

Alexander Rutherford

High School Achievement Scholarship



ALEXANDER RUTHERFORD

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Named in honour of Alexander Rutherford, Alberta's first Premier and Minister of Education. The Alexander Rutherford Scholarship recognizes and rewards exceptional academic achievement at the senior high school level and encourages students to pursue post-secondary studies.

Award Value

The Alexander Rutherford Scholarship has a value of up to \$2,500. To qualify for the scholarship, a student must have a minimum combined average based on five designated courses in at least one grade: Grade 10, 11 or 12. The minimum average, value of the award, and courses that can be used depend on the year the student graduated. Students who graduated before April 1, 2008, should check the website for course requirements and award value.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- be a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident,
- be an Alberta resident - the applicant or the applicant's parent(s) must have resided in Alberta during the qualifying grades,
- have completed high school on or after September 30, 1980,
- have attained the required average in five designated subjects in either Grade 10, 11 and/or 12 as calculated from marks on a valid Alberta Education transcript (see list of course requirements). A student need not have met this average in all three school years or in all courses to qualify for a portion of the scholarship, and
- be enrolled full-time in a post-secondary or apprenticeship program.

**NOTE: Averages are not rounded-up for scholarship purposes.
All courses must be completed before starting post-secondary studies.**

Application Procedures

Apply by **May 1** for post-secondary studies starting in September or
Apply by **December 1** for post-secondary studies starting in January.

There is no time limit to apply for the scholarship. Apply only when you have decided to pursue full-time post-secondary studies.

Students who apply after May 1st may not be recognized at their high school awards ceremony and will not be assessed for a Rutherford Scholar Scholarship.

Transcripts are **not** required for courses completed in Alberta. Only marks recorded on a valid Alberta Education transcript will be accepted. High school grades obtained through upgrading at a post-secondary institution are not accepted. Eligible students who complete high school outside of Alberta must submit an official transcript of their high school marks from that province.

Students will be notified by mail of the status of their application in late August for September start date and mid-February for January start date. The award is issued in November for students who applied by May 1, and in April for students who applied by December 1.

Students must notify the office of Alberta Scholarship Programs of any changes to their application.

In the event of a mark change send a revised Alberta Education transcript or course mark statement to Alberta Scholarship Programs.

Faxed or Scanned Applications are not accepted:

Mail to:

Alberta Scholarship Programs
Box 28000 Station Main
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4R4

Courier or Deliver to:

Alberta Scholarship Programs
4th Floor, 9940 106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2V1

2009 Course Requirements

GRADE 10

Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in **five** subjects - \$300
Average of 80.0% or higher in **five** subjects - \$400

- One of: English 10-1, 10-2, Français 10, 13 or 10-2, and
- At least two of the following:
 - Pure Mathematics 10 **or** Applied Mathematics 10
 - Science 10
 - Social Studies 10, 10-1 or 10-2
 - a language other than the one used above at the Grade 10 level, and
- Any two courses with a minimum three credit value at the Grade 10 level (1000 or 4000 series) including those listed above and combined introductory C.T.S. courses.

See NOTES

GRADE 11

Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in **five** subjects - \$500
Average of 80.0% or higher in **five** subjects - \$800

- One of: English 20-1, 20-2, Français 20, 23 or 20-2, and
- At least two of the following:
 - Pure Mathematics 20 **or** Applied Mathematics 20
 - Science 20
 - Biology 20
 - Chemistry 20
 - Physics 20
 - Social Studies 20, 20-1, or 20-2
 - a language other than the one used above at the Grade 11 level, and
- Any two courses with a minimum three credit value at the Grade 11 level (2000 or 5000 series) including those listed above and combined intermediate C.T.S. courses

See NOTES

C. T. S. Courses: Three one credit modules can be combined and used as an option at the Grade 10 and Grade 11 level.
Five one credit modules can be combined and used as an option at the Grade 12 level.

To be combined:

- all courses must be from the same level, i.e. Introductory, Intermediate or Advanced,
- courses can be from different streams or subject area, e.g. computer courses with welding courses, and
- marks will be averaged at the appropriate level.

GRADE 12

Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in **five** subjects - \$700
Average of 80.0% or higher in **five** subjects - \$1,300

- One of: English 30-1, 30-2, Français 30, 30-2, and
- At least two of the following:
 - Pure Mathematics 30
 - Applied Mathematics 30
 - Mathematics 31
 - Science 30
 - Biology 30
 - Chemistry 30
 - Physics 30
 - Social Studies 30, 30-1 or 30-2
 - a language other than the one used above at the Grade 12 level, and
- Any two courses with a minimum five credit value at the Grade 12 level (3000 or 6000 series) including those listed above and combined advanced C.T.S. courses.

See NOTES

NOTES:

- French and Français are not the same course and are not interchangeable
- Only marks earned prior to post-secondary study can be used
- A course cannot be repeated after a higher level course has been taken in the same series
- Averages are not rounded up for scholarship purposes
- All courses showing on a valid Alberta Education high school transcript are acceptable

Additional Information:

Visit alis.alberta.ca/scholarships for a list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding courses and view some sample assessments.

Students who completed high school before April 1, 2008, should visit the website for course requirements.

2009 RUTHERFORD SCHOLARS

A separate application form is not required.

The top ten (10) Alberta students, as determined on the **first** writing of Diploma Examinations, are recognized as “Rutherford Scholars” and receive an additional \$2,500 and a plaque.

Qualifying subjects are:

- One of: English 30-1, 30-2, or Français 30, 30-2, and
- Social Studies 30, 30-1 or 30-2

- **Plus any three of:**
 - Pure Mathematics 30
 - Applied Mathematics 30
 - Biology 30
 - Chemistry 30
 - Physics 30
 - Science 30

Recipients are selected on applications received by May 1.

THE ALBERTA HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Alexander Rutherford Scholarship is funded through the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund. This program was created by a \$100 million endowment from the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund and is designed to stimulate the pursuit of excellence by rewarding outstanding achievement and assisting Albertans to achieve their fullest potential.

Further information about the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund and scholarships offered contact:

Alberta Scholarship Programs

Telephone: 780-427-8640 **Toll Free (Rite Line):** 310-0000 **Email:** scholarships@gov.ab.ca
Website: alis.alberta.ca/scholarships

For information on over 430 awards, bursaries, scholarships sponsored by various companies, organizations, and associations visit the [alis](http://alis.alberta.ca) website and click on “**Scholarship Connections**”.

Institution Codes

For additional institution codes, check the institution code listing at www.alis.alberta.ca/pdf/scholarships/codes.pdf.

University of Alberta	2201	Bow Valley College	2218	Medicine Hat College	2242
University of Calgary	2202	Concordia University College (AB)	2246	Mount Royal University	2243
University of Lethbridge	2203	Devry Institute of Technology	2040	Northern Lakes College	2020
NAIT	2221	Grande Prairie Regional College	2241	Norquest College	2226
SAIT	2222	Grant MacEwan University	2247	Olds College	2224
Alberta College of Art & Design	5110	Keyano College	2230	Portage College	2219
Ambrose University College	9041	Kings University College	2255	Red Deer College	2244
Athabasca University	2204	Lakeland College	2225	St. Mary's University College	5661
Banff Centre	2227	Lethbridge College	2220	Taylor University	2268

