

Need Money for College?

The Financial Aid Team is here to help you navigate the world of student funding!

Awards

The Awards Program, coordinated through the Financial Aid and Awards office, provides financial assistance, incentives and rewards to eligible students to encourage them in their pursuit of post-secondary education. GPRC awarded over \$270,000 in scholarships, awards, and bursaries last year.

Scholarships are awarded to students on the basis of academic merit or excellence.

Awards reward academic achievement but also require the recipient to demonstrate special qualities that match the priorities of the donor, such as community involvement or financial need.

Bursaries are awards based on financial need and reasonable academic standing.

Loans

The federal and provincial/territorial governments provide student loan and grant assistance for Canadian citizens and permanent residents studying at the post-secondary level. The funding is offered in the form of repayable loans and non-repayable grants and is issued to students if they have demonstrated financial need. These loans are interest free while you are a full-time student.

How to Apply

Students must apply to their province/territory of residency and only one application is required to access both the federal and provincial funding. Your province of residency is defined as the last province you have lived in for twelve full months without being a full-time student. Student loan applications are usually available in May or June of each year and students should apply early to ensure that their loans will be processed before the school year commences.

Grants

You may be eligible for Alberta Works funding. To qualify for this program you must be an Alberta resident in financial need who is unemployed, unskilled and has an employment goal. You must have been out of high school for a minimum of 12 months. The Alberta Works Learner Income Support Program is administered in partnership by Alberta Employment and Immigration (AEI) and Service Canada.

Alberta Works Part-Time Funding

The Alberta Works Income Support Program provides financial support for adult residents of Alberta who are attending part-time training.

Alberta Works Application Process

Apply and complete all required forms, obtain required documents and make an appointment with a Financial Aid Liaison for an assessment.

In order to maintain your funding as an Alberta Works funded student, you must continue to meet eligibility criteria while attending school.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 780-539-2845 or visit our website at www.gprc.ab.ca.



What's your plan? It's never too early to think about what you want from further education and how you'll pay for it.

Education is an investment in time and money. A degree or diploma earned will pay for itself many times over in the long run, but in the meantime you've got to pay for it. If you're like most people, you'll draw on a mix of resources to pay for your education—savings, jobs, family, scholarships and bursaries and student loans. Whether you're attending college or university straight out of high school or as a mature student, it's important to study your options to decide the best way to finance your education.

Here are some of the options you should consider:

1. Savings
2. Part-time work
3. Summer work
4. Lifelong learning plan
5. Employment Insurance
6. Grants, scholarships, bursaries
7. Government-sponsored student loans
8. Government and agencies
9. Learn and earn
10. Employers
11. Family

Here are some places to begin your search for scholarships:

- High School
- Institution of Study
- Your Employer or your parent's employer
- Local Community
- Professional Organizations
- Industry
- Specific to ethnic origin or citizens with disabilities

Be prepared – prepare a portfolio to include: Typed statement of extra-curricular and community involvement, statement of your education and career goals, academic record (transcripts, statement of grades, test scores), personal accomplishments (certificates of recognition, participation awards), letters of reference that speak to community involvement and extra-curricular activities.

Give yourself enough time to meet all the scholarship requirements. Submit your application and all documentation on time.

There are lots of places from which to get help: visit www.gprc.ab.ca; www.alis.gov.ab.ca; www.canlearn.ca; www.benorth.ca; www.studentawards.com, contact your high school counselor, the financial aid offices at post-secondary schools or contact Alberta Learning Information Services toll free at 1-800-222-6485.

“Google” phrases such as: “scholarships for engineering students in Alberta” or “awards for art students”.

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Endless possibilities.**