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## **“Think Skills....Think Future!” Young Womens’ Conferences**

Skills Canada – Ontario is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting the development of youth and the prosperity of industry in Ontario. We strive to promote the skilled trades and technologies as viable, first choice career options for young people.

The Ontario Technological Skills Competition is the cornerstone event of Skills Canada – Ontario and the **Young Womens’ Conferences** are hosted in conjunction with this spectacular event. The **Young Womens’ Conferences** elementary and secondary levels are held separately with similar formats and purposes to introduce young women to careers in the skilled trades and technologies.

The **Young Womens’ Conferences** use hands-on activities, guest speakers and presentations to demonstrate the importance of employability skills when considering the skilled trades. Mentors from the community are also welcomed at the conference to provide inspiration, answer questions the students may have regarding how to get started in the trades and the mentors explain any hurdles they have overcome to become successful skilled trades people.

The **Young Women’s Conferences** are full day events that include a great meal, a tour of the Ontario Technological Skills Competition to see the Career Showcase and the competitors in action.

### Tentative Agenda

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| 9:30 – 10:00  | Arrival and Registration  |
| 10:00 – 10:10 | Welcome   |
| 10:10 – 11:10 | Interactive Workshop  |
| 11:10 – 11:40 | Mentor Panel  |
| 11:40 – 12:15 | Lunch   |
| 12:15 – 1:30  | Hands-on Activity   |
| 1:30 – 1:45   | Evaluations, Door Prizes and Wrap up  |
| 1:45 - 3:00   | Explore the Ontario Technological Skills Competition and Career Showcase (shuttle provided) |
| 3:00pm        | Departure from the Ontario Technological Skills Competition                                 |