

Attention Graduates!



Thinking about Post-Secondary Studies?

Forget the Myths about Alberta Student Funding
and Get the Facts!

Myth #1

It takes too long to get results once you apply.

FACT

With the online application you may see your results immediately.

Myth #2

I have a car so there goes my chance.

FACT

The value of your vehicle is not used in your assessment.

Myth #3

My parents make too much money!

FACT

There have been significant changes to the expected parental contribution. Last year, only 21% of dependent students were expected to have funding from their parents.

Myth #4

I'll be old and grey before my student loan is paid off.

FACT

The interest rate on government student loans has been decreased, and you may get money back on your income tax for the interest you pay. The Alberta government may pay a portion of your Alberta Student Loan when you graduate.

Myth #5

There's no difference between a bank loan and government student funding.

FACT

You do not pay interest on Government student loans while you are in full-time studies. With government student funding, you may be eligible for loans and non-repayable grants.

Myth #6

I'm getting a scholarship, so I won't be eligible for loans.

FACT

Provincial scholarships do not affect your eligibility for loan funding. There are so many scholarships that you may qualify for. Check out alis.alberta.ca/scholarships.

Now That You Have the Facts...It's Time to Apply!



Scholarships – Don't Miss Out!

Scholarship Connections

Search through available scholarships, grants, bursaries and awards on the Scholarship Connections database at alis.alberta.ca/scholarships.

Alexander Rutherford Scholarship

Program Expanded – You may qualify!

- Students with an average between 75 – 79.9% in Grades 10 to 12 can receive a total of \$1500 in scholarships for post-secondary studies.
- Students with an average of 80% or better in grades 10 to 12 can receive up to \$2500

Applying is Easy! You May be Eligible to Apply Online!

Applying for funding is easier than ever before at alis.alberta.ca/apply. The online application for programs starting August 1, 2009 and later will be available in early June.

Your student funding application is automatically considered for federal and provincial loans, grants and bursaries. If you are unable to apply online, paper applications will also be available in early June. Pick one up at school, any post-secondary school in Alberta, or a Canada-Alberta Service Centre or Alberta Service Centre (for locations go to alis.alberta.ca and click on Career Service Near You).

Get More Information About Loans

- For more information on how student loans work, check out the new and improved Entrance Counselling session at edulinx.ca. EDULINX is the Alberta student loan service provider.
- For tips on budgeting, go to alis.alberta.ca and type “money talks” in the search box.

Questions? Call the Student Funding Contact Centre at 780-427-3722 in the Edmonton area, or 1-800-222-6485 toll-free in Canada

Use the *contact* service at alis.alberta.ca/studentsfinance to receive a response through email.

alis.alberta.ca