



Post-Secondary 101

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Agenda

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2. MyPass
3. Program Choices/Admission Requirements
4. Applying
 - a. Applying to Alberta Institutions
 - b. Applying to Schools Outside of Alberta
5. “Early Admission” and other Miscellany
6. Scholarships

STEP 1

GRADUATION

Graduation from high school is the first step to going to a post-secondary school.

Post-secondary: An education or training program that happens after high school (secondary school).

This could be a university, college, trade school, apprenticeship training, polytechnic school, certificates, and so on.

Alberta High School Diploma Requirements

100 credits or more, including:

- 30-level English (30-1 or 30-2)
- 30-level Social Studies (30-1 or 30-2)
- 20-level Math (20-1, 20-2, or 20-3)
- 20-level Science (Sci 20, Bio 20, Chem 20, Physics 20, or Sci 24)
 - Little known fact: Science 10 and Science 14 will also meet the grade 11 Science requirement
- CALM
- PE 10
- 10x CTS/Fine Arts/Second Language/PE credits
- 10x credits of 30-level courses that are not English/Social (Math, Science, Options all count)

STEP 2:

How do you check?

Use MyPass.

Do not use MyBlueprint.

mypass.alberta.ca

OR

Google “mypass alberta”

MyPass

MyPass is the official Alberta Education student self-service website for:

- requesting official high school transcripts
- viewing diploma exam marks
- registering to rewrite diploma exams
(*requires online payment*)
- viewing and printing Detailed Academic Reports (DAR)
 - *current credit count*
 - *finalized grades for past courses*
- viewing current progress towards high school completion (certificate or diploma)

The screenshot shows the MyPass website header with the Alberta Government logo and the text "myPass MY EDUCATION, OUR FUTURE". Below the header, there are two main content areas. On the left, a blue-bordered box titled "Important Dates:" contains information about transcript and credential release dates for November 2023, a note about updating mailing addresses, and a tip to check the mailing address in the user's profile. On the right, a white-bordered box titled "Contact" provides support hours (8:15 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday, excluding holidays), phone numbers (780-427-5318, Option 1; toll-free 310-0000), and email (studentrecords@gov.ab.ca). Below these boxes, the text "myPass is an Alberta Education self-service website for students to:" is followed by a list of services: viewing transcripts, diploma marks, registering for exams, viewing and printing DARs, viewing progress towards credentials, ordering additional copies, and receiving notifications. At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Sign in with Education Account >>" and "How do I sign up?". A small note at the bottom states: "PARENTS: you may use myPass to support the student and to notify the Minister of a home education program not supervised by a school authority".

Alberta Government myPass MY EDUCATION, OUR FUTURE

Important Dates:
November Transcript marks release is November 23, 2023.
November Credential release is November 27, 2023.
Moving? Do make sure the school updates your Mailing Address to ensure Alberta Education awarded diploma is mailed to the current home address.
TIP: View the current Mailing Address on the Personal Information tile in myPass.

Contact
For myPass access and support, contact AE Helpdesk, Hours: 8:15 am to 4:30 pm (Monday to Friday, closed statutory holidays)
Phone: 780-427-5318, Option 1
Toll free: 310-0000 before the phone number (in Alberta)
For Transcript, credential, and marks issues, Email: studentrecords@gov.ab.ca
Transcript Inquiries Phone: 780-427-5732

myPass is an Alberta Education self-service website for students to:

- ✔ Order high school transcripts in English and French
- ✔ View diploma exam marks
- ✔ Register to write or rewrite diploma exams with online payment
- ✔ View and print Detailed Academic Reports (DAR)
- ✔ View progress towards a credential (diploma or certificate)
- ✔ Order additional copies of an awarded credential in English or French
- ✔ Receive notifications for important messages

PARENTS: you may use myPass to support the student and to notify the Minister of a home education program not supervised by a school authority

Sign in with Education Account >>

How do I sign up?

Take a moment to log in to MyPass

****STUDENTS**** should be creating their own account

If you can't login or have not yet created an account, please fill out the following Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/HLpdMyqQPy9MgopG6>

**MAKE SURE YOUR MYPASS
ACCOUNT USES A PERSONAL
(NON-RVSCHOOLS) EMAIL ADDRESS**



Take some time to explore MyPass

What are you looking for?

Courses and Marks

View Credential

>> View diploma / certificate progress

Detailed Academic Report

>> Download high school course and mark history

Diploma Exam

>> Add and manage exam registrations and late payment
>> View results and request rescues

PAT Results

>> View Provincial Achievement Test Results

Document Orders

Order Transcript

>> Order an Alberta Transcript of High School Achievement

Order Credential

>> Order a diploma / certificate reprint

Order History

>> View all orders
>> Edit unspent orders

Student Profile

Personal Information

>> Review and update personal and contact information

Verification Document

>> Generate letters for proof of name, school enrolment, age and who a student resides with

Student Connections

Connect to a Student

>> Obtain access to the student information

Access to Student Information

>> Review who can or has accessed student information

Do you have any questions
about MyPass or Grad
requirements?

STEP 3

RESEARCHING A PROGRAM

What do you want to do?

Where do you want to go to learn
how to do it?

First, some definitions (Canada version)

UNIVERSITY: Generally a 4-year degree program that aims to prepare you for a wide variety of further postgraduate opportunities later on. The first four years are called your “Undergraduate” years and this is when you would earn a “Bachelor’s” degree.

COLLEGE: Focus on providing excellent training for students interested in a specific, namable career or industry. They generally offer 2 year diploma programs and 1 year certificate programs. Colleges also have more training for people interested in registered trades and apprenticeships.

POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL: Similar to colleges, but their major difference is how many hands-on experiences they offer in the form of work experience, co-op programs, and others.

TRADE SCHOOL: Programs of varying lengths that teaches students how to work in a specific trade (example: Carpenter, Plumber, Auto Mechanic, Hair Stylist, Barber, etc)

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING: On the job training that teaches you the skills you need for a trade, followed by a short period of technical training at a trade school.

Additional definitions (Canada version)

CERTIFICATE: Usually less than a year, or 1-2 full-time semesters. The aim of a certificate is to give post-secondary students the skills and knowledge for an entry-level vocation.

DIPLOMA: Usually two years, or 4-6 full-time semesters. Mainly developed to meet specific demands of trades and technical or vocational careers, and likely to have an internship or apprenticeship option. Can also usually be upgraded or transferred into a Bachelor's degree.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Usually two years, or 4 full-time semesters. Sometimes known as “transfer degrees” as it allows a student to start at a college or university and then transfer to a Bachelor's program at a university.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE: Also called an “undergraduate” degree. Usually 4 years, or 8 full-time semesters. Students specialize in a *major* area and may also take a *minor* specialization. Can lead to further postgraduate education if desired (Masters or Doctorate).

How do you choose?

Everyone has a different pathway to walk in life and everyone will make different choices.

Remember: there is no one right answer, and if you make a choice and it ends up being not your favourite thing... you can make another choice.

*You will not do **one** thing for the rest of your life.*

If you have NO idea what you might want to learn after high school, start at:

[MyBlueprint.ca/Rockyview](https://myblueprint.ca/rockyview) and complete the “Who Am I” surveys.

How do you choose?

You can also go to the post-secondary websites and start reading about their program offerings.

Many of the subjects you will never have heard of before.

Be curious. Read the descriptions. Look at the courses you take in each program.

Pay attention to which programs get you excited, or which ones make you say, “I can’t believe I could learn about this in school!”

Links to program websites:

U of Calgary:

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/explore-programs>

MRU:

<https://www.mtroyal.ca/ProgramsCourses/>

SAIT:

<https://www.sait.ca/programs-and-courses>

Others?

Google “[School Name] programs”

I know what I want to study - who offers a program?

If you are looking for schools that offer programs in what you are interested in, go to [MyBlueprint.ca/Rockyview](https://myblueprint.ca/rockyview) and on the side tab for 'Post-Secondary', click on 'College & University.'

You can search Programs based on Category, favourite the programs you want to look at in more detail, and go straight to the website for that institution and program.

Post-Secondary

Apprenticeship College & University Workplace

Programs Institutions American Institutions

Search for a program or explore below

🔍 Type a program name or keyword Search

🔗 Filters

High School Plan	Category	Province	City	Institution	Pathway	Requirement
	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Alberta	Abbotsford	Acadia University	University	High School
	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> British Col...	Air Ronge	Alberta University o...	College	Post-Secondary
	<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Manitoba	Alfred	Algoma University		Academic Upg...
	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Newfound...	Alma	Algonquin College		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Studi...	<input type="checkbox"/> New Bruns...	Amos	Ally Beauty Academy		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Northwest ...	Amqui	Ambrose University		
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Language

English

French

YOU HAVE TO SPEND THE TIME TO READ AND RESEARCH

THE PERFECT SCHOOL, PROGRAM, TOPIC, OR CAREER ISN'T GOING TO MAGICALLY DROP IN YOUR LAP ONE DAY.

DON'T LET PERFECT GET IN THE WAY OF 'GOOD ENOUGH'

YOU WON'T KNOW FOR SURE THAT THE PROGRAM YOU'VE SELECTED IS THE RIGHT ONE UNTIL YOU TRY IT.

YOU CAN ALWAYS CHANGE YOUR MIND, CHANGE YOUR MAJOR, TRANSFER SCHOOLS, TRANSFER PROGRAMS, AND MORE.

YOU ARE NEVER STUCK IN SOMETHING THAT YOU DON'T LIKE UNLESS YOU DECIDE TO STAY STUCK THERE.

Once you have decided:

1. What type of school? (university, college, polytechnic, etc.)

Then consider:

1. What program?
2. Where? (What province? What city? What school?)

Finally, it is time for:

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Every post-secondary school you apply to costs money.

Every post-secondary school also has specific course and average requirements you have to have in order to be admitted to specific programs.

Make sure you check admission requirements before applying.

It is **your** responsibility to ensure you have the requirements.

If you don't, schools will say, "Thanks for the money, have a good life" and they'll pocket your application fee and reject your application.

Every school has different ways of displaying their admission requirements.

Let's take a look at a few schools and programs now so that you start to learn what to Google and what to look for when you are checking these things.

If in doubt? Reach out to the post-secondary school directly. They all have **recruiters or admission officers** whose job it is to help you.

They literally have to be nice and helpful, so use them.

You paid enough for that application fee. Use the services available to you.

Types of Admission

FIRST-QUALIFIED, FIRST-OFFERED

Some colleges, polytechnics, or smaller programs will accept the first applicants who are qualified (i.e. meet minimum admission requirements).

As long as you maintain the minimum requirement, your spot is saved in that program.

COMPETITIVE ADMISSION

Most universities and very competitive programs (e.g. SAIT/NAIT X-ray sonography) use a competitive average, calculated at the end of the admission period.

How are admission averages calculated?

... IT'S COMPLICATED.

Schools use different formulas to calculate admission averages.

Mount Royal - uses your five admission courses to calculate a baseline average, then uses your top two group A (academic) courses for your competitive average.

University of Calgary - early admission uses four grade 11/12 courses
Regular admission uses: blend of grade 11/grade 12 courses after first semester for conditional acceptance, but final acceptance is based solely on grade 12 averages after July.

SAIT - some competitive, some non-competitive. See their program pages for more information.

HOW ARE WE FEELING?

ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT PROGRAMS
OR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS?

STEP: 4

APPLYING

You've picked a program, you've picked a school, now how do you actually *apply* to get in?

ALBERTA APPLICATIONS



Applications for most post-secondary programs in Alberta must be done through Apply Alberta.

Apply Alberta allows you to complete your profile once, then transfer that information to as many universities and colleges as you would like to pay for.

Applications completed through Apply Alberta also receive your final transcript automatically, so you don't have to do that step.

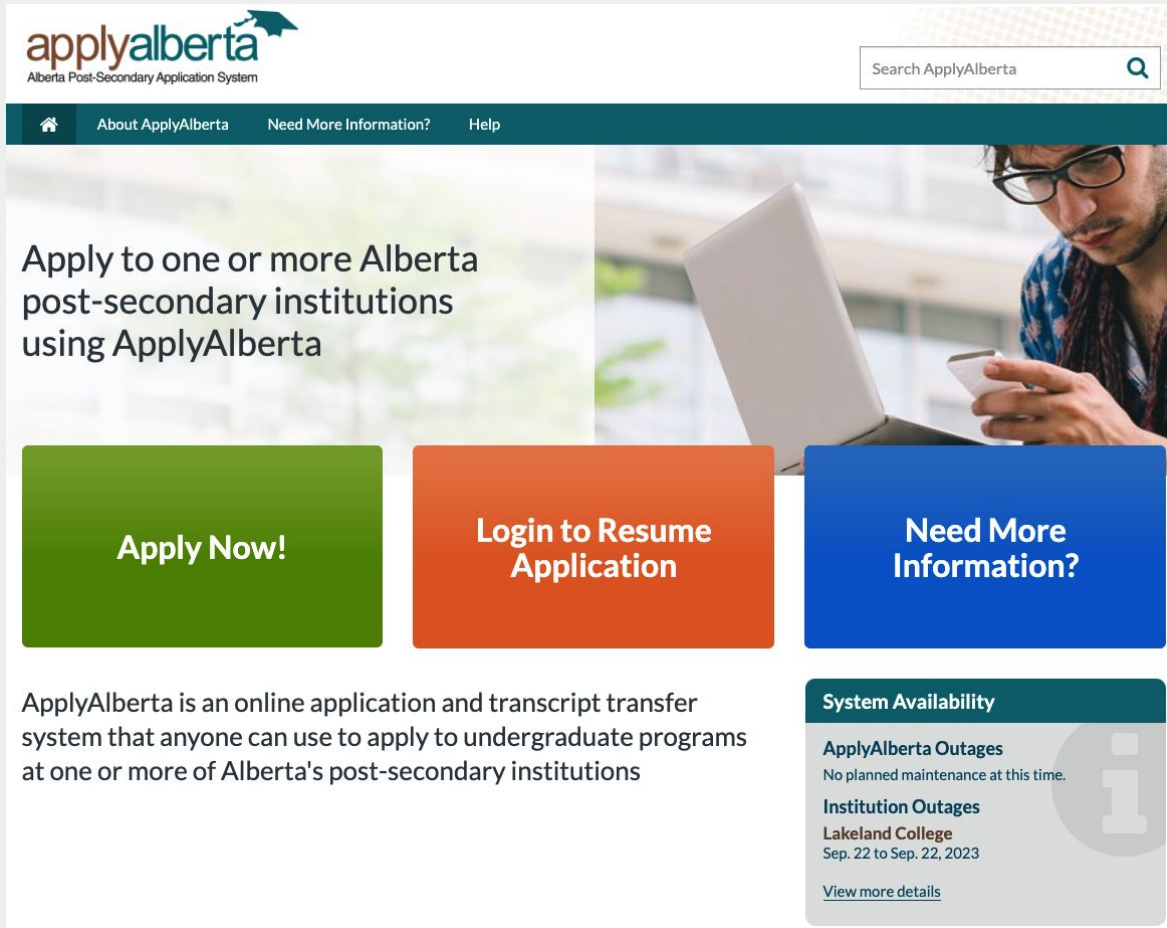
It's amazing.

Apply Alberta

applyalberta.ca

OR

Google “apply Alberta”



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Apply Alberta website. At the top left is the logo for 'applyalberta' with the tagline 'Alberta Post-Secondary Application System'. To the right is a search bar with the text 'Search ApplyAlberta' and a magnifying glass icon. Below the logo and search bar is a dark teal navigation bar with three links: 'About ApplyAlberta', 'Need More Information?', and 'Help'. The main content area features a large background image of a person with glasses looking at a laptop. Overlaid on this image is the text: 'Apply to one or more Alberta post-secondary institutions using ApplyAlberta'. Below this text are three large, colored buttons: a green button that says 'Apply Now!', an orange button that says 'Login to Resume Application', and a blue button that says 'Need More Information?'. At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled 'System Availability' with a teal header. It contains two sub-sections: 'ApplyAlberta Outages' with the text 'No planned maintenance at this time.' and 'Institution Outages' with the text 'Lakeland College Sep. 22 to Sep. 22, 2023'. A link 'View more details' is provided below the institution outages. A large, semi-transparent information icon (an 'i' in a circle) is visible on the right side of the System Availability section.

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Alberta Post-Secondary Application System

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Apply to one or more Alberta post-secondary institutions using ApplyAlberta

Apply Now!

Login to Resume Application

Need More Information?

ApplyAlberta is an online application and transcript transfer system that anyone can use to apply to undergraduate programs at one or more of Alberta's post-secondary institutions

System Availability

ApplyAlberta Outages
No planned maintenance at this time.

Institution Outages
Lakeland College
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[View more details](#)

Apply Alberta

Read the “Before You Start” section carefully. Know where all the things are - you’ll need:

1. **MyAlberta Digital ID - Basic Account**
 - DOES NOT need to be ID verified - just verify your email address
2. **ASN** - use the ASN Lookup linked here or it’s on MyPass
3. **Names of all high schools AND your courses and marks** - in MyPass
4. **A credit card** - ask a parent/guardian

The screenshot shows the Apply Alberta website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search Apply Alberta" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with links for "About Apply Alberta", "Need More Information?", and "Help". The main content area features the "Before You Start" heading, followed by a paragraph explaining the system's purpose. A list of requirements is provided under the heading "You will need the following:". On the right side, there is a green "APPLY NOW" button, a "System Availability" section with "Apply Alberta Outages" and "Institution Outages" information, and an "Application Process Video" section with a "WATCH VIDEO" button.

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Alberta Post-Secondary Application System

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APPLYALBERTA » ABOUT APPLYALBERTA

Before You Start

The Apply Alberta system will allow you to create a profile with your personal information and academic history. This information is filled in automatically on your application(s) to Alberta post-secondary institutions.

You will need the following:

1. An **Alberta.ca Account**. You will be prompted to create an Alberta.ca Account if you do not already have one.
2. Your **Alberta Student Number (ASN)**. If you have applied to or attended a school or post-secondary institution in Alberta, you will already have an ASN. To find your ASN, you can use the [ASN Lookup](#) service. If you do not have an ASN, the Apply Alberta system will assign one to you.
3. Names of all **high schools and post-secondary institutions you have attended or are currently attending**.
4. **High school courses and marks** (for currently enrolled Canadian students only).
5. A **credit card or other accepted method of payment will be necessary** to pay any application fees charged by the institution(s).

Ready to apply? Click the "Apply Now" button to begin.

APPLY NOW

System Availability

Apply Alberta Outages
No planned maintenance at this time.

Institution Outages
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT)
Sep. 27 to Oct. 4, 2023
[View more details](#)

Application Process Video
What steps do you need to take to complete your application?
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Application Process Video

https://www.applyalberta.ca/media/1086/applyalberta_intro.mp4



Application Process Video

What steps do you need to take to complete your application?

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HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY

When you get to the “**High School Academic History**” section:

- You must add ALL the high schools you have attended, including summer schools, online schools, etc.
- If you have taken WeConnect, that is listed as a separate school–Summit Trail.
- MyPass gives you a list of all the schools you’ve gone to at the bottom of your **Detailed Academic Report**.

DUAL CREDIT

If you are taking or have taken a dual credit course (i.e. SAIT, Olds College, etc) you must also list that course in the “**Post-Secondary History**” section.

Apply Alberta - Adding High School Courses and Marks

This is by far the worst step. Just get it done. Do it once and it's done.

1. Add your grade 11 courses.

Not all of them, just the ones that you **continued** into in grade 12.

Example: English 20-1 - because you're likely taking English 30-1 or English 30-2 now, Biology 20 if you're also taking Biology 30, Foods 20 modules if you're taking Foods 30 modules (maximum FIVE CTS modules - the best marks)

*If you took Physics 20 but ARE NOT taking Physics 30, **don't** add Physics 20.

*Don't add courses like Personal Psych 20 or General Psych 20 as those don't continue.

Apply Alberta - High School Marks cont.



2. Add your grade 12 courses

Add all the grade 12 core courses you have taken, are taking now, or plan to take.

If you have 30-level CTS 1-credit modules, add the **best five** of those in.

Add all the 3-credit 30-level courses you've taken (e.g. World History 30, Experimental Psych 30).

We encourage you to reachout to the admissions office of your chosen school should you have any questions or need confirmation.

Apply Alberta - High School Marks cont.

If you haven't finished a grade 12 course yet, you will need to add your **anticipated** mark.

This mark should be realistic, but optimistic. But **REALISTIC**.

If you earned a 60% in Math 20-1 and you tell the university you will be getting a 105% in Math 30-1, that's a terrible choice and you should not do it. They might disregard your reported mark, or add a concern to your file for academic dishonesty.

As long as you are reasonably close to your anticipated mark with your final mark, you will be ok.

Example: You told Mount Royal you would get 70% in English 30-1 and you actually got 72%.

IF YOU GET SOMETHING VERY
DIFFERENT (I.E. LOWER) FROM THE
MARK YOU SAID YOU'D GET, THE
POST-SECONDARY PROGRAM WILL
PROBABLY TAKE YOUR
ACCEPTANCE AWAY.

DON'T DO THIS.

Apply Alberta - Finishing your application



Complete the Highest Level, Post-Secondary History, and Additional Information sections of the profile.

Breathe a sigh of relief.

Now, it's time to select your institution.

This is where you tell Apply Alberta where you are applying.

Click on a school you would like to apply to and all your information is transferred over and you get to finish on the specific university's application.

EVERY school has a fee associated with the application - perhaps pick your top two schools for applying, unless you want to spend a lot on application fees.

APPLICATIONS OUTSIDE OF ALBERTA

If you are looking to apply to a college or university in Canada, but outside Alberta:

* You will need to do things differently depending where you are applying.

In **BC**: [EducationPlannerBC.ca](https://www.educationplannerbc.ca) is where you start.

In **Ontario**: [OUAC.on.ca](https://www.ouac.on.ca) is where you start for university,
[ontariocolleges.ca](https://www.ontariocolleges.ca) is where you start for colleges.

If you are looking to apply to a program in the US, please make an appointment for individual advising as it's... a whole other thing.

5.
LET'S TALK
"EARLY
ADMISSION"

And deadlines in general.

Early Admission - It's Not That Stressful (Promise!)

Early admission seems to be the most stressful thing in the world for some grade 12 students.

First of all: Alberta's "Early Admission" isn't the same as the Early Admission/Early Decision/etc. that exist in the US. In the US, Early Decision is a big deal.

In Alberta? Not so much.

Early Admission tends to be stressed about as it relates to the U of C's admissions process.

Early Admission - It's Not That Stressful (Promise!)

Early admission runs from October 1 to December 15.

Regular admission runs from October 1 to March 1.

You don't have to do anything to be evaluated for early admission (at the U of C). Anyone who applies between October 1 and December 15 is evaluated.

If you have a 90% in the grade 11 (or completed grade 12 courses) you need to apply, then you get early admission, which means you get a **conditional** acceptance earlier than other people.

You still need to complete the same courses as everyone else and need to maintain the same average as everyone else. You just hear back earlier.

If you don't have a 90%, you will be evaluated with everyone else after the first semester with the same application.

Other Deadlines

Generally, apply between Oct 1 and Dec 15 for the best shot at getting into programs.

Most major programs - U of Calgary, Mount Royal, U of Alberta, etc. - close March 1.

Many programs at smaller/less competitive schools stay open until the summer OR whenever the program fills.

Applying early IF you know the programs you would like to apply for is best.

Applying any time is better than not applying at all.

6. SCHOLARSHIPS

Get that free money!

What are scholarships? What's the difference between them and grants or bursaries?

Scholarships, grants, and bursaries are all **free money**. They are money that you are given that doesn't need to be repaid and can be used to pay for post-secondary training after high school.

Scholarships: Generally are awarded based on academic merit.

Bursaries: Generally are awarded based on need or some other defined characteristic (disability, ethnicity, etc).

Grants: Generally are awarded to support someone doing an interesting project or experience.

When and how do you apply for scholarships?

All scholarships have different deadlines. You can be applying for scholarships through grade 11 and grade 12.

Every scholarship has a different application process. Read each scholarship's instructions very carefully for their specific application instructions. If you aren't sure, ask your counsellor for help.

How do you find scholarships ?

There is no one place where all scholarships are housed. You will need to commit time, creative Googling, and investigative skills to find the best scholarships for you.

You should also ask your family and extended family if any of their **workplaces offer scholarships for family members** (many of them do!).

Finally, look at the Financial Aid/Money Matters sections for the post-secondary program that you are planning on attending. Most schools have millions of dollars of scholarships available to their students.

Scholarship Sites

The big Canadian scholarship databases:

scholartree.ca

scholarshipscanada.com

yconic.com

studentawards.com

Set up an account, fill out your information, and the database will filter scholarships for you!

Other Canadian scholarship sites:

Alberta Student Aid
(also for student loans)

Government of Canada
Scholarships

Aboriginal Futures -
Scholarships and Bursaries

Scholarships Canada –Video on finding and applying for Scholarships



Still have questions?

Have your student set up an appointment with their school counsellor!

We can sit down and look at programs, answer questions, help you with your application. Whatever you need!

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BEST WISHES

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US
TONIGHT!!**