

Post-Secondary & Scholarship Information





Agenda

- Introductions
 - Choosing a Program
 - Application
 - Admission
 - Financing-Scholarships and Awards
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Post-Secondary Application Checklist

 Success Centre 2023-2024



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Course Admin

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Outcomes

+ New Unit



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Post-Secondary Application Checklist

[Post-Secondary Application Checklist](#)

Post-Secondary Application Checklist

 This is a simplified list; please see your specific university for details and dates

Date	To Do	Complete
All grades	- What do you want to do after high school? - Check out myBlueprint Career Cruising and ALIS websites - Create myPass account (Provide a non-CBE email to office) - Book appointment with your Guidance Counsellor	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Early September	Document important dates: - University application start and end dates - Scholarships-see Success Centre D2L - Deadline for applications to residences - SAT or ACT exams	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Early September (gr. 11/12)	Register to write PSAT/SAT/ACT exams if you are considering U.S. based schooling - Make note of test dates and important details https://www.collegeboard.org/	☐ ☐
Late September	Need Support? Book an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor	☐
September	Investigate all scholarships - Create a profile and have scholarships specific to you sent to your inbox: https://yconic.com/ www.scholarshipscanada.com https://scholartree.ca/ https://studentscholarships.org/scholarships.php - Success Centre D2L - University-specific scholarships - Alexander Rutherford scholarship - Check with employers, clubs, teams, Banks, Post Sec sites	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
September-October	Research possible universities and program options - Attend university presentations, even if you know where you want to attend; examine all options - Presentations at RTHS (watch for notices in announcements/D2L) *2023-2024 and virtual presentations by post sec schools - Open houses and presentations throughout the city (watch for notices, especially in D2L) - Apply! *Usually October 1 applications open! - Apply early! Not all admission requirements need to be completed to apply: https://applyalberta.ca/ (AB), https://www.ouac.on.ca/ (ON), https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/ (BC) *Some universities are not on these sites and you apply directly	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
September-	Attend the Post-secondary fairs at RTHS and community	

November	• Alberta Post-secondary fair at RTHS, October 15th, 2025 • Out-of-province Post-secondary fair at RTHS, October 21st, 2025 • *See Success Centre D2L	☐ ☐
October-November	Begin writing application and scholarship essays • Ask an adult or peer to edit your essay • Always save an electronic copy for future use • Some applications require reference letters, 2 weeks' notice • Some scholarships also require nominations • Deadlines are firm • Many major scholarships at select universities have deadlines in December and you must have applied to the institution to be considered. Apply Early.	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
December	Have you applied to all your university/college choices? • 1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice, back-up plan	☐
December-May	Accept your conditional or early offer from the university you plan to attend • Keep your grades up • Meet any of the other conditions for acceptance	☐ ☐
January-June	Keep checking: • Email accounts and university accounts • Log into your university student account It is important to log in regularly so that you are not missing important updates or requests for information. Complete remaining steps requested by the universities you have applied to: • Self-reported grades (what you expect to get as a grade in each class. You can base it off past grades) • Transcript submission • Continue to follow up on scholarship opportunities	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
April-May	• Confirm residence/accommodation plans	☐
May-June	Select and register for your first-year university courses • Most post-secondary institutions offer registration help sessions • Attend presentations scheduled by alumni or guest speakers about adjusting to life at university and handling new responsibilities and opportunities. • Attend Student for a Day, request a tour, or speak to an advisor at the university if you have questions.	☐ ☐ ☐
May-August	• Apply for Alexander Rutherford Scholarship upon acceptance at a post-secondary institution • Apply for AB Student Loan/Canada Student Loan	☐

TYPES OF PROGRAMS



➤ University Degree Programs

- Bachelor degree
 - typically 4 years
 - within a faculty, will declare a major, possibly a minor
 - opportunity for dual degrees
 - admission based on averages – ensure you are familiar with admission requirements
 - If you don't meet admission averages, some schools have university entrance options or general studies

➤ College/Technical Diploma and Certificate Program

- Program lengths differ, usually up to two years
- Many of these programs are first apply first admit
- Ex. Bow Valley, some SAIT programs
- May sometimes have waitlists
- Apprenticeships will have both workplace and classroom components



TYPES OF PROGRAMS

- **Continuing Education**

- Course lengths differ, typically no entrance requirements
- Not always for post-secondary credit but can be useful in building skills for future studies or employment
- > Personal Fitness Trainer, Strategic Planning ([MRU](#))
- > Event Technician, Graphic Design Certificate of Achievement ([SAIT](#))

- **High School Upgrading**

- > [Chinook Learning Services](#) (In Person) or [CBe-Learn](#) (Online)
- > Free until turn 20 years old as of September 1st
- > Post-Secondary Institution Specific, not always transferable

Calgary Post-Secondary Institutions

Colleges

Generally offer 2-year diploma programs and certificates

- [SAIT](#)
- [Bow Valley College](#)

Public Universities

Government subsidized tuition; more degree options; generally require a higher competitive average

- [University of Calgary](#)
- [Mount Royal University](#)
- [Alberta University of the Arts](#)

Private Universities

Higher tuition fees; smaller class sizes; fewer degree options; generally lower competitive average

- [Ambrose University](#)
- [St. Mary's University](#)

CHOOSING A PROGRAM

This usually happens in one of 2 ways:

A) A student has a particular career or occupation in mind and finds a program to help meet that goal

B) A student knows the general area of study but may not be certain of career

BUT WHAT IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHAT TO DO OR TO STUDY?

Choosing a Program

- **Explore Interests and Abilities**

--> **MyBluePrint** (<https://www.myblueprint.ca/cbe>)



- Use CBE username and password to login
- Complete Who am I surveys on learning styles, personality, interests, knowledge, and motivation
- Afterwards, you can search occupational and post-secondary matches based on your survey results

--> **ALIS Career Insite**



- Offer surveys and resources to support program and career planning

Choosing a Program

- University of Calgary
--> [Career Wheel](#)
[Exploration](#) [Tool](#)
- University of Lethbridge
--> [What can I do with my major?](#)



Choosing a Program

- Attend Open Houses

Dates

- **Mount Royal University**
(October 18th)
- **Ambrose University**
(October 18th)
- **University of Alberta**
(October 18th *Free Shuttle*)

Dates

- **University of Calgary**
(October 25th)
- **Alberta University of the Arts**
(October 25th)
- **Bow Valley College**
(October 4th)
- **University of Lethbridge**
(October 25th)

Dates

- **SAIT**
(October 17th and 18th)

Choosing a Program

- **Attend Post-Secondary Fairs at Thirsk**

- > **Out of Province (OOP) Post-Secondary Fair**

- Tuesday, October 21st, 2025 from 1pm - 3pm
 - 44 Out of Province Post-Secondary Student Recruitment Advisors

- > **Alberta-Based Post-Secondary Fair (ELAA)**

- Wednesday, October 15th from 9am-10:30am
 - 28 Alberta-Based Post-Secondary Student Recruitment Advisors

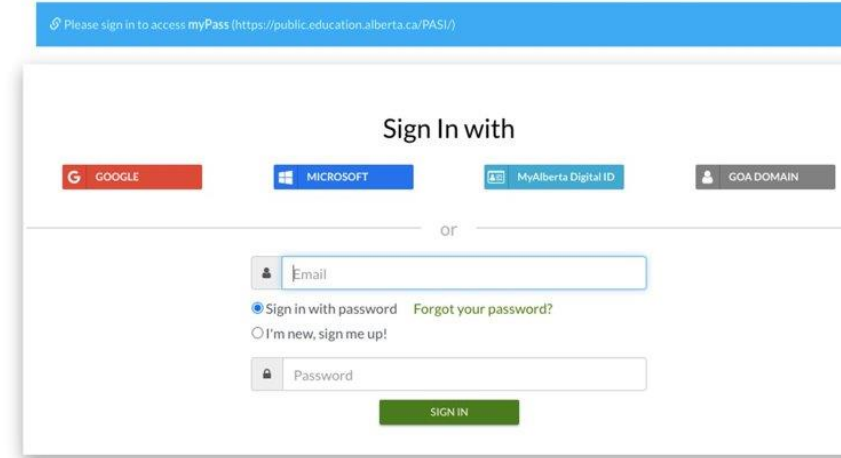
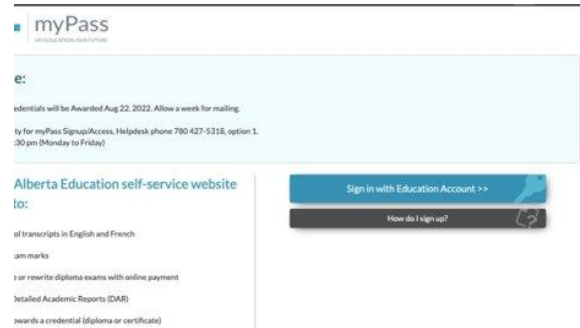
COMPARING PROGRAMS

- Home or away
- Cost
- Duration
- [Transferability](#)
- Outcomes (employability, etc.)
- Class size
- Facilities
- Extra-Curricular
- Student Satisfaction data
- Guaranteed residence

PREPARING TO APPLY

Ensure you have created accounts:

- [MyPass](#)



--> First time Logging in will need Alberta Student Number located on report card in PowerSchool

Preparing to Apply

- Application Portals

- [Apply Alberta](#)
- [Education Planner \(British Columbia\)](#)
- [Ontario Universities' Application Centre](#)

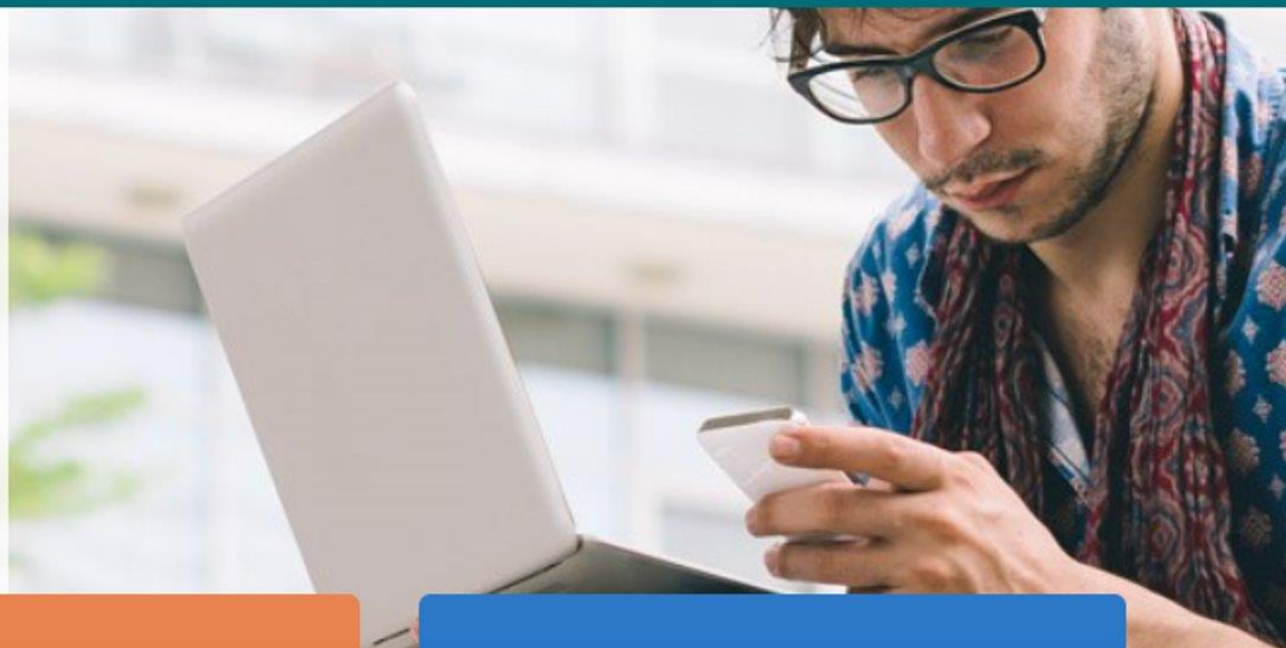
--> All other provinces, students apply directly to the post-secondary school on their website

Preparing to Apply

- Have copies of Detailed Academic Reports, Report Cards (obtain from MyPass, PowerSchool)
- Ensure you are preparing for supplemental requirements:
 - [CASPer Test](#) for some Nursing and Education Programs
 - [Personal Profile \(UBC\)](#)
 - Videos or interviews
- BE AWARE OF DEADLINES!

[About ApplyAlberta](#)[Need More Information?](#)[Help](#)

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



Before You Start

The ApplyAlberta 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. A **MyAlberta Digital ID**. You will be prompted to create a MyAlberta Digital ID 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 ApplyAlberta 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

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No planned maintenance at this time.

Institution Outages

Lakeland College

Oct. 20 to Oct. 20, 2022

[View more details](#)



Application Process Video

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

WATCH VIDEO



Ontario Universities'
Application Centre

Planning
for University

Undergrad
Applicants

Professional
Applicants

Getting
Help



Ready to Apply?

Once you've decided which programs you're interested in, it's time to start your application to Ontario's universities.

Apply Now 



UNDERGRAD



LAW



MEDICINE



REHAB



TEACHER ED

Log In

Username  (required)

[Recover your username](#)

Password (required)

[Forgot your password?](#)

Log In

Create Account

Notes:

- You will use your username and password in all OUAC applications.
- Do not create more than 1 account.
- Do not use an account created by someone else.

Create My Account

Plan

Search

Apply



EducationPlannerBC

Go to My List ★

Welcome to EducationPlannerBC.

Your journey starts here.



Plan

Plan your journey to post-secondary.

Search

Search for programs and institutions.

Apply

Apply to your chosen program(s).

Plan

Search

Apply



EducationPlannerBC

Go to My List ★

Plan

Apply

Apply for admission

You've planned, searched, and now you're ready to apply! Here you can easily apply to any of B.C.'s 25 public post-secondary institutions.

Not sure how to apply? Check out our How-to guides for more information.

Sign Up for your EducationPlannerBC Account

OR

Login to your EducationPlannerBC Account

1

**Select
Institution**

2

**Complete
Application**

3

**Review
&
Submit**

Applying

- Applications generally open the **beginning of October**.
- Some have firm deadlines (March 1st for University of Calgary; January 15th for the University of British Columbia).
- Apply early (ex. Rolling admission policy)
- Most post-secondary institutions allow students to **select 2 program choices**.

After Applying

- Check your email to ensure that receipt of application is received
- Ensure you read the email verification closely and confirm next steps
- Apply for entrance awards and scholarships
- Apply for residence, if applicable
- Mid-February- send an interim transcript (outside of Alberta)
- If offered conditional acceptance: accept offer, pay tuition deposit, and register for classes
- If attending university outside of Alberta, order final transcript to be sent via MyPass

Transcripts

- Pay close attention to what the institution is asking regarding transcripts and course grade submissions as the process is not standardized.
- U of C will require course grade submission from Apply Alberta. U of A requires course grades are inputted into their Launch Pad Portal. MRU requires students to complete a self-reported grade form and predict the final grades they will receive in grade 12.
- University of Calgary and other Alberta-based institutions will automatically request transcripts for students who have attended high school in Alberta.
- Students who have applied to a post-secondary school outside of Alberta are required to have a MyPass account initiated to request final transcripts to be sent in July. The process for uploading an initial and interim transcript will vary by institution.



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- English 30-1
- Math 30-1
- Two of; Biology 30, Chem 30, Physics 30, Math 31, CTS Comp Sci (5 credits at the 30 level)
- One Approved Course or Option

Averages: Honors & Neuro = mid 90s
Bio = high 80s
Comp Sci = mid 80s
All others = high 70s



BACHELOR OF ARTS

- English 30-1
- Four approved courses, one of which can be an approved option

Exceptions: Geography, Psychology and Economics require math

Averages: Psychology = mid 80s
All other programs = mid 70s

University of Calgary Programs

Scholarships ~ Application Deadline
Prestige Scholarship ~ December 1st
High School Awards ~ March 1st



NURSING

- English 30-1
- Math 30-1 or 30-2
- Chemistry 30 Or Science 30
- Biology 30
- One approved course or option

Average: Low 90s

NEW Lottery process for 2025**



[Link](#) to approved options.

ENGINEERING

- English 30-1
- Math 30-1
- Chemistry 30
- Physics 30 (or biology for bio route)
- Math 31 (can be admitted without but add 5% to average)

Average: mid 80s



BUSINESS

- English 30-1
 - Math 30-1
 - Two of; Aboriginal Studies, Bio 30, Chem 30, CTS Comp Sci 30 (5 credit), Language 30, Math 31, Physics 30, Science 30 or Social Studies 30-1
 - One approved option or course
- Average: Low 80s



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- English 30-1
- Math 30-1
- Chemistry 30 (not required for Comp Sci)
- Group A or B course
- Group A, B or C course

Competitive Average: 65-95%
dependent on concentration



BACHELOR OF ARTS

- English 30-1
- Math 30-1 or 30-2 (a language can be substituted for: undeclared, English, Sociology, History & Anthropology)
- Group A Course
- Group A or B course
- Group A, B or C course

Competitive Average: 65-90%
dependent on concentration

Mount Royal University



ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

- English 30-1
- Math 30-1, 30-2 or a language
- Group A Course
- Group A or B course
- Group A, B or C course

Competitive Average: 85-90%

Admission is based on competitive admission average; calculated on 2 highest Group A courses.

Applicant must also meet General Admission Average



NURSING

- English 30-1
- Math 30-1 or 30-2
- Chemistry 30
- Biology 30
- Group A, B or C course

Competitive Average;
95-100%



BUSINESS

- English 30-1
- Math 30-1 or Math 30-2
- Group A Course
- Group A or B course
- Group A, B or C course

Competitive Average: 75-80%

Group A (5 credits)*

- English Language Arts 30-1
- Mathematics 30-1 (or Mathematics 30-2, if accepted by the program)
- Mathematics 31
- Biology 30
- Chemistry 30
- Physics 30
- Science 30
- Social Studies 30-1
- Aboriginal Studies 30
- Any 30-level second language or language and culture course (including American Sign Language courses)
- CTS Advanced Computer Science (a total of 5 credits at the 30-level) or Computing Science 30

Group B (5 credits)*

- Art 30 or 31
- Dance 35
- Drama 30
- Music 30 (choral, instrumental, general)
- Physical Education 30
- Religious Studies 35
- Social Studies 30-2

Group C

- Other 5-credit Grade 12 subjects
- A combination of two 3-credit Grade 12 subjects
- 5 credits of advanced career and technology courses

Note: *Special Projects cannot be used for admission*

Alternative Routes

Bachelor of Social Work

Mount Royal University

English 30-1

Social 30-1 or Aboriginal Studies 30

3 additional approved 30 level
courses

Competitive average: 90-95%

Social Work Diploma

Bow Valley College

English 30-1 or 30-2

*Minimum grade of 65%
required in English 30-2

[Bow Valley College Transfer
Guide](#)



Applying Outside of Alberta

- Ensure you meet academic requirements in grade 11 year. Many universities have different requirements:
 - UBC- Many programs require Physics 20 as an application requirement; recommended to apply with 6- 30 level courses
 - University of Victoria- Apply with 4-30 level approved courses
 - Familiarize yourself with approved options; out of province post-secondary schools may not recognize CTS courses but will fine arts and languages.
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LINKS

University of Calgary

- [Application Guide](#)
- [Viewbook](#)
- [Indigenous Viewbook](#)
- [Competitive Averages](#)
- [Approved Options](#)
- [Scholarships](#)

University of Alberta

- [Application Guide](#)
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SAIT

- [Application Guide](#)
- [Viewbook](#)
- [Indigenous Supports](#)
- [Admission Requirements](#)
- [Scholarships](#)

University of British Columbia

- [Application Guide](#)
- [Viewbook](#)
- [Indigenous Viewbook](#)
- [Writing a Personal Profile](#)
- [Scholarships](#)

Mount Royal University

- [Application Guide](#)
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SCHOLARSHIPS

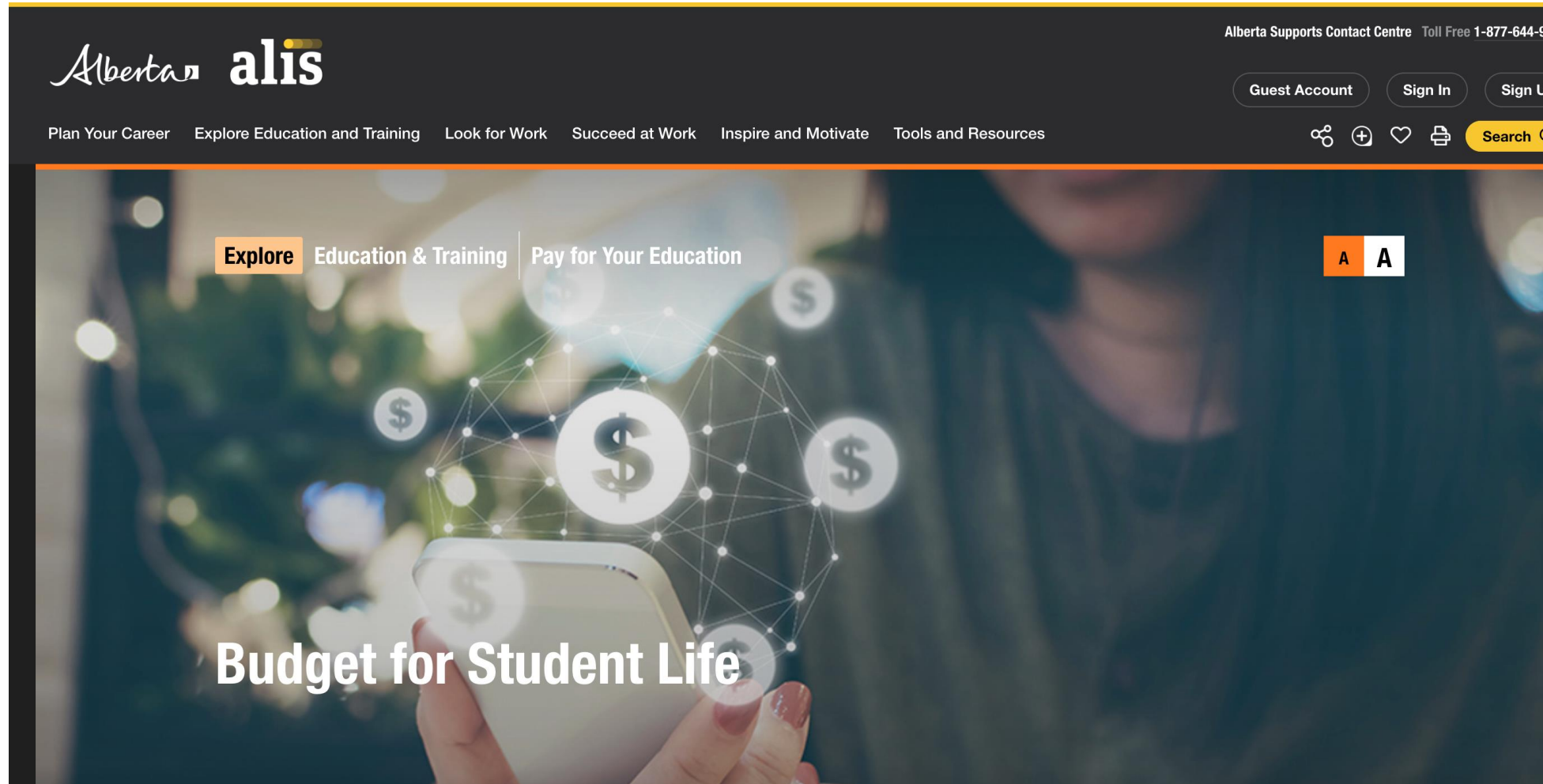


Why are Scholarships Important?

- **Tuition:** \$6000-\$11 000
- **Books and supplies:** \$1,307 to \$1,717
- **Mandatory fees:** \$611 to \$1,275
- **Living expenses (living with parents):** \$2,000 to \$4,000
- **Living expenses (living independently for 8 months):** \$9,000 to \$11,200

How much will school cost?

Get budget worksheets. Create a Spending Plan. alis.alberta.ca



What Is A Scholarship?

- A **scholarship** is a monetary award which is often based on a variety of criteria:
 - Academics
 - Volunteer work/Leadership
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Sports
- Financial need may or may not be a factor.





What Is A Bursary?

- A **bursary** is a monetary grant that is usually based on financial need.
 - The student is in need of financial assistance in order to continue their education
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Student Government Loans

- Both the Federal and Provincial governments provide student loans for post-secondary study. Students must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents and need to apply through the province that considers them a resident. Government student loans are intended to be supplemental to student and family resources and are awarded based on financial need.
 - Apply through [Student Aid Alberta](#)
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Types of Scholarships

1) Institution-Based Scholarships

Every post-secondary institution will offer first year scholarships for first year students.

Check the institution's web page for a list of these scholarships.



Institutions Based *Entrance* Scholarships

- Open to students ***admitted*** to the post-secondary institute directly from high school.
- Students **MUST** apply to the institute in order to be considered.
- Students are considered based on their grade point average from high school. Often they are automatic/no separate application. *Check institution websites!



2. Membership Scholarships

- Many organizations have scholarships available to members and their families.
 - Example A.T.A. (AB Teachers Association)
- Could include employers, clubs, cultural organizations, religious institutions, or teams.



3. CBE/Local Based Scholarships

- Managed by the Calgary Board of Education.
 - Selected at school or city level.
 - The typical application time for these is in the spring of the students Grade 12 year. There are a few available for grade 10 and 11 students
- > Education Matters
- > Calgary Foundation



**Calgary Board
of Education**

4. Corporate Scholarships

- Nationally or provincially selected
 - E.g. Toyota, T.D. Bank, Scotia Bank



Canada Trust



5. Government Scholarships

- Alberta: Alexander Rutherford Scholarship
 - 75% - 80% and higher average in 5 subjects in grade 10, 11, and 12.
 - Different monetary amounts awarded depending on average.
 - Value varies from \$300 to \$2500
 - Apply in Gr 12 after being accepted
 - Click [here](#) for more information
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Alexander Rutherford Scholarship

Grade 10 Ave. of 80% or higher in 5 subjects - \$400 Ave. of 75.0 – 79.9% in 5 subjects - \$300 ELA 10-1 or 10-2 Two of the following: •Social Studies 10-1,10-2 •Math 10C •Science 10 •A language other than the one used above at the grade 10 level Any two courses with a minimum three credit value at Grade 11 level (1000 or 4000) including the above subjects and combined introductory CTS courses.	Grade 11 Ave. of 80% or higher in 5 subjects - \$800 Ave. of 75.0 – 79.9% in 5 subjects - \$500 ELA 20-1 or 20-2 Two of the following: •Social Studies 20-1, 20-2 •Math 20-1 or Math 20-2 •Biology 20 •Chemistry 20 •Physics 20 •A language other than the one used above at the grade 11 level Any two courses with a minimum three credit value at Grade 11 level (2000 or 5000) including the above subjects and combined intermediate CTS courses.	Grade 12 Ave. of 80% or higher in 5 subjects - \$1300 Ave. of 75.0 – 79.9% in 5 subjects - \$700 ELA 30-1 or 30-2 At least two of the following: •Social Studies 30-1 •Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 •Math 31 •Biology 30 •Chemistry 30 •Physics 30 •Science 30 •A language other than English at the grade 12 level. Any two courses with a minimum five credit value at the Grade 12 level (3000 or 6000 or 9000) including those listed above and combined advanced CTS courses
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Scholarship Profile

- Create a scholarship profile on one of the following sites listed below and you will begin to receive scholarship opportunities to your email that you would be eligible to apply for
 - > Yconic
 - > Scholarships Canada
 - > Scholar Tree
 - Others
 - > Alberta Student Aid Scholarships

Any Questions?