

Scholarships & Awards Deadlines

It's important for students to leave as much time as possible to complete their scholarship applications. Many scholarships and awards have annual deadlines - and some have fall/winter session deadlines.

Alberta's scholarships and awards are also made available either by:

1. **Student Application** - Student must complete and submit application.
2. **Nomination of Recipients** - School/supporting organization must nominate and process application on behalf of the student.

Note: For nominated scholarships and awards, students must inquire about the school/sponsoring organization posted application deadline. This deadline typically falls months before the nomination deadline that is in place for the school/sponsoring organization to submit their nominations to Alberta Student Aid.

3.

Deadlines

The deadlines for submitting completed applications and supporting documents required to apply for Alberta scholarships and awards varies according to each scholarship and award.

Keep track of scholarship deadlines at:

- studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships/alberta-scholarships-deadlines

Alberta Student Aid sends this e-news service once a month. If you know other staff members who are responsible for advising students about scholarships and awards, please forward this newsletter to them so they can subscribe to receive these reminders.

Subscribe at:

- studentaid.alberta.ca/subscribe-hs

Jimmie Condon Athletic Scholarships

2017-18 Allocations

The annual budget for Jimmie Condon Athletic Scholarship is \$3.5 million. Last year, schools issued \$400,000 over the \$3.5 million budget in Jimmie Condon Athletic Scholarships. Government covered this over-expenditure, and Advanced Education will continue to provide \$3.5 million to student athletes, but is no longer in a position to cover over-expenditures.

Each year in late spring/early summer, schools receive a notice of their allocations, based on the \$3.5 million budget. In 2017-18, schools are permitted to allocate the awards to teams as they choose, giving them greater flexibility.

Approximately 2,200 awards of \$1,800 were issued in 2016-17. The allocation for 2017-18 is for 1,944 awards. Schools continue to have the option of splitting awards and giving \$900 each to more students.

Additional Scholarship and Award Resources

Look for the following new resources on the Alberta Student Aid website:

1. A FAQ document answering common questions about the Jimmie Condon Athletic Scholarship:
 - [Jimmie Condon Athletic Scholarship](#)
2. A new section for scholarships and awards offered by third party organizations or various Alberta universities with support from Alberta Student Aid.
- [Graduate Student & Community Scholarships](#)
3. A Scholarship Residency Resume to help students make changes to their application.

Note: For nomination based scholarships, students must submit this form to the Student Awards Offices at their schools.

- [Scholarships Applications and Forms](#)
4. A Declaration of Nomination Eligibility Enrollment Form for School Use:
 - [Resources for Schools](#)

Scholarships and Awards Recipient Lists

The Student Aid Scholarships program is currently under review and we are working to streamline the program to make it more efficient and effective. Until the review is complete and new systems are in place, Alberta Student Aid is unable to send out recipient lists and institution reports.

Rutherford Scholarship

Online Application is Available

The 2017-18 online application for the Alexander Rutherford High School Achievement Scholarship is now available.

For more information on the Rutherford Scholarship, or to access the online application through SFS, go to:

- studentaid.alberta.ca

Apply for the Rutherford Scholarship

The Alexander Rutherford Scholarship (the Rutherford) was named in honour of Alexander Rutherford, Alberta's first Premier. The Rutherford recognizes and rewards academic achievement in senior high school to encourage students to pursue post-secondary studies.

Application Process and Timelines

Step 1:

Submit your online application when:

- Your final high school marks are available, and
- You are enrolled in full-time post-secondary studies between August 1, 2017 and July 31, 2018,

AND

- You have completed high school on or after September 30, 1980.

You will be notified of the results of your assessment once your final high school marks are available.

Step 2:

If you are eligible, Alberta Student Aid will send a request to your post-secondary institution asking them to confirm your enrolment.

- If you apply **before you start post-secondary studies**, Student Aid will send the Confirmation of Enrolment request to your school by the end of your first month of study.
- If you apply **during or after your post-secondary studies**, Student Aid will send the Confirmation of Enrolment request to your school one month after your application is approved.

Step 3:

Your school will be given 30 days to confirm your enrolment. Confirmation of your enrolment must be received before your cheque can be issued. Alberta Student Aid will mail a cheque to you approximately 1 month after confirmation is received.

- Eligible students who complete high school outside of Alberta must submit an official transcript of their high school marks for that province.
- Transcripts are not required for courses in Alberta. Only marks recorded on a valid Alberta Transcript of High School Achievement will be accepted. High School grades obtained through upgrading at a post-secondary institution are not accepted.
- In the event of a mark change, send a letter indicating the appeal with your grade, mark change and course to Alberta Student Aid.

Other Program Changes

Additional processing changes to scholarship applications and nominations include:

- All scholarship and awards deadlines noted on application forms will be strictly adhered to; any applications or required information submitted after the deadline will **not** be accepted.
- Schools must submit their nomination forms by the deadline noted on each form. Submit your nominations directly to Alberta Student Aid at:
 - ae.albertascholarships@gov.ab.ca (for nomination forms only)

- Application forms from previous years will **not** be accepted.

Destroy all copies of old paper applications you may have on hand at your school or published on your website. Please ask your webmaster to check for any outdated Alberta Student Aid scholarship and award applications that may be posted on your website and ensure any forms are deleted from the school's web server (as outdated forms can appear in search results such as Google).

We ask that you link to our website rather than posting information on your site - this way students will always access the most up-to-date information and application forms.

Valuable links to Alberta Student Aid scholarships and awards information include:

- studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships
 - [Alberta Scholarships database](#)
- Alberta Student Aid does not have a physical location where scholarship applications can be dropped off in person. Students must follow the instructions included on the application form to submit their scholarship and award applications.

Your continued support and cooperation plays a large role in the tremendous success of Alberta Student Aid's scholarships program! Your efforts in promoting and communicating these changes to your staff and students is greatly appreciated.

Contacts:

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Tel: [1-855-606-2096](tel:1-855-606-2096) - Select Option 1