Alcohol
- Standard First Aid (SFA)
- All Ages CPR/AED (CPR-C/AED)
- Psychological First Aid (PFA)
- Traffic Control Safety (TCS)
- Festival Vehicle Safe Operation (FVSO)

All training is provided at no cost to program participants.