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**Reminder: The information provided in this newsletter is the most up-to-date information that we have, at this time. Upcoming dates and events may change based on the current climate of our province. Please make sure to keep up to date with websites and contact institutions directly, for confirmations. Thank you!**

## News

1. A reminder to all grade 12s that your [official high school transcripts](#) need to be ordered through the Government of Saskatchewan. Schools can provide “unofficial copies of marks” but the post-secondary schools will be looking for your official transcripts. You can send five or fewer copies to different locations (**including your home, which we highly recommend**) for \$20.00 total. Here is a [cheat sheet](#) to help you with your ordering. To get your final transcripts, you will want to select “After June Exams” as that is when your final marks will be submitted to the ministry of education. These will be sent off around mid-July to the post-secondary schools. **For the Spring 2020 semester (semester 2), marks will still be submitted at the end of June, as they normally would.**
2. Student loans provide great assistance to students when it come to paying for their post-secondary education. The online [Student Loan](#) application for the **2020/2021 school year** has not yet been made available, due to the current COVID-19 climate. Pending government approvals, the [new measures for student loans](#) will come into effect on **August 1**, and be available to students for one year. There are many scholarships available through student loans as well. For more information contact [studentservices@gov.sk.ca](mailto:studentservices@gov.sk.ca), 306-787-5620 or 1-800-597-8278. Keep watching the site for updates. To assist in preparing to apply for student loans, please visit the [Student Loan Application](#) page to familiarize yourself with the process.
3. **For Grade 12s moving on to post-secondary education**, this fall, the [Canada Emergency Student Benefit](#) (CESB) provides financial support to high school graduates (and post-secondary students) who are unable to find work due to COVID-19. This benefit is for students who do not qualify for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) or Employment Insurance (EI). All grade 12s should DEFINITELY read [How to Apply for Emergency Student Benefits](#) by Adam McNeil, Briercrest Representative at Briercrest Christian Academy. It is a fantastic resource on step by step instruction on how to apply, coming out of high school. Just scroll down to the “High School Graduate” section of the article. For questions about applying and CESB eligibility requirements, call 1-833-966-2099. More of an explanation can be found in this [Global News article](#).
4. Looking for ways to make sure you are safe on the job site plus build the certification section of your resume? **Saskatchewan Safety Council** offers FREE [Career Safety Education](#) training for students ages 14-21. You can [enroll](#) anytime. For more information contact [cse@sasksafety.org](mailto:cse@sasksafety.org) or 1-855-280-7115.

5. **University of Regina, University of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Polytechnic health and dental plans** are automatically applied to student fees in the fall. Students can opt out of them by providing proof that they are covered by an equivalent plan. This can provide a savings of about \$250. To opt out, complete the appropriate form in September: [U of R](#), [U of S](#), & [Saskatchewan Polytechnic](#). For other schools please visit [www.studentcare.ca](http://www.studentcare.ca) or by calling the institution directly.
6. [Sun West Distance Learning Centre](#) is offering Agricultural Equipment Technician 20 & 30 ([AET 20](#), [AET 30](#)), as well as the NEW [Parts Technician 30L](#) course, to students for Fall 2020. These courses are supplied, free of charge, through generous donations. To register, please contact your school administrator. Registration will open **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. For more specific information or questions, please contact Lori Gasper, Ag Coordinator for SWDL at 306-252-1000 ext. 832115 or [Lori.Gasper@sunwestsd.ca](mailto:Lori.Gasper@sunwestsd.ca).
7. The [saskjobs.ca website](#) or [indeed.com](#) is a great resource for students seeking summer employment.
8. The [Caring Careers website](#) has everything you'll want to know about starting a career in the disability sector. It has the latest job postings, as well as tools, resources, and videos.
9. CTV News has released a new article, "[These jobs may be the most-in-demand in a post-pandemic Canada](#)".
10. [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.
11. The [Saskatchewan Cancer Agency](#) would like to provide information on educational opportunities for students interested in the field of radiation therapy. Radiation therapists use advanced computer systems and sophisticated radiation therapy equipment to plan and deliver radiation treatments while providing patient support throughout the treatment process. For more information please visit [www.saskcancer.ca/rtschool](http://www.saskcancer.ca/rtschool) , email [rtschoolinfo@saskcancer.ca](mailto:rtschoolinfo@saskcancer.ca) , or call 306-766-2288. Application forms will open Fall of 2020 for school commencing in 2021.
12. The [2020 Relevance Magazine: Career Options for Your Future](#) publication, from the Saskatoon Industry Council, is available to all students for articles and interviews on Saskatchewan residents following their career paths.

## Post- Secondary Information

### UNIVERSITY OF REGINA:

- Students attending in the fall are invited to join in the [U of R Orientation activities](#) on **August 31 and September 1**. This is guaranteed to be a day filled with helpful sessions and many other opportunities, all online. This is the best way to begin your post-secondary adventure as it provides opportunities to mix and mingle with students and professors. There is an [Online Orientation](#) for those students who want to get a jump start on the U of R experience.
- Students are encouraged to check the U of Regina [FAQs for Students](#). There is information regarding the Fall 2020 semester. These will continue to be updated. Also, make sure to check your U of R email as information will be sent out to registered students.

- [Summer Virtual Bridge Program](#) will run from **August 4 to 27 (orientation on July 8)**. New students are given the chance to experience university life and develop their skills before taking on a full-load of classes. The program incorporates academic skills, university preparation, and social activities to prepare students to be successful at the University of Regina. Please apply by **June 15 (or until it is filled)**. For more information contact [student.success@uregina.ca](mailto:student.success@uregina.ca) or call 306-585-4076.
- [URready](#) is a new website for students that are interested on getting a head start on their university programming. Contact [enrolment.services@uregina.ca](mailto:enrolment.services@uregina.ca) or 306-585-4591 for more information.

### **SASKATCHEWAN POLYTECHNIC:**

- Students enrolled in a certificate or diploma program can apply for [scholarships](#) which started on May 1. These scholarships are added to, throughout the year. More information can be found on the [Student Awards Frequently Asked Questions](#) section. The application period for **May 1** will close on **July 31**.
- [Easy Start Transition Workshop for Students Who Require Accessibility Services](#) has been CANCELLED, during this time. This workshop provides students, living with a disability, information on academic support, accommodations, documentation requirements, financial assistance and assistive technology. Please contact [Accessibility Services Offices](#) for more information.
- [Plan.Program.Play](#) is for Youths between the ages of 13-17 can explore game development at Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Virtual Plan Program Play. Together, we will discuss the local gaming industry and over the duration of the 3 day camp, we will work to create a complete game that you can show off to your friends and family! The game will include code, basic asset development plus sounds and music. This camp will be offered completely online from 10:00-3:00 with a 45 minute break for lunch on **June 17, 18 and 19**. Internet connection necessary. For more information, contact [Gavin Osborne](#). Cost is \$70.00. Please [Register](#). Deadline is **June 10**.
- The [FAQ section](#) has been updated to give current information regarding the Fall 2020 semester.
- Looking to speak to a Sask Poly advisor, during this time? Student Recruitment Advisors are available from home, via phone, email, and now ZOOM Drop-In (no appointment required)  
Options:
  - Phone 1-866-467-4278 (general line)
  - Moose Jaw – 306-691-8429
  - Regina – 306-775-7395
  - Saskatoon – 306-659-4012
  - Prince Albert – 306-765-1611
  - Email – [askaquestion@saskpolytech.ca](mailto:askaquestion@saskpolytech.ca)
  - [Zoom Drop-ins](#) (Mon-Thurs, 1:00 to 3:00 pm)
  - [Become a Student Advising Session](#)

### **UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN:**

- [Orientation](#) for new students will be held on **September 2**. Students attending the U of S this fall won't want to miss this interactive and fun event. It is the best way to ensure your life as a university student begins on the right track. Registration for orientation will open in August.
- The [New Students](#) page provides newly admitted students invaluable information on how to register for classes, pay tuition, buy textbooks, access the learning centres, etc.
- [U-Start](#) is a pre-orientation to help new USask students prepare for university, taking place from **May 25 to June 12**. Sessions take place online through a variety of methods, including webinars, videos and live chats.
- You can still register for the [Faculty of Arts and Sciences](#). The deadline is **August 15**. Please refer to the [Requirements and Deadlines](#) section for more information. Visit the [How to Apply](#) section to register.

- New students are encouraged to sign-up for the U of S's [Learning Communities](#). This is a small group of students who are some of the same courses together. Students gather in a weekly Learning Community hour, guided by two student Peer Mentions. They help with connecting with other students with similar interests and goals, developing skills to study more effectively, explore new ideas and interest, and learning from peers in first year and upper years. Students must accept their offer of admission before they can sign-up for Learning Communities. Sign-ups for most Learning Communities will close on **June 11**. Register ASAP to make sure you don't miss out.

### OLDS COLLEGE:

- There are still a [number of programs](#) available for the Fall 2020 semester. Students are invited to contact [info@oldscollege.ca](mailto:info@oldscollege.ca) or 403-507-7715 for more information regarding programing.
- [Webinars](#) are being hosted for admitted and potential students. Webinars will focus on General Olds College Information, Career Exploration, Broncos Athletics, information for Admitted Students and Program Specific information. See link to register.
- Olds College is offering two [Veterinary Medicine for Teens](#) courses on **August 18-21 and 25-28**. Students between the ages of 13-16 will have hands-on experiences and learn about the various roles and responsibilities of Veterinary Medical Receptionists, Veterinary Technical Assistants, Animal Health Technologists and Veterinarians. Students will also learn about basic animal first aid, assessments, animal behaviour and safety. Cost is \$595.00. Please call 1-403-556-4740 or email [coned@oldscollege.ca](mailto:coned@oldscollege.ca) for more info. *Please call ahead to see if this event will still be running, during this time.*
- There are a number of [Trades & Apprenticeship programs](#) available that range from 12 weeks to 3-4 years. Contact [info@oldscollge.ca](mailto:info@oldscollge.ca) or 403-507-7715 or 1-800-661-6537 for more information.

### GREAT PLAINS COLLEGE:

- The deadline for the [Grade 11 Early Entrance Award](#) is **June 30**. Grade 11 students who apply may receive an additional Early Entrance Award of \$1,000 (must apply before **June 30** and have a 70% or higher academic average). Final grade 11 transcripts must be submitted by **September 15**. Please see more details on their website.

## Upcoming Events

May 25 to June 12	<a href="#">U of S: U-Start Pre-Orientation Workshop</a> This workshop will provide valuable information about preparing for university life. Parents are welcome to attend as well. Please register.	Online
June 1	Preliminary deadline to apply for <a href="#">University of Regina and Luther Residences</a> . Register early to make sure you get the room you are looking for!	
June 17, 18 and 19	<a href="#">Plan.Program.Play</a> is being offered virtually for students ages 13-17, through Saskatchewan Polytechnic.. Cost is \$70.00. Please register.	
Sept. 2 August 31	<a href="#">U of Saskatchewan Orientation</a> <a href="#">U of Regina Orientation</a> These orientations are designed to give students an opportunity to make new friends, meet professors and become more acquainted with their post-secondary education courses and campus. Please register.	U of S, Saskatoon U of R, Regina

**Looking for contact information for certain colleges and universities? [Here is a guide](#) to help you find what you are looking for with phone numbers and email addresses**

## Scholarship Spotlight

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

The [Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship](#) is for students with demonstrated financial needs. Students are deemed to have a demonstrated financial need if they are approved for a student loan. Please see website for more criteria.

[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.

[Relevance Magazine 2020](#) is available as a digital download. **On page 20** you will find many **scholarships available** to students, from all over Saskatchewan. Links to these scholarships are available (and clickable) for easy access.

The [Education Planning and Student Aid](#) page, from the Government of Canada gives many useful tools for students and parents to access, regarding planning for an education, saving, budget, and exploring student aid and career options.

[Canada Student Grants and Loans – What student grants and loans offer](#) will provide information on applying for student loans. Saskatchewan residents will want to look at our [Saskatchewan section](#) when looking to apply. Please contact [studentservices@gov.sk.ca](mailto:studentservices@gov.sk.ca) or call 1-800-597-8278 for more information.

Don't forget that the [Scholarship and Loans](#) section of the PSSD website has some documents to assist you in your scholarship search such as scholarship cover letter examples, a downloadable organizer, and financial/scholarship information including:

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

Due Date	Scholarship	Amount	Criteria
June 2	<a href="#">Got a Spine Scholarship</a>	• \$500	→ Applicants must answer questions about the treatment of back injuries.
June 10	<a href="#">Insurance Brokers Association of Saskatchewan Young Community Leader Bursary</a>	• \$2500	→ Grade 12 student, graduating in 2020 with intention to pursue a higher education within the next two years → Demonstrate an exceptional commitment to their community through volunteerism, school involvement, leadership of local initiatives, or other means of engagement → Role model in community → Academic dedication with a minimum cumulative average of 75%

<b>June 10</b>	<a href="#"><u>Bayer Fund Opportunity Scholarship</u></a>	• 65 X \$1500	<p>→ For students who plan on pursuing post-secondary education in the area of agriculture, food science, or culinary program.</p> <p>→ Must submit 2 references, 1 reference letter and an application essay, "Canadian farmers play an important role in feeding the world in a sustainable way; what role will you play?"</p> <p>→ Copy of Transcripts</p>
<b>June 15</b>	<a href="#"><u>Canadian Charolais Youth Association</u></a>	• 6 awards: \$75- \$300	<p>→ Open to students of all ages.</p> <p>→ Essay topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss plant-based "beef"</li> </ul>
<b>June 17</b>	<a href="#"><u>Gerry McCudden Memorial Scholarship Award</u></a>	• \$2000	<p>→ Students must submit an essay, have leadership roles and have an academic average of 80% or higher.</p> <p>→ Must be accepted into a post-secondary program for the following year</p>
<b>June 30</b>	<a href="#"><u>Nelson Civic Leadership Scholarship</u></a>	• \$10,000 for each	<p>→ 500-750 word essay detailing your civic leadership activities.</p> <p>→ Minimum 80% average. A reference letter from a high school teacher is required.</p> <p>→ Completing final year of high school and making a difference in their community</p>
<b>June 30</b>	<a href="#"><u>Marilyn McCrea Scholarship</u></a>	• 2 X \$500	<p>→ For female students pursuing a career in which women are under-represented.</p> <p>→ Awarded to students who live in south-central Saskatchewan.</p>
<b>June 30</b>	<a href="#"><u>Lift Parts Express Scholarship</u></a>	• \$500	<p>→ Applicants are required to write an essay based on the following topic: <i>Going to college is a big financial commitment.</i></p>
<b>June 30</b>	<a href="#"><u>Nelson Indigenous Student Scholarship</u></a>	• \$10,000	<p>→ Must be completing final year of high school and making a difference in their community</p> <p>→ 500-750 word essay detailing your leadership and preservation of indigenous language/culture</p> <p>→ Minimum of 80% average in final year of high school</p> <p>→ Reference letter from high school teacher or elder</p>
<b>June 30</b>	<a href="#"><u>Saskatchewan Physical Education Association</u></a>	• 2 X \$700	<p>→ Must be enrolled in a U of R or U of S Kinesiology/Physical Education program or a Polytechnic recreation/leisure program.</p> <p>→ Must be actively involvement in high school Phys. Ed., intramural &amp; extracurricular programs, have a min. 70% average, and display strong leadership and sportsmanlike qualities.</p>

June 30	<a href="#"><u>Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers Memorial Scholarship</u></a>	• \$1000	<p>→ Must be pursuing post-secondary education leading to a diploma or degree in agriculture.</p> <p>→ Essay topic: <i>Why are you passionate about agriculture in Canada?</i></p>
June 30	<a href="#"><u>The Larry Wilson Scholarship Program</u></a>	• \$500 +	<p>→ The Moose Jaw Arts in Motion have scholarships available to students who will be studying in the following disciplines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drama</li> <li>• Dance (Traditional and Contemporary)</li> <li>• Musical Theatre (live voice and dance)</li> <li>• Instrumental</li> <li>• Vocal</li> <li>• Literature (including writing, journalism, screen writing)</li> </ul>
June 1-30	<a href="#"><u>The Prairie Healthcare Scholarship</u></a>	• \$1,000 - \$20,000 (depending on needs, goals & passion)	<p>→ For students studying in a health-related field (Medicine, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Massage Therapy, Pharmacy, Nutrition, Social Work).</p> <p>→ Each application is reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine their eligibility.</p> <p>→ Applicants are required to provide an essay presenting what their study plans are and providing their grade transcripts.</p>
July 6	<a href="#"><u>The National Union's Scholarship Program</u></a>	• \$2500 each	<p>→ For children of NUPGE members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Tommy Douglas Scholarship</b> (\$2,500): awarded for the best 750-1,000 word essay on how Tommy Douglas contributed to making Canada a more just and equitable society.</li> <li>• <b>The Terry Fox Memorial</b> (\$2,500): awarded for the best essay on the importance of quality public services in enhancing the quality of life of people with disabilities.</li> <li>• <b>For LGBTQ2 Students</b> (\$2500) awarded to students who identify as LGBTQ2. The essay topic is the importance of trade unions in supporting the LGBTQ2 communities.</li> <li>• <b>For Indigenous Students</b> (\$2,500): awarded to an Aboriginal Canadian student for the best essay on the importance of quality public services in enhancing the quality of life of Aboriginal Canadians.</li> <li>• <b>For Students of Colour</b> (\$2,500): awarded for the best essay on the importance of quality public services in enhancing the quality of life of people of colour in Canada.</li> <li>• <b>Brian Fudge Memorial</b> (\$2,500): awarded to an applicant that is entering the field of study in health care, criminal justice, community service or policing.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Young Worker Scholarship</b> (2 X \$2500) awarded to those under the age of 30 as of the application deadline who are members or children/grandchildren, or foster children/grandchildren of a National Union member or retiree and who are attending or planning to attend a public post-secondary institution in 2020.</li> </ul>
July 15	<a href="#">Valour Canada History &amp; Heritage Scholarship</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 X \$1500</li> <li>• 1 X \$750</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ One to two paragraph that explains why you are applying for the scholarship</li> <li>→ 6-8 typed page Essay</li> <li>→ 3-5 minute YouTube-compatible video</li> </ul>
Aug. 31	<a href="#">Marlene Forden Memorial Scholarship</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$500-\$1,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Must answer how multiple sclerosis has affected your life.</li> <li>→ Must submit 2 letters of reference.</li> </ul>
Aug. 31	<a href="#">Saskatchewan Hockey Association</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Min. 11 X \$1000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Must have been registered for three years with good standing in the SHA and must attend a Saskatchewan based university or college within 4 years of the grant.</li> <li>→ For registered members (male and female) of the SHA including coaches and referees.</li> </ul>
Aug. 31	<a href="#">Saskatchewan School Board Scholarships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 X \$2500</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Awarded to graduating students who remain in Saskatchewan for post-secondary study.</li> <li>→ Selection based upon demonstrated good character, leadership and financial need.</li> <li>→ Essay topic: <i>Identify and provide an explanation for two things that you would change in the school system to better prepare you for the future.</i></li> </ul>
Various Dates	<a href="#">Indspire Scholarships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various (\$800-\$4500)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ For Indigenous students enrolled in full time post-secondary studies</li> <li>→ Eligible fields of study include Business, Health Careers, Science, Law, Engineering, Information Technology, Education, Social Work, Social Sciences and Technical Studies.</li> </ul>
On Going	<a href="#">Royal Bank Future Launch Scholarship</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 450 scholarships worth \$1500 each</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ RBC Future Launch Scholarship is an innovative new scholarship program for Canadian youth (ages 15 to 29) who are looking to gain new skills for the modern workforce</li> <li>→ Over 400 scholarships available in 2020</li> <li>→ Can be used for Short-term courses, workshops, certificates, necessary equipment or books, etc.</li> <li>→ Need to create an online account to access scholarships</li> </ul>