

Student Career News

News

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1. Many students feel unprepared for the academic demands of post-secondary. The lack of studying and writing skills are often cited as the main reasons for their unpreparedness. The [University of Regina Student Success Center](#) is willing to assist us in preparing our students by providing sessions at our schools. Session options include academic writing, research, note-taking, reading, study skills, writing tests and managing stress. As well, grade 12 students are welcome to join their [upcoming sessions](#) on campus. Contact [Student Success Centre](#), 306.585.4076.
2. The [Neil Squire Society](#) is a national not-for-profit organisation that assists people with disabilities (of any kind) in finding employment. In addition, they offer several other programs to help participants become job ready. Clients work with staff and can expect to learn career and personal development, wellness for work and job search support; they may also take part in ergonomic and/or assistive technology assessment. Clients must be 15 years of age and must have a self-disclosed disability. For more information contact [Nikiki Langdon](#) 306-781-6023, in Regina.
3. [myBlueprint](#) is a free online career development support tool that allows students to actively learn about their interests, skills, passions, and feelings, then match those with potential career options. The site also contains a fantastic resume generator, budgeting tools, and link to post-secondary institutional programs all through Saskatchewan, Canada, and North America. Please use the PSSD [Student Sign-up for myBlueprint](#), to get started. This will contain a specific link for PSSD students to sign-up.
4. Looking for some apps to help you out with career exploration? Feel free to check out this [8-app starter pack](#), that includes links to Apple's App Store and Google Play.
5. [The University of Regina's Accelerated Program](#) is a great opportunity for grade 12 students to take a university class such as English 100 and Math 110, lessening their course load in their first year at university. Course delivery can be in one of the regional colleges, online or on-campus. Contact [Flexible Learning](#), 306.585.5807.
6. [Encounters with Canada](#) is Canada's largest youth forum and provides a once in a lifetime experience. Participants (age 14-17) tour Ottawa and are introduced to Canada's diverse cultures, heritage, institutions, history, leaders and contemporary issues. Students have a choice of one of [14 career-themed weeks](#). Students who attended past sessions rave about this awesome opportunity! Register [here](#)!
7. [Career Safety Education](#) (CSE) is a fantastic opportunity if you are currently on your way to building your resume and wanting to look like a star candidate for your future employers. Now you can receive safety training **for FREE!** Whether this training is to help you keep first-day awkwardness at bay or further develop your career, you are in the right place. Safety training looks great on resumes and post-secondary applications, as well as [scholarship applications!](#) The [CES Program](#) is available to all students. For more information, please contact [Merissa](#) or call 306-757-3197 or toll free 1-855-280-7115

8. The [Government of Canada's Financial Literacy](#) blog has put out a great post on [A new financial adventure: Managing money in college or university](#). This entry includes tips on budgeting and includes a budgeting worksheet, budget calculator, credit card comparison tool, and information on various forms of educational funding in Canada.
9. [St. John Ambulance](#) offers a number of courses for schools to choose from. Please check the [following document](#) for more information and the [Moose Jaw 2019 Training Schedule](#) for dates and times. High school students who are preparing themselves to pursue post-secondary education or will shortly be entering the workforce may be required to have first aid, CPR, and food safe training. Please contact [Christiane Bouvier Rose](#) at 306-692-1600 for more information.
10. The Moose Jaw Kinsmen Sportsplex has now posted their [2019 mid-winter & spring advance swimming courses](#). This includes Red Cross Psychological First Aid, Standard First Aid & CPR AED, and Lifesaving Instructor training. Please contact the Kinsmen Sportsplex reception desk for more information, 306-694-4483.
11. The Saskatchewan Dragoons will be hosting an **Emergency Services Open House** on **Tuesday, February 5th**, from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. In attendance will be Moose Jaw Police, RCMP, Moose Jaw Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, K9, and Canadian Armed Forces. This is being hosted at the Moose Jaw Armoury (1215 Main Street North). For more information please contact Sergeant Steven Cox at 306-692-2550 or Steven.Cox@forces.ca.
12. [Our Way – Employment and Social Development Canada](#) can help with financial assistance to scholarships and grants; saving, planning and paying for your education is within reach. Included are links to Colleges and Universities, post-secondary program search, repayments assistance estimator, career tool, and information on studying abroad.
13. [Post-Secondary Contact Information](#): Looking for contact information for certain colleges and universities that PSSD students access regularly? [Here is a guide](#) to help you find what you are looking for with phone numbers and email addresses.

Post- Secondary Information

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA:

- [Admission on the Spot](#) will be held on **December 7th** in [Regina](#) and on **December 6th** in [Moose Jaw](#), at **Vanier Collegiate from 3:30 – 7:30 pm, in the library**. Students will be able to apply and receive admissions on this day if they come with a transcript and pay the reduced application fee of \$70. Luther College will also be offering \$1000 discounts (\$500/semester) to any students who apply to Luther Residence at the event. Students can apply to all faculties but may only be offered admission into the [Faculties of Arts, Business, Engineering, Kinesiology and Health Studies, Media and Art Performance, Science, Social Work, and Education](#). Contact [Recruitment](#), 1.800.644.4756
- Applying For [Education](#)? Applicants must fill out the online [Teacher Education Application Profile \(TEAP\)](#) instead of "High School" as the application type when starting the online process. For more instruction on the process you can review [this page](#) before completing.
- High school students interested in applying to the [Faculty of Nursing](#) must do so through the [Saskatchewan Polytechnic](#) website. For more instruction on the application process you can review www.sasknursingdegree.ca . Application deadline is **February 15th**.
- Have a brain that is a whirlwind of creativity? The [Arts Education Program](#) is designed to prepare teachers of Arts Education for K-12 schools and alternate educational settings. Want to experience a day in the life of an Arts Education student before you start your studies? Come be a [Student for a day!](#) There many options to choose from to create your day. Choose from Visual Education, Drama, Music, or Dance.

- The U of R has created a handy [Admissions Checklist](#) for students to use once they receive conditional acceptance into their university. This checklist is helpful as students try to figure out what to do next.
- The applications for on-campus housing are [now open!](#) Students can indicate if they would like to live with a friend as well as apply for a Living-Learning Community at the same time. Take a [virtual tour](#) or sign up for a [campus tour including residence](#).
- Thinking of taking a “Gap Year” (planning to work, travel, or volunteer), next year? The U of R has an [option for you to apply](#) for to help you return, without reapplying, the following year. You must be admitted into a program already to apply. Contact the [Admissions Office](#) for questions.

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN:

- Students applying for [early admission](#) are reminded that the deadline is **December 1st**. Applying before then allows you to apply for the [Best and Brightest Entrance Scholarships](#). The deadline to apply for these scholarships is **December 15th**.
- [The priority deadline to apply](#) to the U of S is **February 15th**. This maximizes students' award potential in the [Guaranteed Entrance Scholarships](#) and the [Competitive Entrance Awards](#).
- The [How to Apply](#) page of U of S website will help you start your application process.
- Make sure to check the [Requirements and Deadlines](#) of the programs you are applying for.
- [Residence applications](#) are now open for **Fall 2019**. Students should [apply online](#) via the Residence Housing Portal as early as possible. Applications are considered on a first come, first served basis, regardless of students' admission status. Please use this [online brochure](#) for more details. For more information contact residence@usask.ca or call 306-966-6775.

SASKATCHEWAN POLYTECHNIC:

- The 11th Annual Sask Polytechnic [Robot Rumble competition](#) will be on **March 21st** in Saskatoon, and is open to all grade 9 – 12 students. The Polytechnic distributes SUMObot kits to participating schools on a first come, first served basis. Priority will be given to the schools who have not previously participated. Each kit contains all the parts to build your bot. Prizes will be given out! Registration opens on **January 2nd**. School registration deadline is **February 1st** and Team registration deadline is **February 15th**.
- The [Women in Trades & Technology Exploratory Courses](#) provides fantastic opportunities for young women to explore trade & technology careers through hands on, experiential learning sessions. Course content includes automotive servicing, carpentry, electrical, machining, plumbing, and welding. Contact [Michelle](#), 306-694-8446.
- Applications are now open for [High Demand Programs](#). High Demand Programs include, [Dental Hygiene](#), [Medical Radiologic Technology](#), [Power Engineering Technology](#), and [Practical Nursing](#). Application **deadline is February 15**.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 1	U of S Early Admission Deadline This is the deadline to apply to be eligible for the Best and Brightest Scholarships . Also, students who apply by Dec. 1 with an average over a specific percent can receive automatic conditional acceptance in the competitive ranking-based colleges of Kinesiology (90%), Bachelor of Science in Animal Bioscience (85%), and Education (80%)	University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon
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Dec. 6	University of Regina's Admission on the Spot 3:30 – 7:30 p.m. Students will be able to apply and receive admissions provided they bring a school certified transcript. The application fee at this event will be \$70 (\$30 discount).	Vanier Collegiate, Moose Jaw
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Dec. 7	Admission on the Spot 3:30 – 7:30 p.m. Students will be able to apply and receive admissions on this day if they come with a school certified transcript. The application fee at this event will be \$70 (\$30 discount).	U of R, Regina
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Dec. 7	What Is Business 2018?	9:30 a.m-3:00 pm	U of R, Regina
	Grade 11 & 12 students will learn about the business programs and attend workshops/mini-lectures provided by instructors. Bonuses include a free pizza lunch and a chance to win a \$500 bursary. Contact Business Administration .		
Dec. 7	Kinesiology and Health Studies 2018	9:30 am to 3:30 pm	U of R, Regina
	Grade 11 & 12 students will learn about the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies programs and tour the campus. Contact Heather , 306.585.4854		
Dec. 8	RCMP Career Presentation	9:00 am	RCMP Heritage Centre, Regina
	This is the first step involved in applying to the RCMP. They will review recruitment processes.		
Dec. 15	Deadline for University of Saskatchewan Best and Brightest Scholarships (see Dec. 1 st for specifics)		
Feb. 1	Olds College Preview Day – Equine Programs		Olds, Alberta
	There will be informative sessions and campus tours involving the Equine Science programs.		
Feb. 5	Emergency Services Open House	1:00 to 3:30 pm	Moose Jaw
	The Saskatchewan Dragoons are hosting an afternoon for students to come and learn about Firefighting, Police, RCMP, Emergency Response, and Canadian Armed Forces. This will be hosted at the Moose Jaw Armouries (1215 Main Street North). For more information please contact Sergeant Steven Cox at 306-692-2550 or Steven.Cox@forces.ca .		
Feb. 8	Olds College Preview Day – Animal Science programs		Olds, Alberta
	Preview Day will include guided tours and program information sessions on the Business Management, Business Administration, Sports Management, Hospitality & Tourism Management and Brewmaster & Brewery Operations Management programs.		
Feb. 15	Deadline for:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing Applications (Polytechnic/U of R's Bachelor of Science in Nursing) • U of S Admissions to be eligible for the Competitive Entrance Awards • U of S Kinesiology, Engineering and Business Applications • Saskatchewan Polytechnic's High Demand Program Applications 		

Remember, **February 15th** is the priority deadline for applications for the fall semester, at many post-secondary schools. Make sure to check the deadlines for applying, on the programs you are interested in. Check the institution's website for details or [give them a call!](#)

Scholarship Spotlight

Are you a Saskatchewan student planning to attend a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution?

If yes, congratulations! You are a scholarship winner. The [Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship](#) awards all Saskatchewan grade 12 graduates a scholarship of \$500 per year. Students may receive this scholarship up to a lifetime maximum of \$2,000. This scholarship is automatically applied to their tuition.

[Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Industry \\$1000 scholarships](#) are rewarded each year to over 120 students who complete the Youth Apprenticeship passport. Each school nominates a potential candidate and winners are announced in June. Many Prairie South students have won this scholarship. Check with your school administrator or guidance counsellor for information on how you can earn 300 hours towards an apprenticeship trade along with the chance to win a \$1000 scholarship.

[Our Way – Employment and Social Development Canada](#) can help with financial assistance of scholarships and grants; saving, planning and paying for your education is within reach. Included are links to Colleges and Universities, post-secondary program search, repayments assistance estimator, career tool, and information on studying abroad

Don't forget that the [Scholarship and Loans](#) section of the PSSD website has some documents to assist you in your financial assistance and scholarship search, as well as a scholarship organizer tool, including:

- [Post-Secondary Finances](#)
- [Scholarship Search Engines](#)
- [Post-Secondary Institution Scholarship Links](#)

Due Date	Scholarship	Amount	Criteria
Dec. 15	Burger King	Awards range from 1,000 to \$50,000.	→ Must have a min. average of 80%. → Consideration will be given to each applicant's academic record (50%) and participation in school and community activities (50%).
Dec. 31	Lives That Make a Difference	2 X \$3000 & 2 X \$2,000 (\$1,000 for classrooms)	→ Must write an essay based on someone you feel as made the biggest impact on Canadian society. → Students in grades 5- 12 can apply.
Jan. 31	Dick Martin Scholarship Award	• 2 X \$3,000	→ Must be enrolled in an Occupational Health and Safety related course leading to an OH&S certificate/diploma/degree. → 1,000 word essay required.
Jan. 30	Mensa Canada Scholarships	• Varies from \$2,000 - \$3,000	→ A 250 word essay about your career plan is required and a description of relevant experience and the difficulties you have overcome in pursuit of your goal.

Jan. 30	Schulich Leader Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$60,000 & \$80,000 (over 4 years) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → For students planning to study Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (refer to list of eligible post-secondary schools). → At the U of S, eligible programs include the Engineering, Science, Agribusiness, Renewable Resource Management, and Agriculture programs. → Must be nominated by the school representative. → Must possess at least 2 of the following 3 attributes: outstanding leadership, academic excellence and financial need.
Feb. 1	Hal Rogers Endowment Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 X \$1000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant. → Must be a student in the process of graduating from high school or currently studying or registered at a post-secondary institution. → Must complete the current application form and submit it to the Kinsmen, Kinette or Kin Club closest to their permanent residence by February 1. Bursary winners are notified before June 30 by their sponsoring club. → Will be evaluated on their community and school involvement, knowledge of Kin Canada and financial need
Feb. 1	Terry Fox Humanitarian Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 X \$28,000 (over 4 years) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Must have a satisfactory academic standing and be involved in voluntary humanitarian and community work. → 3 references are required to complete referral forms.
March 1	Stacey Levitt Memorial Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 X \$2500 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Applicants must submit a short essay on living life to the fullest, helping others, etc. → Letter of recommendation required.
March 1	Saskatchewan Agriculture Student Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 X \$4,000 • 3 X \$2,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Must be planning to take an agriculture related program. → Must submit a video or essay based on topics surrounding agriculture and sustainability. → For some inspiration, check out the Peterson Brothers' YouTube Channel , thinkAG & AgriPathways
March 3	Beaverbrook Vimy Prize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winners will travel August 7th-20th of 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Open to youth 15-17 years of age. → awarded on the basis of essay submissions, reference letters, and motivation letters

March 15	Queen's Diamond Jubilee Scholarship The Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 X \$1000 • 20 X \$500 	<p>→ For Grade 12 students who are at risk of not succeeding in their first post-secondary year due to financial burdens and vulnerable circumstances.*</p> <p>→ For Grade 11 students living with vulnerable circumstances to assist them in completing their grade 12 education.*</p> <p>* Administrators and school leadership teams nominate students who are at risk of not completing high school for the above scholarships. Please talk to them about this scholarship.</p>
March 31	SaskTel Scholarships (applications will open in January)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 X \$3000 	<p>→ Be Saskatchewan residents</p> <p>→ Be enrolled or plan to enrol in full-time at a post-secondary educational institution in Saskatchewan</p> <p>→ Be enrolled in a degree, diploma, or certificate program directly related to telecommunications (Computer Science, Engineering, Accounting, and Business Administration).</p> <p>→ Have achieved a minimum of 75% grade average in their most recent educational standing.</p>
All Year (check website for specific dates)	CWB Welding Foundation Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various Amounts • Apply as early as possible as funds are limited 	<p>→ Must be accepted into a full-time welding program for post-secondary</p> <p>→ Complete online form</p> <p>→ Provide 2 references (not family)</p> <p>→ Include current transcript verification report with grade 11-12 marks highlighted (school report transcript is fine)</p> <p>→ Letter of recommendation (teacher, staff member, employer) relating to your welding activities</p> <p>→ Acceptance letter to post-secondary institution</p> <p>→ 500 word essay (details on site under Instructions)</p> <p>→ Recipients must agree to be publically acknowledged</p>

*To all of our students, parents, and staff,
we wish you a safe and happy holiday season!*



See you in the new year!