

Skills Ontario's #SkillsAtHome series returns today, challenges Ontarians to build skills in creativity and attention to detail

Ontario (September 21, 2020) – Skills Ontario is returning with the #SkillsAtHome series, launching the eleventh challenge, the #SkillsMakeupChallenge, today. Through this entirely virtual series, participants test their skills in several fields relating to the skilled trades and technologies. Challengers submit their projects through photos and videos on Twitter in time for each challenge deadline, vying for prize packs and gift cards.

The #SkillsMakeupChallenge asks Ontarians to create and apply a themed look through makeup on their face or a participant's face. Relating to the Aesthetics field of the skilled professions, this challenge tests skills in creativity, communication, and attention to detail.

"We're thrilled to resume the #SkillsAtHome challenge series," says Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario. "Skills Ontario quickly pivoted and adapted to the virtual climate, launching this series in March, and we're happy to be continuing it now that the school year has begun. These challenges are a fun way for Ontarians of all ages to develop their skills and compete for amazing prizes."

Winners of #SkillsAtHome challenges are awarded prizes provided by Skills Ontario and its partners. Skills Ontario thanks its #SkillsAtHome program sponsors: the Government of Ontario, 3M Canada, Centennial College, Haas, Humber College, IHSA, Linamar, Magna, OPG, RBC, and WSIB, as well as its #SkillsMakeupChallenge sponsors: Algonquin College, Bruce Power, Conestoga College, Confederation College, Colleges Ontario, Georgian College, Loyalist College, and Mohawk College. All challenge details can be found in both official languages at <u>skillsontario.com/skillsathome</u>.

Along with <u>Twitter</u>, Skills Ontario can also be found on Instagram at <u>@skillsontario</u>, on LinkedIn at <u>"Skills Ontario</u>", and on Facebook at <u>"Skills Canada - Ontario</u>." Skills Ontario looks forward to continuing to provide fun and interactive learning opportunities to build a strong and robust workforce.

Skills Ontario – Promoting skilled trades and technologies in Ontario since 1989

Skills Ontario has been growing a portfolio of programs including in-school presentations reaching 125,000 students across Ontario, career exploration summer camps, Young Women's and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Career Exploration Conferences, and annually hosting Canada's largest skilled trades and technologies competition which attracts 37,000+ spectators who cheerlead the 2,400+ competitors in 68+ trades and tech categories. To see how you can partner with Skills Ontario and help make a difference in the lives of Ontario's youth, visit <u>skillsontario.com/get-involved</u>.

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