



Information Update

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High School Career Planning

Each student will have their own unique career journey, and will each be ready at different times to identify the start of their career plan. Sometimes, a student knows exactly what they want to do after high school. For these students, it simplifies timetable course selections throughout high school as they already know which high school courses they need for their chosen path. More often students don't have any idea of what they wish to pursue for a career or post-secondary program after high school. For these students, it is important to take a variety of courses in order to keep as many options available as possible. Every post-secondary program (certificate - 1 year program, diploma - 2 year program, degree - 4 year program, and trade has specific high school course requirements that must be completed in order to apply to the program.

Yours in Career Planning,

Cindy Visser, Career Advisor

Why Your Marks Matter Now

It is important for students to understand why their marks matter in each grade . . . their success and effort in younger years largely influences the opportunities they will have available to pursue in later years. Admission to post-secondary is largely dependent on high school grades. Extracurricular activities and personal life experiences are sometimes considered for admission to a handful of post secondary programs, but mostly whether or not a student will be accepted into a program of interest will depend on the grades they have achieved in grade 11 and 12.

The marks achieved and courses taken will determine which courses you can take at the next grade level, and the programs you can take at the post-secondary level.

It is important to follow the recommendations by your teachers so that you successful in your classes. You can always upgrade to a higher level in that same subject area later if you need to. Please access this link with information taken from our registration guide on the course sequencing for each core subject area t.ly/shST. Option course pathways and additional information on other courses can be found in the main registration guide here t.ly/attr

Grade 9 - The final marks you earn in grade 9 will determine which stream of core classes you can take in grade 10.

Grade 10 - Your final grades in grade 10 courses determine which classes you can take in your grade 11 year. In grade 10, you also need to decide which sciences you wish to continue to study i.e. chemistry, biology, physics, science.

Grade 11 - As applications for post-secondary studies open October 1st in Alberta, Grade 11 marks are VERY important as colleges and universities offer conditional admission based on the last year of completed marks, which is typically grade 11 marks.

Grade 12 - Final admission is offered once final grades in grade 12 courses have been submitted to your post-secondary institution.



Upcoming Opportunities

World of Choices Career Exploration Event

The World of Choices is a yearly event sponsored by Junior Achievement of Southern Alberta, that provides students with the opportunity to be exposed to a wide variety of career mentors, helping them to narrow down career options that are a good fit for them.



World of Choices is going virtual again this year! Students in grades 9-12 who are interested in exploring career options are welcome to attend. You will meet with career mentors virtually, and learn about a variety of career options and what it takes to fulfill your chosen career path.

You will leave this forum excited about your future and better equipped to meet the challenges of today's work world.

Spots are limited to 20 students per session and available on a first come basis! Sessions will all take place in computer lab 2601 (beside the Career Centre). Each session will feature 5 speakers from areas such as: community policing, business, wealth management, agriculture and environmental services, registered nurse, accountant, veterinary technician, nutrition consultant, lawyer, communications, and firefighter, and more! Students may sign up for one or more sessions as each day will feature different career mentors from the community. Sessions are held on the following dates:

Thursday, March 3rd - 9:55 - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 9th - 12:55 - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15 - 9:55 - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 16th - 12:55 - 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 17th - 9:55 - 11:30 a.m.

In order to participate, students must complete the google form below, then print off the field trip form attached to the newsletter, or located on google classroom, have it signed, and return it to the Career Centre to confirm your spot.

<https://forms.gle/iYwvTX6hBUWKhnRD7>

Women in Engineering Day

The Schulich School of Engineering at the University of Calgary is offering a free virtual event designed to introduce Grade 10 and 11 girls, and other underrepresented groups, to the exciting world of engineering! Students will discover more about the diverse array of engineering disciplines and experience a "day-in-the-life" experience of what studying engineering would be like. This online event takes place on **February 24th, 2022 from 9:00 am - 12:30 p.m.** You must pre-register for this event. Spots are limited so register early!!! [HERE](#)



You're invited to the first VIRTUAL Women in Engineering Day

Requesting Reference Letters

Whether you are applying for employment throughout high school, or one of the many scholarships and bursaries in your grade 12 year, it is important to have reference letters from your teachers and members of the community **WELL AHEAD** of the time you need to submit your application. Stop by the Career Centre to pick up a handout entitled, "How To Ask a Teacher For a Reference". This handout includes a worksheet for you to fill out and photocopy to give to your references outlining your strengths and accomplishments. This will enable the person you have asked, to write a reference letter, the opportunity to better highlight all of your qualities and attributes. * This is also available on google classroom!

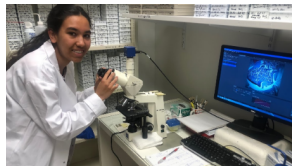


Summer Opportunities



Alberta Innovates High School Youth Researcher Summer Program - U of C

This program is designed for Grade 11 students in Alberta high schools to gain first-hand experience with biomedical and health research, and to introduce them to career opportunities in research. Applicants must have a minimum 85% in each of Math 20-1 or 20-2, Biology 20, and one other grade 11 science in order to be accepted to the program. A maximum of two students from each high school will be selected. Students will work in a University lab doing cutting-edge research, and participants will meet at least once a week for a variety of activities to broaden and enhance their research experience. Activities include safety and introductory training sessions, tours of campus and other research facilities, lectures on health research, and discussions with guest speakers about their careers in research. Students will receive a \$3000 stipend for six weeks of participation in the program. Typically students spend six weeks on the U of C campus, but for 2022 the program may be offered virtually. The deadline to apply to the University of Calgary program is Friday, **March**



18th at 4:00 p.m. Further details and the online registration form can be found [HERE](#)



WISEST (Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science, and Technology) Summer Research Program at the University of Alberta

If you are a Grade 11 female or gender diverse student who would like to explore careers in science, engineering and technology, you are invited to consider applying to participate in the WISEST Summer Research Program. This summer employment opportunity is designed to encourage you to learn more about STEM fields through a placement in one of over 40 areas within the science, engineering, or technology fields. As a WISEST student, you will work for six continuous weeks as a paid research assistant, supervised by faculty or members of a research team, to broaden your awareness of career opportunities. Applicants must have an 85% average in their Grade 11 math and science courses in order to apply. During the work term students can expect the following:

- work six weeks with no time off for vacations or competitions and earn an hourly wage.
- learn through literature reviews, hands-on experimentation and trial-and-error.
- work independently and in a research team.
- contribute to trail-blazing research and a real research project.

Housing and financial assistance is available to participants from outside of Edmonton. With the continued uncertainty surrounding Covid, they are prepared to run the Summer Research Program virtually in 2022 if required. Applications are accepted between **February 1 and March 25, 2022**. For more information, visit this link: [WISEST Program](#)

Junior Forest Ranger Summer Employment Opportunity

Students between 16 - 18 years of age can apply to be part of a camp-based crew (48 spots available) in a paid position (typically a salary of \$2000 - \$3200) over the summer for the Government of Alberta. As a member of the Junior Forest Ranger Program, you'll participate in a seven-week summer work experience program that allows you an opportunity to explore career paths in natural resource management and forestry. You may assist with mop up on a contained wildfire, invasive plant species control, mountain pine beetle traps, trail maintenance, plant and thin trees in order to reduce the threat of wildlife. Applications are accepted from **February 1st to April 1st**. Applicants must be:

- ❑ a full-time student enrolled in grade 10, 11 or 12 at time of application. (16 to 18 years of age as of next July 1)
- ❑ interested in Forestry, Wildfire Operations, Wildlife Biology, Environmental Science, Natural Resource Management or Stewardship
- ❑ in good physical condition
- ❑ available for a five-day overnight training program, starting in the first week of July
- ❑ prepared to live and work in the outdoors for seven weeks

You will also take part in several tours, presentations and training courses related to wildfire and natural resource management. You may receive training and certification in leadership, conflict awareness, brush saw, hand tools, wildlife orientation, ATV training, hunters education, first aid and CPR. A typical working day will not look like any other job you've had before! Registration information is available in the Career Centre and can be accessed by clicking on this link: [Junior Forest Ranger Program Information](#)

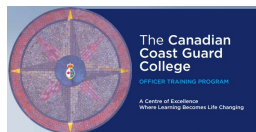




EXPLORE - Live the Canadian Experience

Do you want to learn French while experiencing life in another part of Canada during the summer months? The Explore Program is open to French or English students, and allows students to enjoy 5 weeks of learning, adventure, friendship and discovery at one of Canada's top universities. Students must be currently in Grade 11 or 12 and at least 16 years old on the first day of the program. Most expenses are covered. The early bird application deadline is **February 15, 2022**. For more information, visit www.myexplore.ca

Post-Secondary Institution and Program Highlights



The Canadian Coast Guard College - Officer Training Program

This 4 -year Officer Training Program is one of the best marine training programs in the world for Marine Engineering and Marine Navigation. When you apply to college you will be applying for both a degree program in either marine engineering or marine navigation, and a job with the Public Service of Canada. On acceptance into the program you will receive a fully paid education in either marine engineering or marine navigation at Cape Breton University, a monthly allowance, textbooks and uniforms, accommodation and meals, medical and dental coverage and 4 weeks paid vacation leave per year. The deadline for grade 12 students to apply is **February 18th, 2022**. Click [HERE](#) for full details.



NAIT Virtual Program Previews

Learn which NAIT programs fit your interests and career goals by attending NAIT's Virtual Program Previews. Get a deeper dive into our schools and programs, entrance requirements and student supports, all from the comfort of your own home. Sessions are held in **February and March**. Click on the link to see what NAIT has to offer [HERE](#)



SAIT Virtual Program Previews

Prepare for a strong start in your chosen program or get the details you need to make a decision about your future.

SAIT's expert staff and faculty are ready to answer your questions, and provide information. Discover what sets SAIT apart and have an introduction to the many programs and area of study. The virtual sessions will run in **February**. You must register for the individual sessions. Click [HERE](#) for the full list of the information sessions.



Study and Go Abroad Virtual Education Fair

The Study and Go Abroad Virtual Fair takes place **Friday, February 25th and Saturday, February 26th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** This free virtual event is a great opportunity for students to meet up with top-ranked universities and colleges offering short-term and long-term programs, degrees, diplomas, certificate programs and summer programs.

Looking at taking a gap year? Embassies, consortia and student travel organizations will also be exhibiting at this fair. To check the exhibitors list to see who is coming, and to pre-register, please click here: [Study and Go Abroad Fair](#)

Bursaries, Scholarships, & Essay Contests for Students in Multiple Grades

Stacey Levitt Memorial Award

The Stacey Levitt Memorial Award is open to any Canadian citizen or landed immigrant in grades 9 through 12. This award encourages Canadian youth to embody Stacey's qualities and ideals, live life to the fullest, while maintaining an approach that is rooted in risk management and injury prevention. The Levitt family awards each year's selected recipient \$2,500 in funding to help them live their life to the fullest. The award could be put towards an educational endeavour, engagement in sports, or investment in a travel experience – all pursuits that would have resonated with Stacey. The online application consists of three parts that must be submitted online by the applicant: the application form, a short essay, and a letter of recommendation. The deadline to apply is **February 27th**. For more information and to apply, visit <https://parachute.ca/en/program/stacey-levitt-award/>

Optimist Oratorical Contest Optimist Oratorical Contest

The Optimist International Oratorical Contest is open to students under 19 years of age. Each contestant is required to prepare their own speech between 4 and 5 minutes on the topic "Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times". First place recipient in the club level will be awarded a medallion. The local Optimist Club will then forward the 1st place winner's speech on to be considered at the International level for more monetary awards. Submissions must be brought to the Career Centre by **March 1st**. Information can be found at <https://www.optimist.org/member/scholarships4.cfm>.



Red Deer Arts Council Scholarships

There are 2 scholarships available for students in grades 9 through 12 to apply for in the Central Alberta area. Students must submit a literary piece, visual artwork, or a digital CD or DVD with samples of performing art in order to be considered.

- ❑ The Canada Centennial Scholarship for Secondary Students awards \$500.00 to the top scoring submission from a high school student.
- ❑ The Waskasoo Bluegrass Music Scholarship for Secondary Students of \$500.00 is awarded to the top scoring submission from a high school student studying music and planning to continue their music career in a post-secondary school.

Students must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants from the Central Alberta area, and be currently enrolled as a full-time high school student. The deadline for applications to be submitted is **March 1st at 4:00 p.m.** and must be sent by email, or through regular mail. For detailed information and to access the application form, visit

<https://www.reddeerartscouncil.ca/scholarships-awards/scholarship-awards>



Bissett Bursary Program - SAIT

The Bissett Bursary Program covers all tuition and mandatory fees to attend SAIT. Students can apply for this bursary at any time in grades 10 through 12, and funds will be held to pursue their desired post-secondary program at SAIT after graduation. Applicants must be Alberta residents, and Canadian citizens. Students are chosen for the bursary based on financial need, community involvement, career planning and academic success in high school. Applications are accepted year-round and reviewed on a regular basis, but students are encouraged to apply early. For more information, visit

<https://www.sait.ca/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid/student-awards/bissett-bursary-program>

Sawyer Kiist Passion for Life Bursary

The Sawyer Kiist Passion for Life Bursary awards up to 4 bursaries of \$1000 each to Central Alberta students between the ages of 16 and 24. On March 3rd, 2017, Sawyer was tragically killed in a car accident at the age of 24. Together with the help of The Cow Patti Theatre Company where Sawyer spent some time acting, his family decided to start a bursary to keep his memory alive. The bursary is awarded to individuals who have a passion they would like to pursue. It does not need to be for formal education, and can be used to pursue an interest/passion that universities/colleges do not provide. There is no formal application form. Applicants must send information about themselves and what they want to pursue, in whatever form they find most comfortable, whether that be a short essay, power point, informal letter, etc., or a video of themselves. Relevant, pictures and/or links are appreciated. Please also provide your email address and phone number. As far as what they consider as a valid interest... it can be anything! The deadline for submissions to be emailed to **remembering.sawyerk@gmail.com** is **April 30th**.



Horatio Alger Scholarship for Grade 11 Students

The Horatio Alger Association of Canada provides 160 x \$5000 scholarship to deserving grade 11 students from all Canadian provinces and territories. Scholarships are awarded to applicants with financial need (family income under \$65,000) who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, a commitment to pursue post-secondary education, a desire to contribute to society, and a minimum average of 70%. the deadline to submit your application is **March 15th**. Visit the website for information on how to submit your application

[HERE](#)

Anthem Essay Contest

Have you ever read one of Ayn Rand's thought-provoking novels? Now's the time! Students in grades 9 - 12 can enter the Ayn Rand Institute essay contest and you'll have a chance to win up to \$2000 in scholarship prize money. Essays must be no fewer than 600 and no more than 1,200 words in length. Winning essays must demonstrate an outstanding grasp of the philosophic meaning of *Anthem*. Essays must be submitted online by **April 28th**. For more information, please visit

<https://aynrand.org/students/essay-contests/>

Local Red Deer and Area Scholarships/Bursaries for Grade 12 Students

Hockey Alberta Referee Scholarship

Are you currently a hockey official? Hockey Alberta awards three scholarships of up to \$1500.00. Applicants must be a member in good standing with the province in the current season and hold a minimum of Level 2.

Criteria also includes:

- must have been a resident of Alberta for at least 2 years.
- 18 years of age by December 15th of the season they are applying for the scholarship.
- An active official, working games at any level.
- Attending a post secondary institution in a recognized program on a full time basis. This will also include a recognized trade school program.
- Other criteria will include, but is not limited to, the applicant's on-ice ability and off-ice contribution to his/her zone.

The deadline for applications to be submitted is **April 1st**. For more information, visit

<https://www.hockeyalberta.ca>



Landmark Group of Builders Youth Volunteer Scholarship

A minimum of \$1,000 will be awarded annually to one or more applicants. This scholarship is available to individuals who have been registered in the Alberta Health Services Youth Volunteer Program within the last year volunteering a minimum of 30 hours. To be eligible, applicants:

- Must be enrolled in and attending grade 12 or have completed grade 12 within the past year.
- Must be accepted into a recognized healthcare related field.
- Must demonstrate a commitment to academic success through positive influence, regular attendance, etc. as specified in supporting documents, including high school transcripts.
- Must demonstrate community involvement and leadership abilities as specified in supporting documents.

Applications must be e-mailed to them prior to **March 1st**.

For more information visit:

<https://www.rdrhfoundation.com/scholarship-landmark>

Scholarships, Bursaries, and Awards for Grade 12 Students

Alberta Scholarships

Numerous scholarships and bursaries are available to students who live in Alberta and are pursuing further education upon completion of high school. The following link contains scholarships and awards that are offered by the Government of Alberta and administered by Student Aid Alberta. Click [HERE](#)



RE/MAX Quest for Excellence Program

Are you involved in leadership activities, volunteering and/or contributing to the community? Have you led a group of volunteers, raised funds for a worthwhile cause, helped special needs children, or cared for seniors? There are sixteen bursaries of \$1000 being offered to grade 12 students who contribute to their community in a positive way.

Applications must be submitted online by **March 14th**. See the Career Centre for more information or check the website at: <https://blog.remax.ca/quest-for-excellence/>

Manulife Life Lessons Scholarship Program.

Manulife has introduced the first Life Lessons Scholarship Program in Canada, for students who've experienced the death of a parent or guardian with little or no life insurance. The Scholarship Program helps combat the financial burden of paying for post-secondary education during an emotional time, and recognizes the perseverance that so many youth show in such adversity. Students currently enrolled in or who have been accepted to a college, university or trade school within Canada and are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, between 17 and 24 years of age. The deadline to apply is **March 31st**. Further information and the online application is available by clicking [HERE](#)

Rotary Career Opportunity Fund Bursary

The Rotary Career Opportunity Fund is a joint program of the Rotary Club of Red Deer, the Red Deer and District Community Foundation, Red Deer Public School District, and Red Deer Catholic Regional Division. Applications are available in the Career Centre and on the Grade 12 google classroom. Completed applications must be submitted to the Career Centre by 12:00 p.m. on **Monday, May 2nd**. 15 awards of \$2000.00 each will be made to deserving students, from the two school divisions based on the following criteria:

- a need for financial assistance in order to continue studies
- demonstrated leadership and motivational skills through participation in student, community, and/or business activities
- academic achievement adequate to gain admission to the school and program of choice.

Belcourt Brosseau Métis Award

Applicants must be of Métis ancestry, and planning to attend a post-secondary program leading to a recognized certificate, diploma, undergraduate or professional degree in Alberta. Consideration will be given to applicants who are involvement in the Métis community, have financial need, and gainful employment. The deadline for applications to be submitted online is **March 31st**. For more information, please visit the Career Centre or visit:

<https://www.ecfoundation.org/grants/student-awards/belcourt-brosseau-metis-award/>



Post-Secondary Institution Information for Grade 12 Students

Red Deer Polytechnic Entrance Scholarships & Awards Application

The online General Awards Application will be open for students to apply for hundreds of entrance scholarships from **March 1st until May 31st**. Students must have already applied to attend Red Deer Polytechnic for fall, 2022 in order to complete the application for entrance awards. The awards application is very user friendly and straight forward. Students will need to log in with their LOOP username and password, click on applications to start a new application for awards, then simply answer the questions as listed. Once submitted, if there are additional awards available that the system detects that the student could be eligible for, the student can then click on the award identified and answer any supplemental questions required. Red Deer Polytechnic has hundreds and hundreds of entrance awards for all types of learners and situations. There is even one for being a child of someone who previously attended RDP!

Checking Post-Secondary Messages On-line

At this time of year, it is imperative that you are going on-line and checking the status of your application for the various post-secondary institutions to which you have applied! There are deadlines coming up . . . to accept your offer, tuition deposits, deposits for residence and housing, entrance scholarship deadlines, and dates that you need to know such as when you can begin building your student timetable! Some institutions will require that you upload your completed semester one marks directly to their site to upgrade the status of your application.

For those students who are attending out of province institutions (as well as some Alberta institutions such as U of A) - ensure that you are meeting deadlines for submitting updated marks. Remember - it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to ensure that you request your final transcript from Alberta Education through MyPass to be sent directly to out of province institutions. Failure to do so could result in your acceptance being revoked. If institutions request your interim grades, please visit the Career Centre to complete a request form and we will ensure that your interim grades are sent.

You will have been provided a user name and password from the post-secondary institution after applying. You will need to log in regularly to check the status of your application, and be made aware of any outstanding items that need to be addressed in order for you to gain final admission.

Updating Marks Through LaunchPad - University of Alberta

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Deadline to Apply to Post-Secondary Institutions

Many post-secondary institutions in Alberta will continue to accept application for their programs until they fill, which is sometimes right up until the start of fall classes. The deadline to apply for admission to the **University of Calgary, and most programs at the University of Alberta is March 1st!**. To find application deadlines for Alberta post-secondary institutions, view the ELAA Dates at a Glance poster at

https://www.elaa.ab.ca/uploads/pdf/2021/ELAA_2021-22_Dates_at_a_Glance_Print.pdf

Career Planning for Grade 12 Students

Grade 12 students are currently making decisions about what to do after graduation. It is important to realize that what is right for one student, is not necessarily a good fit for someone else. Many of our students will be pursuing some type of further education in a post-secondary institution or trade school. Others may have plans to travel, take a GAP year, or pursue employment opportunities. For those who need to upgrade their courses or marks, coming back to Lindsay Thurber for grade 13 is a great choice because the cost of upgrading at a post-secondary institution can run upwards of \$500+ per high school course. Some students are feeling the pressure of deciding what is a good fit for them. Remember - your career path is a lifelong journey - you are only currently planning step #1. The important thing is to leave Lindsay Thurber at the end of June with a plan that fits you. Please visit the Career Centre if you wish to make an appointment to discuss options.



Student Loans

Federal and provincial student loan applications for those attending post-secondary institutions in the fall of 2022 do not open until June. The Career Centre will present information to grade 12 students and parents on student loans and post-secondary funding in late May/early June.

Stay Informed

Grade Specific Career Centre Google Classrooms

Students in all grades should have received an invite to join their grade specific Career Centre Classroom. Please visit the Career Centre if you have not received an invite through your school email.

Advertising in the Career Centre

Students are encouraged to visit the Career Centre where opportunities, scholarships, and upcoming events are advertised on the table inside the room, as well as on the bulletin board.

Lindsay Thurber Website

Please visit the Career Centre section of the school website for information on career planning, scholarships, and more at <https://www.rdpd.ab.ca/lindsaythurber/page/6616/career-centre>

Off Campus Programs

Work Experience

Are you looking for a job? Check out our student job posting board located in the hallway outside the Learning Commons. If you have a job, make sure you see one of our work experience coordinators to get signed up. You can earn 15 credits towards your high school diploma through the work experience program.

If you have already signed up for work experience, be sure to continue handing in your paystubs until June.

Green Certificate

Do you live on a farm or work in an Agricultural setting? The Green Certificate can offer you 16 high school credits in the Agricultural field. Some programs offered through the Green Certificate are Beekeeping, Cow/Calf, Dairy, Field Crop, Equine, etc. See Mrs. Rudolph in the work experience office for more information. **NOTE:** We do not place students on farms; the student must find their own placement.

Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP)

Did you know that you need to be indentured by a company before you can apply to a trade school? The RAP program offers you the opportunity to be hired by a local company in the trades and speed up the process of attending post secondary for your desired trade. You can earn up to 40 high school credits in the RAP program in various trades and you are eligible for a \$1000 scholarship.

We highly recommend that the student has their driver's license when applying for the RAP program. See Mrs. Rudolph in the work experience office for more information and/or to pick up an application.