

OUT-OF-PROVINCE

STUDENT AID SUMMARY

2013-2014

Summary of student aid available to students studying full-time, outside their province of residence

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The following programs are available to all provinces and territories participating in the Canada Student Loan Program. For all provinces participating in the Canada Student Loan Program, funding is granted in a 60/40% split of CSL and provincial assistance; 60% of assessed need is issued in CSL up to the maximum noted. Please note that some provinces may choose to provide additional funds in conjunction with the following grants.

Canada Student Loan for Part-time Students

- Cumulative amount of up to \$10,000 over the period of studies.
- Available to part-time students taking between 20% and 59% of a full course-load.
- Must be enrolled in a post-secondary institution, taking a program of study that leads to a degree, diploma or certificate.

Part Time Canada Study Grant

- Up to \$1,200 per year
- Based on an assessment of financial need according to requirements for a part-time Canada Student loan.
- Students must have an acceptable reason for pursuing part-time rather than full-time studies.

Grant for Part-Time Students with Dependents

- enrolled in a part-time program of at least 12 weeks duration within a period of 15 consecutive weeks
- have a dependent who will be less than 12 years old at the beginning of the study period
- A maximum of \$40 per week of study if you have one or two dependents
- A maximum of \$60 per week of study if you have three or more dependents; or
- A maximum of \$1,920 per academic year.

Canada Student Grant for Students with Dependents

- \$200 per month, per child
- Have a dependent who will be under 12 years of age at the beginning of the study period.

Canada Student Grants for Students with Permanent Disabilities

- Up to \$2,000 per year
- As long as a student has calculated need they are eligible to receive this grant

Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities

- Up to \$8,000 per academic year (August 1 to July 31).
- The application process for this grant differs in each province and territory.

Canada Student Grant for Students from Low-Income Families

- \$250 per month of study for up to \$3,000 per academic year (August 1 to July 31).
- This grant is available for each year of undergraduate studies, provided you continue to meet the eligibility criteria.
- Federal grant money is issued at the beginning and middle of the school year.

Canada Student Grant for Students from Middle-Income Families

- \$100 per month of study for up to \$1,200 per academic year (August 1 to July 31).
- This grant is available for each year of undergraduate post-secondary studies, provided you continue to meet the eligibility criteria.
- Grant money is issued by your province or territory of permanent residence at the beginning and in the middle of the school year.

Alberta

Address and Contact Person

Student Aid Alberta P.O. Box 28000 Station Main Edmonton, AB T5J 4R4 Fax: 780-422-4516

General Inquiries
Student Aid Alberta
Service Centre:
1-855-606-2096
(Toll free from anywhere in North America)

FAO Inquiries 1-855-606-2096 Option 4, then 1

Web Site www.studentaid.alberta.ca

Application Deadline & Request for Review

Savings (excluding Tax Free Savings Accounts), part-time earnings, assistantships, stipends, and RRSPs will no longer be used as resources in the provincial calculation of financial eligibility. Instead, a flat rate contribution of \$1500 will be used as a resource in the provincial calculation of financial eligibility. Single parents are exempt from the flat rate contribution. It is best to apply in early

July for study in September. Students can apply at any time of the year, but only completed applications will be processed if received at least 30 days before the year's program ends.

Applications are available online and at post-secondary institutions. Students are assessed for both provincial and federal loans and grants if the necessary information is provided.

Request for Review

Students wanting to appeal their loan assessment should complete a Change of Circumstance Form which must be received 30 days prior to the study period end date. If not satisfied, students may appeal again and request a meeting with the Student Financial Assistance Appeals Committee by sending a letter to the mailing address Attn: SFAAC.

Maximum Available (8 month year)

Canada Student Loan (CSL)

max of \$210/week

Alberta Student Loan (ASL)

• Max of \$13,300 is

available for ASL & CSL combined (8 months).

Maintenance Grant Available to single parents, married/common

law, and special/high need students.

- To a maximum of \$3,000 per semester.
- Awarded after all other funding types have been exhausted.

Alberta Grants for Disabled Students (GFD)

- Issued to students who are not eligible for Canada Student Grant (CSG) for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities.
- Must meet eligibility criteria for ASL
- Must complete a schedule 4
- Max of \$3000 per loan year.

Alberta Low-Income Grant New for 2013-2014

\$120/month of study Full-time students in oneyear undergraduate certificate programs are eligible based on CSL low-income thresholds

Completion Incentive Grant

\$1,000-\$2,000
Available to full-time student aid recipients in the last semester of their program of study.

Provincial Interest Rates

ASL only, no interest charges during the first six months before repayment begins.

- Automatic floating rate of prime.
- On a one time basis, students can request a fixed rate of prime plus 2%.
- Part-time students will no longer be charged interest while in studies.
- Form B must be completed to remain in interest-free status if not receiving additional loan funding while continuing studies.

Receipt of funding

Loan documents and grant cheques are mailed to the student. Both provincial and federal MSFAAs must be returned and student must be enrolled full-time before funding is issued.

Processing times New applications:

- Minimum 4 weeks
- May get instant results if applying online

Requests for Review:

• Minimum 6 weeks

Comments

Must maintain and successfully complete a minimum of 60% of a full

course load. For students with a permanent disability, full time is a minimum of 40% of a full course load. A completed Schedule 4 in loan application must be signed by FAO or Disability Support Services for students to study at 40%.

Alberta Repayment
Assistance Program
Applications available on the website.

Award Exemptions
Scholarships, bursaries,
and fellowships do not
affect eligibility for ASL but
are used to calculate
eligibility for CSL (an
\$1,800 exemption is
applied). Education
Institutional and other
bursaries that are given
specifically to supplement
student financial
assistance do not need to
be reported as resources
on a funding application.

Studying outside of Alberta/Canada
Students studying outside of Alberta or outside of Canada are eligible for provincial and federal funding.

Provincial Scholarships www.alis.alberta.ca/scholarships

British Columbia INTEGRATED

Address and **Contact Person**

StudentAid BC Ministry of Advanced Education P.O. Box 9173 Stn. Prov. Govt. Victoria, BC V8W 9H7

FAO Inquiries Michelle Melin Michelle.Melin@gov.bc.ca (250) 387-6107 Nicola Wood Nicola.Wood@gov.bc.ca (250)-356-5942

Fax 1-888-262-2112

General Inquiries 250 387-6100 (Outside North America) 1-800-561-1818 (Within North America)

Web Site www.StudentAidBC.ca

Twitter @StudentAidBC

Application Deadline & Request for Review

Deadline

A complete and correct application must be received by StudentAid BC six weeks before the date your classes end.

Request for Appeal

A complete and correct appeal form must be received by StudentAid BC six weeks before the date your classes end with supporting documentation.

Reassessments

Appendix 7 must be received by StudentAid BC six weeks before the date your classes end.

Maximum Available (8 month year)

Canada Student Loans and Canada Student Grants as available to all provinces (Section one of Student Aid Summary).

Canada Student Grant for Part-time Studies: up to \$1200 per year. Canada Student Grant for Part-time Students with Dependants: \$40 (up to two children) or \$60 (three or more children) per week for low-income parttime students with children under the age of 12.

British Columbia Student Loan (BCSL)

- Combined with CSL to a maximum of:
- \$320/week no dependents
- \$510/week with dependents

Provincial Interest Rates Prime plus 2.5%

Receipt of funding

Processing Time: up to six weeks

Once a student is approved for funding they will receive a Notification of Assessment with the details of their funding and Master Student Financial **Assistance Agreement** (MSFAA) that contains terms and conditions for receiving the eligible funding.

The MSFAA is sent to the student and it must be signed and submitted to a designated Canada Post outlet, where the student's identity will be confirmed and the MSFAA forwarded to the National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC) for processing. Students must sign a (MSFAA) only once during their lifetime as a student or if they have a break for more than two years.

Once the NSLSC processes the MSFAA (1-2 days) SABC is notified and generates a confirmation of enrolment (electronic or paper).

Once the confirmation of enrolment has been received at SABC, it takes 3-7 days from the disbursement date for Electronic Funds Transfer.

Comments For full-time funding, students must maintain 60% of a full course load: 40% for students with permanent disabilities.

British Columbia Assistance

BC Access Grant for Students with Disabilities Up to \$1000 per program vear, for full-time students. Displaces BC loan.

Supplemental Bursary for Students with Permanent Disabilities Up to \$800 per program year. Assistance Program for Students with Permanent Disabilities: If you have exhausted vour Canada Student Grant for PD funding, and you are attending a publicpost secondary institution

in BC you may be eligible to access this grant of up to \$10,000 per program year for the purchase of educational related services or equipment.

Learning Disability Assessment Bursary (LDAB)

This bursary is available to full-time or part-time students attending a public post-secondary institution in BC. The LDAB assists students with the up-front costs of a learning disability assessment up to \$1,800.

Manitoba

Address and Contact Person

Manitoba Student Aid Advanced Education and Literacy 401 – 1181 Portage Ave Winnipeg MB R3G 0T3

FAO Inquiries
Donna Capone
204-945-6390

Student Inquiries
1-800-204-1685 (toll-free in Canada and the USA) or 204-945-6321 (Winnipeg)

<u>Fax</u> 204-948-3421

TTY 204-945-8483

Web Site www.manitobastudentaid.ca

Students can access information regarding the status of their application, including any outstanding documentation/verification requirements, via the MYSAO component of the site.

Application Deadline & Request for Review

Canada Student Loan/Manitoba Student Loan (CSL/MSL)

Two months before the end of the program study period.

Appeals

No application for review will be processed to increase an award during the last two months of a program of study.

Maximum Available (8 month year)

CSL-To a maximum of \$210/week of study MSL-To a maximum of \$140/week of study

Non-repayable assistance
Prince of Wales/Princess
Anne Award:
\$250 per year for
Canadian Aboriginal
students.

Rural/Northern Bursary: \$600 per year for students attending school in Manitoba who live more than 50 km (one way) from their school.

Canada Student Grant for
Students from LowIncome Families
Canada Student Grant for
Students from Middle-

Income Families

Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities

Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities

Canada Student Grant for Students with Dependants

Canada Student Grant for Part-time Studies

Canada Student Grant for Part-time Students with Dependents

Amounts and eligibility for the above as listed previously (pg. 2-3).

Manitoba Bursary: Loan remission program used to reduce Manitoba Student Loan debt. Students are automatically considered for this program when they apply for CSL/MSL.

Provincial Interest Rates

Manitoba student loans are at a rate of prime (3%).

Receipt of funding

Processing time:

- Up to 2 weeks for online applications

- Up to 5 weeks for paper applications

CSL & MSL documents are sent directly to students studying out-of-province. Canada Student Grants are included on the CSL document. The only exception is the Grant for Services and Equipment, which is direct deposit. The Prince of Wales/Princess Anne Award and the Rural/ Northern Bursary are direct deposit.

Manitoba Student Loans are funded directly by the Manitoba Government. Students need only deal with the Manitoba Student Aid program for all their Manitoba Student Loan services (from application to negotiation to repayment). Students should send their authorized loan documents accompanied with documentation to: Manitoba Student Aid PO Box 12000 Stn. Main Winnipeg MB R3C 5R3

Comments

Students must maintain and successfully complete at least 60% of a full course load.

Manitoba Bursary

Open to students studying

anywhere in Canada.

Award Exemptions
\$1800 total exemption on
scholarships and
bursaries.

<u>Vehicle exemptions</u>: Increase of \$5,000 to a vehicle maximum exemption of \$10,000.

New Brunswick

Address and Contact Person

Student Financial Services Department of Post-Secondary Education Training and Labour P.O. Box 6000 77 Westmorland St. Fredericton, NB E3B 6Z3

FAO Inquiries
Caroline Boulay,
Educational Liaison
Officer
Caroline.Boulay@gnb.ca

General Inquiries (506) 453-2577 1-800-667-5626 (Ontario and east)

<u>Fax</u> (506) 444-4333

Web Site
Apply on line:
English
www.studentaid.gnb.ca

French www.aideauxetudiants.gnb.ca

Application Deadline & Request for Review

Completed applications with all required information must be received a minimum of eight weeks before the start date of the program in order to receive notice of funding for the start of classes.

The final deadline for processing application forms, Confirmation of Earnings forms or any information requested by Student Financial Services is six weeks before the end date of period of study (four weeks if attending intersession).

Maximum Available (8 month year)

Canada –New Brunswick Integrated Student Loan program

- CSL Portion to a maximum of \$210/week

New Brunswick Loan
- To a maximum of \$140/week

New Brunswick Bursary
- Pays \$130 per week of study. Available 2nd disbursement.

Up-front Canada Student Grants as noted above.

Provincial Interest Rates

Floating rate: Prime rate + 2.5%/ year

Fixed rate: Prime rate +5%/ year

Receipt of funding

Loan documents are sent directly to the student's institution.

Bursary and grant cheques are sent to the institution.

Study Period Income Exemption \$100/week Award Exemptions \$1800 exemptions allowed on merit based scholarships.

Comments

Students must maintain and successfully complete 60% of a full course load.

Repayment Assistance Plan (RAP)

RAP is an optional program available for student loan borrowers who are having difficulty making their student loan payments. Under the plan, the amount you pay back will be based on how much you earn, how much you owe on your student loans an on your family size.

Timely Completion Benefit

The Timely Completion Benefit is designed to help post-secondary graduates by addressing accumulated student loan debt and encouraging successful completion in a timely manner.

Students who complete an undergraduate degree, diploma or certificate within established guidelines and who have combined student federal and provincial student loan debt in excess of \$26,000, will have 100 % of their provincial student loan debt in excess of the combined \$26,000 threshold forgiven.

Graduates must apply for this benefit within seven (7) months of graduation.

Newfoundland

Address and Contact Person

Student Financial Services Division Department of Education P.O. Box 8700 St. John's, NF A1B 4J6

Courier Address
216 Prince Phillip Drive
St. John's NF A1B 3R5

Contact

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(709) 729-5849 1-888-657-0800 Fax: (709) 729-2298 www.gov.nl.ca/studentaid/ studentaid@gov.nl.ca

Application Deadline & Request for Review

Applications must be received within eight (8) weeks after the start date of the semester in which you are applying.

Deadline date for semesters <12 weeks is 2 weeks after first day of class.

Income Confirmation Forms (ICF's) may be received up to 8 weeks after the first day of classes for the current semester/period of study.

ICF's can be submitted by first day of classes and no later than 8 weeks after the start of classes.

Except for first semester loans no further assistance will be released unless the ICF is received and processed showing continued eligibility.

Out of province students must present COE to the school for completion.

Appeals may be submitted to Student Financial Services up to 8 weeks prior to the end of the period of study (semester)

to which the financial assistance being reviewed relates. For semesters less than12 weeks, the deadline date is 4 weeks prior to the end of the period of study (semester) to which the financial assistance being reviewed relates.

Maximum Available Canada-Newfoundland & Labrador Student Financial Assistance

- CSL portion to a maximum of \$210/week

- Provincial loan to a maximum of \$60/week
- Upfront Provincial grant to a maximum of \$80/week

Provincial Interest Rates

No interest is charged on provincial loans only Canada Student Loans.

Receipt of funding

Processing time: 2 - 4 weeks

Applications must be received no later than eight weeks after the start date of the semester for which you are applying. All documents sent to education institution.

Integrated Process

Funds are electronically deposited into borrower and El account by the service provider for both the provincial and federal student loans and grants.

Award Exemptions

\$1800 yearly exemptions allowed on merit based scholarships.

Comments

Student must maintain 60% of a full course load to be eligible for CSL and 80% of a full course load for the provincial student loan.

Effective August 1, 2009, interest is eliminated on the provincial portion of student loan.

Debt Reduction Grants
Provided the student
meets eligibility
requirements, up to the
full amount of the
provincial portion of a
student loan may be
converted into a nonrepayable grant.

There is no application process. Students are automatically assessed upon receipt of notification of graduation.

Northwest Territories

Address and Contact Person

Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Education, Culture and Employment Student Financial Assistance Box 1320 Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9 nwtsfa@gov.nt.ca

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General Inquiries:

867-873-7190 or 1-800-661-0793 Fax: 867-873-0336 or 1-800-661-0893

Application Deadline & Request for Review

Deadlines

July 15th – programs starting between August 16th and September 30th November 15th – programs starting in January One calendar month – for all other months

Appeals

Must be submitted within 30 days of notification of denial.

Maximum Available (8 month year)

Basic Grant / semester
Tuition / Fees: up to
\$1,925
Books: up to \$400
Travel: Eligible travel
expenses for the student
and dependants from their
home community to the
nearest approved
institution offering their
program.

Supplementary Grant / Remissible Loan

New: Increase of \$150 / month beginning
September 1, 2013 for monthly living allowance

September 1, 2013 for monthly living allowance (based on family size). Aboriginal students can choose between the grant or loan Non-Aboriginal students receive the loan

Repayable Loan

Up to \$1,400 / month to assist with the cost of tuition, books, travel and monthly living expenses

NWT Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities

New: \$2,000 per academic year to assist with the additional costs of: tuition, books, travel and accommodation.

NWT Grant for Services
and Equipment for
Students with Permanent
Disabilities
Lip to \$8,000 per

Up to \$8,000 per academic year to assist with costs associated with: tutor, interpreter (oral, sign, or note taker), reader, transportation (daily to and from school depending on circumstances), attendant care, special equipment and one-time medical assessment.

<u>Lifetime Loan Limit</u> \$60,000

Provincial Interest Rates

The interest rate is determined in the year students cease to be full-time. It is calculated at 1% below the Bank of Canada's Prime Rate on January 1st of that year

Receipt of funding

Once all required documents are received and approved, payments will be processed within 10 working days.

Students will not receive their first payment prior to the first day of classes.

Comments

The Basic Grant and Supplementary Grant / Remissible Loan are only available to students that are Indigenous Aboriginal or Residents Schooled in the NWT (grades 1 – 12).

Students must be enrolled in at least 60% of a 100% full course load on a semester basis and successfully complete at least 60% of a 100% full course load through the academic year.

Students that qualify under the disability grant can study at 40%.

Students must make arrangements to repay or remiss their student loans within 6 months of ceasing full-time studies.

The NWT Student Financial Assistance office is closed over the Christmas / New Year break.

Nova Scotia

Address and Contact Person

Student Assistance Office Department of Education 2021 Brunswick Street P.O. Box 2290 Halifax Central Halifax, NS B3J 3C8

FAO Inquiries Sharon Shaw 902-424-8434

<u>Fax</u> (902)424-0540

General Inquiries (902) 424-8420 1-800-565-8420

Telecommunications Device for the deaf (902) 424-2058

Web Site http://studentloans.ednet.ns.ca

Application Deadline & Request for Review

Students are encouraged to apply by May 1st.

No later than 8 weeks before the end of study period.

Appeal Deadline – Printed on Explanation of Assessment

Maximum Available

Canada Student Loan
- To a maximum of \$210/week

Nova Scotia Assistance
- To a maximum of
\$180/week (split at 60%
loan and 40%grant)

The following new Canada Student Grants replace the Canada Millennium Bursary: Canada Student Grant for students

- 1. from low-income families
- 2. from middle-income families
- 3. for students with a permanent disability 4. for students with dependents.

See the appendix for the criteria and maximum monthly grant.

 NS Student Grant: the 1st 40% of the

- students Nova Scotia loan will be in the form of a grant (up to \$72/wk).
- Nova Scotia Grant for Students with Dependents: Students will receive an additional \$20 per week of study in the form of a nonrepayable grant, on top of their Nova Scotia Student Loan.
- Supplemental Loans: Students in Medicine (MD), Law (LLB) and Dentistry (DDS), will be eligible for an additional \$140 per week in addition to the maximum Federal and Provincial assistance limits.

Further information on grants is available on the NS Student Assistance website:

http://studentloans.ednet.ns.ca

Provincial Interest Rates

Borrowers who consolidated their loans on or after November 1, 2007 can choose either a floating annual interest rate of prime plus 0.5% or a fixed annual interest rate of prime plus 3.0%.

Receipt of funding

Processing time: 4 - 6 weeks

The Master Student Financial Aid Agreement (MSFAA) is sent to student.

NS Loan documents sent to students studying outside Canada.

The Confirmation of Enrolment process for both federal and provincial funding is now electronic.

In year one, students are required to complete and send their banking form. This form is sent to students with their assessment. Without the banking form, direct deposits cannot be made to students' accounts.

Nova Scotia direct lends to students (effective August 1, 2008). Resolve is the service provider for the Province.

Starting August 1, 2012, NSSA will contact your Canadian educational institution electronically to confirm your enrolment for your Canada and Nova Scotia Student Loan. This means that any funds left after paying fees due to your educational

institution will be deposited into your bank account within 7-10 business days. You will no longer have to take a paper certificate to the Registrar/ Financial Aid Office at your educational institution and then to the on campus kiosk, post office, or financial institution for processing.

Students may choose to pay Prime + 0.5% (floating rate option) or Prime + 3.0% (fixed rate option).

Award Exemptions
If the study period is 24
weeks or more, \$1800 in
Scholarships is exempted
and \$900 if study period
is less than 24 weeks.

Comments

Student must maintain 60% of a full course load; 40% for students with permanent disabilities Exception – during the May-August period, student must maintain course load equivalent to 80%.

To be eligible for an extension on your most recent application, the following statements must all be TRUE:

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Nova Scotia

- --In the immediately previous winter semester you were a full-time university student;
- -- you applied for sistance from the Province of Nova Scotia:
- --your application for student assistance was processed & an assessment completed; --you will be taking a
- course/courses beginning within two months of your winter semester ending; --these courses will be
- credited to the same program as you were taking during the winter semester;
- --you will be attending the same university as you did in the winter semester, or attending classes at a different university, using a *letter of permission* from your 'home' university.

Deadline to apply (Month course ends): May = April 15th June = May 15th July = June 15th August = July 15th

CSL and NS Loans

- Awarded for the length of the program plus one vear.
- Available for

Undergraduate and graduate students.

- Students must successfully complete 60% of a course load.
 If they do not, they will have one warning on their file.
- The second time a student does not successfully complete 60% of a full course load; they will not be eligible for assistance for a 12 month period.
- The third time a student does not successfully complete 60% of a full course load; they will not be eligible for assistance for three (3) years.
- Students are eligible for funding for only one(1) bachelor's degree and two (2) certificates OR two(2) bachelor's degrees and one (1) certificate.
- Students are eligible for funding for one (1) year as qualifying year
- They may only receive funding for: One (1) professional degree One (1) master's degree; and One (1) Ph.D.

Maximum number of weeks for which students can get funding: **340**. Students who have

completed Schedule 2s are considered to be in the program for the number of weeks for which interest is being paid on their loans. Interest Free Status counts as weeks toward your maximum eligibility.

<u>Debt Reduction after</u> Graduation

All students who qualified for a Nova Scotia Student Loan between August 1, 2003 and July 31, 2007 can still apply for Debt Reduction when they graduate from the program for which they received the loans.

You must apply within three (3) months of graduation. Applications are available by contacting the Student Assistance Office in Nova Scotia. To qualify for the Debt Reduction program, students must have qualified for a Nova Scotia Student Loan and studied at an Educational Institution in Canada;

Students may be eligible for two other debt reduction programs; i.e. making the equivalent of 12 monthly payments – the repayment bonus or 50 weeks of employment in Nova Scotia – the

employment bonus. The repayment bonus is processed automatically by the service provider, Resolve.

The Repayment Assistance Program (RAP)

RAP provides debt relief for Nova Scotia students. RAP is available for both NS and CSL payments effective Aug 1, 2009. If you qualify, you will not be required to pay more than the affordable payment calculated for you. You may be eligible for this program for up to 60 months. For more information on eligibility criteria visit the SA website at

www.studentloans.ednet.ns.ca. You can choose to defer paying your Nova Scotia Student Loan for up to 12 months (2 six-month periods) or for the duration of an approved internship, residency, or apprenticeship program. While your loan is deferred, you make no payment on your loan. The interest is added to the balance of your student loan and amortized over the repayment period of the loan.

For those graduating from

an eligible post-secondary program in 2008 or later, the Graduate Tax Credit has doubled to \$2,000. For those who graduated in 2006 or 2007, remember to claim your \$1,000 tax credit if you live and work in Nova Scotia. To claim your tax credit, visit www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/gtc/.

NOTE: Effective August 1, 2010, Els will be allowed to complete a Schedule 2 for students on co-op work terms where the work term is a mandatory part of their program of study.

Debt Cap

Effective August 2011, students enrolled in an undergraduate, nonprofessional degree program of 4 years or more may qualify for a debt cap. Students must graduate from a qualifying degree program with total combined federal and provincial student assistance related to the qualifying degree program in excess of \$28,560. The maximum benefit under the debt cap is \$14,688 based on current assistance of \$180/week of study and a 60/40 loan/grant ratio.

Nunavut

Address and Contact Person

Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students Department of Education P.O. Box 390 Arviat, NU X0C 0E0

General Inquiries 1-(877) 860-0680

Fax 1-(877) 860-0167

Email FANS@gov.nu.ca

Web Site
www.edu.gov.nu.ca/apps
/authoring/dspPage.aspx
?page=4

Application Deadline & Request for Review

<u>Deadline</u>

Fall Semester (programs starting between August 15 and October 1):
July 15

Winter Semester (programs beginning anytime in January): Nov. 15

Spring/Summer Semester (programs beginning between April 15 and May 31): March 1

All other programs: 6 weeks before course start date

Applications can be faxed tool free to the FANS Office.

Late Applications will be accepted up to 30 days after the deadline, but will not be processed until review of all on-time applications is complete.

Appeals

Letter of appeal submitted within 30 days of assessment.

Maximum Available

Nunavut Basic Grant
Up to\$1,850 per semester
for tuition and fees.
Cost of airfare— excursion
rate -- to the nearest

Nunavut Arctic College location offering the program or if the program is not offered in Nunavut, the southern gateway city closest to your school. FANS also does not cover ticket change fees, excess baggage charges, or moving expenses. Students who travel without dependants are eligible for a return trip home during Christmas. Students receiving the Supplementary Grant are eligible for the Dependent Travel Benefit.

Supplemental Grant
This is in addition to the
Basic Grant and consists
of the following benefits:
Book allowance – actual
costs up to \$200 per
semester.
Monthly living allowance:

Monthly living allowance to help cover daily living costs. Please see the FANS Benefit Guide for current rates.

Nunavut Student Loans
Loan may not exceed:
\$26,000 if receiving a
Basic Grant
\$36,000 if not receiving a
Basic Grant

Primary Loan

Provided to cover one year of post-secondary education for each three years the student has

been a resident of Nunavut. If not a resident, all or a portion of the loan must be paid back.

- \$3,200 if eligible for Basic grant (for a single student).

Secondary Loan
Must be repaid in full
\$4,400 if ineligible for
grant (for a single
student).

Needs Assessed Loans
Must be repaid in full
Granted to students
eligible for FANS benefits
and is granted on the
basis of financial need.
Maximum available is
\$165 / week while in
study.

Scholarships and Bursaries
Various academic scholarships.

Provincial Interest Rates

The rate of interest payable by a borrower on a loan is set at the time repayment begins and shall be a rate that is 1% less than the prime rate, as determined and published by the Bank of Canada in the periodic publication entitled the Bank of Canada Review, in effect on the first day of January of the year in

which the student ceases to be a full-time student.

Receipt of funding

Processing time: 2 weeks

All payments are made by electronic transfer to student's bank account.

Comments

Students must enrol in and successfully complete 60% of a full course load to remain eligible for FANS.

Loan Remission
Only Primary Loans are
eligible for remission. All
other loans are repayable.

Remission is based on students returning to Nunavut after successfully completing studies.

Award Exemptions
No territorial exemption for scholarships and bursaries

FANS Benefits Guide
http://www.edu.gov.nu.ca/
apps/UPLOADS/fck/file/F
ANS/FANS_FORM1EDU
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s_Form.pdf

Ontario INTEGRATED Address and Contact Person

Ontario Student
Assistance Program
Student Support Branch
Ministry of Training,
Colleges and
Universities
P.O. Box 4500
Thunder Bay, ON
P7B 6G9

FAO Inquiries osapfao.inquiry@ontario.ca

<u>Fax</u> (807) 343-7278

Student Inquiries (807) 343-7260 1-800-465-3958 (TDD/TTY)

Web Site http://osap.gov.on.ca

Web on-line application -No fee

Document Deadline 40 days before the end of study period.

Application Deadline & Request for Review Two or three term

assessment If OSAP application is received less than 60 days before the end of the study period, the student is not eligible to receive OSAP funding. If application is received more than 45 days after the study period begins and no later than 60 days before the end of the study period, the student will be considered for funding from the date the application is received only.

One term assessment 60 days prior to the end of study period.

Note: A Program Information Form (can be printed off the website) must accompany all applications.

<u>Appeals</u>

Deadline - 60 days prior to the end of study period.

Maximum Available (8 month year)

Canada Student Loan
To a maximum of
\$210/week

Ontario Student Loan
Combined with CSL to a
maximum of \$360/week

for single students, \$560/week for married/sole support students.

Note: Maximums can include CSG entitlement depending on eligibility.

Child Care Bursary
For childcare expenses
incurred by students with
3 or more dependent
children. Applications are
available online.

Bursary for Students with Disabilities
Up to \$10,000 combined federal/provincial funding for students with a permanent disability.

Receipt of funding

Processing time: 8 - 10 weeks Canada and Ontario have implemented a Master Student Financial Assistance Agreement (MSFAA). Students complete this once provided there is not a 2 year or longer break in studies. The agreement must be taken to a Canada Postal outlet along with identification. Full time students will now have their funding electronically transferred to their bank account. Part-time students will still receive a loan document. Confirmation of enrollment will now be completed electronically by the institution.

Award Exemptions

Maximum merit-based scholarship exemption is \$3,500 (the full deduction will apply in the absence of any other study period income).

Provincial Interest Rates

Ontario - Prime + 1% Canada – Prime + 2.5% variable rate (fixed rate is 5%)

Comments

OSL/CSL - must maintain 60% of a full course load. Students with permanent disabilities taking 40% of a full course load would be eligible for both OSL/CSL.

Students applying for parttime studies may be eligible for the Ontario Special Bursary Program or Part-time CSL/CSG funding.

Ontario Student Opportunity Grant (OSOG) Students whose loan exceeds \$7,300 for a twoterm academic year or \$10,950 for a three-term academic year may be eligible to receive an OSOG. Student must

successfully complete academic year. OSOG is paid annually, at the end of the year, to the National Student Loans Service Centre to reduce outstanding debt after all income reported on the OSAP application has been verified with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

30% off Ontario Tuition Grant

Full-time students studying in a program they entered directly from high school. Must be less than four years since leaving high school (or less than six years if student has permanent disability) and must be Ontario resident studying at an Ontario postsecondary institution. Parental income \$160.000 or less. Maximum \$1,730 for University and \$790 for College diploma/certificate programs per academic vear.

Prince Edward Island

Address and Contact Person

Student Financial Services Department of Innovation and Advanced Learning P.O. Box 2000 90 University Avenue Suite 212 Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8

FAO Inquiries

Barry Gosby Senior Financial Services Officer (902) 368-4604

Fax (902) 368-6144

General Inquiries (902) 368-4640

Web Site www.studentloan.pe.ca

Application Deadline & Request for Review

6 weeks prior to end of classes Must apply by mid Nov. for full year funding...after mid Nov. for second term only.

Pre-study Report

Completed form should be sent as soon as student is enrolled. Mandatory for PSL Funding

Appeals

Written appeals must be submitted 6 weeks prior to end of classes. Along with Pre Study Report

Maximum Available (8 month year)

Students must maintain 60% of a full course load

Canada Student Loan
- To a maximum of \$210/week

Prince Edward Island Loan

- To a maximum of \$165/week

The following new Canada Student Grants replace the Canada Millennium Bursary: Canada Student Grant for students 1. from low-income families

- 2. from middle-income families
- 3. for students with a permanent disability
- 4. for students with dependents.

Provincial Interest Rates

The Interest-Free Island Student Loan Program - The Government of Prince Edward Island's Provincial Student Loans will have a zero per cent interest rate, for loans issued after January 1, 2001 and held by PEI Student Financial Assistance Corporation. This program came in effect October 1, 2012.

Receipt of funding

Commencing 2013/2014 school year PEI students receiving federal student aid are required to complete the Master Student Financial Aid Agreement (MSFAA). Starting August 1, 2013, PEISFS will contact your Canadian educational institution electronically to confirm your enrolment for vour federal student loan. **Educational Institutions** will make the determination of how much of Award will be taken by the school, with the balance if any going directly to the student.

PEI student loans for 2013/2014 will still be in a paper format as is the requirement to complete PEI Schedule 2 for confirmation of enrolment for students with PEI Student Loans (PEISL) held with Edulinx-PEI. Students need to complete a PSR, Pre-Study Report to receive any PSL funds conditionally noted in the student's assessment.

Province of PEI loan documents and cheques are sent directly to the "Atlantic Province" educational institution. Students outside of Atlantic Canada are forwarded PSL loan documents and cheques directly.

Participating Lenders for Provincial Loans **Edulinx-PEI**

Comments

PEI Debt Reduction Grant

- Eligibility is based on the following criteria:
- --Must graduate from the program in a timely manner.
- --Must borrow more than \$6,000/ year
- --Up to \$2,000 per year of study
- paid directly to students
 Edulink –PEI against

outstanding PEI student loan debt only.

- --Maximum funding is based on the required length of program plus one year.
- --Students must apply for this grant upon graduation.

Award Exemptions

The allowance for scholarships and bursaries is \$1,500 per semester or \$3.000 for the traditional academic year.

The waiver for part time income starts with an allowance of \$100 per week of study. For the traditional academic year of 34 the exemption is at least \$3,400.

Bursaries & Awards www.studentloan.pe.ca/index .php3?number=1040566&lan q=E'for

New for 2013-2014: George Coles Graduate Scholarship \$2,000

NOTE: Once FAO's are set up on the PE portal, the password is the same as the password used for the NS portal.

Québec

Address and Contact Person

Ministère de l'Éducation Supérieur, de la Recherche, Science et Technologie Aide financière aux études 1035, rue De La Chevrotière Québec, QC G1R 5A5

FAO Inquiries
Voice mail for out of province schools to contact
(418) 646-0283
(418) 644-5253

General Inquiries (418) 643-3750 or 1-877-643-3750 (toll free in Quebec)

Web Site www.afe.gouv.gc.ca

Application Deadline & Request for Review 60 days after the last day

60 days after the last day of recognized studies.

Appeals (Exceptional Cases)

Appeals can be submitted anytime during the year.

Applicant applies when their studies are in jeopardy due to insufficient funding.

Student must present themselves at the educational institution to meet with an advisor in order to submit appeal.

Revision of the calculation within 45 days of the date of assessment.

Maximum Available (8 month year)

Quebec Loan

 To a maximum of \$2,440 per term for institutions approved for loans only in an undergraduate university degree.

OR

For programs in Quebec approved for loans:

- \$305 per month of study for an undergraduate

 \$405 per month of study for a graduate

A new calculation method is used when the level of financial assistance needed is less than the amount of the approved loan for a given award year. This method does not take in to account employment income. However, the amount of financial assistance granted for the award year is limited to the amount of the approved loan. Additionally, if the assessed level of financial need is less than the first portion of the loan (\$2 400 for university level studies), a new assessment will be made without considering the parental contribution. In this case, the financial assistance granted for the given award year is limited to the amount of the first portion of the loan.

If the student is pursuing studies outside Québec, the monthly loan is increased to cover the compulsory fees charged by the educational institution (maximum \$6 000/study period).

<u>Bursaries</u> Contact the Ministère de l'Éducation Supérieur, de la Recherche, Science et Technologie, Aide financière aux études for further information.

Receipt of funding

Processing time:
6 – 8 weeks
A once life-time*
certificate of guarantee
is issued to students and
sent to their educational
institution to initiate the
direct deposit process.

Funds are disbursed monthly through direct deposit at the student's financial institution after confirmation of student status.

Certificates of guarantee are negotiable only at participating lenders in Quebec. See the Government website for lenders.

* A second certificate of guarantee may need to be issued after interruption of studies of more than 6 months.

Comments

Students must be full time.

All college or university programs recognized and subsidized by the province in which they are offered are recognized for loans and bursaries, with the exception of the limited-access programs.
Contact the Ministère de l'Éducation Supérieur, de la Recherche, Science et Technologie, Aide financière aux études for a list of limited access programs.

Students must be enrolled in a program recognized by the Government of Quebec.

Students may use the 'assessment simulator' found on the AFE web site to obtain an estimate of their aid.

Deferred payment

Students may use the 'monthly payment simulator' found on the AFE web site under 'After your Studies - 'Postponement' to determine eligibility.

Students can apply for the Plan at any time during the ten years (120 months) that follow the end of the 6 month partial exemption period.

Provincial Interest Rates

The variable rate for Quebec is currently prime plus 5%.

Saskatchewan INTEGRATED

Address and Contact Person

Student Financial Assistance Branch

Saskatchewan Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration

200-3303 Hillsdale St. Regina, SK S4S 6P4

FAO Inquiries Rose Ann Hamer (306) 787-0692

Fax (306) 787-1608

General Inquiries (306) 787-5620 1-800-597-8278

Web Site www.aeei.gov.sk.ca

<u>Loan Application</u> www.student-loans.sk.ca

Application Deadline & Request for Review

To be eligible for Assistance as determined by the assessment, the student loan application must be received at least 14 business days prior to period of study end date.

Appeals and Reassessments

Deadline – must be received at least 14 business days prior to the end of the period of study end date.

Maximum Available (8 month year)

\$408 per week for Low, Middle, and Above Middle Income students.

Maximum amount for a 34 week program is \$13872.

Students with Dependent children can receive an additional \$47 per child per week.

Maximum repayable amount for Low Income Students: \$7140

Maximum repayable amount for Middle Income Students: \$8330

Maximum repayable amount for Above -Middle Income Students: \$9112

Provincial Interest Rates

Floating rate is prime (3%), and fixed is prime (3%) plus 2.5%.

Receipt of funding

Processing time: Up to 4 weeks.

Integrated Loan
Documents are sent
directly to student.

Funds are advanced to the student through the National Student Loans Service Centre in amounts determined by Student Financial Assistance Branch.

Comments

Additional information about loans, bursaries, and grants for Saskatchewan students can be found in the Student Loan Handbook at:

www.aeei.gov.sk.ca/stude nt-loan-handbook-2013-14

Yukon Territory

Address and Contact Person

Student Financial Assistance Advanced Education Branch Department of Education Government of Yukon P.O. Box 2703 Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2C6

Contact

Carole Theriault ext. 2 carole.theriault@gov.yk.ca (handles surnames A-G)

Nancy Flemming ext. 3 nancy.flemming@gov.yk.ca (handles surnames H-M)

Darlene Gammel ext 1

<u>Darlene.gammel@gov.yk.ca</u>
(handles surnames N-Z)

Fax (867) 667-8555

General Inquiries (867) 667-5929 1-800-661-0408 (in Yukon only)

Web Site www.education.gov.yk.c a/advanceded/sfa

Application Deadline & Request for Review

Canada Student Loan (CSL)

No deadline, but loans must be negotiated prior to the program end date.

Yukon Grant

Six weeks after the start date of classes.

Student Training Allowance

Fourteen (14) training days after the start of classes.

Excellence Awards
No deadline, but must redeem awards within 10 years of leaving high school.

Appeals

No deadline.
A letter of appeal should be submitted with supporting documentation.

Reassessments
During the academic year.

Maximum Available (8 month year)

Loan (CSL)
To a maximum of \$210/week

Grant

To a maximum of: Living costs - \$1037 per semester Tuition - \$519 per semester
Books - \$160 per
semester
Travel Subsidy - \$1,800
per calendar year

Allowance
#Dep Rate/Wk
Student \$96.00
1 Dep \$137.00
2 Deps \$160.00
3 Deps \$180.00
4 Deps \$200.00

2nd Res \$77.00 Awards

Reimbursement
Tuition/compulsory fees
and books to maximum of
awards earned during
high school.

Note: The Yukon does not have a territorial loan program.

Provincial Interest Rates

Yukon Advanced education provides only grant funding; no interest accumulates.

Receipt of funding

Loan (CSL)
Loan documents are sent to the student.
Canada Student Loan disbursed in one disbursement. Grants in two disbursements.

Grant Issued to student via Financial Aid Offices of

Els by semester or quarter

Allowance

Issues to student every 2 weeks

Awards

Upon receipt of proper documentation **NOTE**: Processing time

4 - 5 weeks

Comments

Loan (CSL)
Students must maintain
60% of a full course load
for Canada Student Loan;
students with disabilities in
some instances may be
eligible for federal funding
with 40%.

The Yukon Grant or Student Training Allowance is considered the territorial portion (40%) when assessing Canada Student Loan and not considered as income. Any other scholarships are treated as merit or non merit based on CSL rules.

Grant

Students must maintain 65% overall average to receive <u>full</u> grant funding the following year.

<u>Allowance</u>

Students must be attending Yukon College or an approved Human Resource Development program in Yukon.

<u>Awards</u>

Students must write territorial or departmental' exams in a Yukon high school to access awards and must use up their awards within 10 years of leaving high school.