

Student Career News

News

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1. Prairie South has partnered with the [Regina District Industry and Education Council \(RDIEC\)](#) to provide numerous [Career Spotlights](#). These run 30-60 minutes, usually over lunch hour, but they're also archived on the [RDIEC YouTube Channel](#). Upcoming spotlights include a [Parents as Career Coaches-Funding Your Child's Education](#) (two-part series Nov. 30 and Dec. 1), [The Canadian Armed Forces](#) (Dec. 2), [lawyer](#) (Dec. 3), [Veterinarian](#) (Dec. 4), Computer Applications Engineer (Dec. 11) and Entrepreneurship (Dec 15).
2. [Saskatoon Industry and Education Council \(SIEC\)](#) is the sister organization to RDIEC. Yearly, they publish the excellent Saskatchewan-based resource, [Relevance Magazine](#). The 2021 version has just been released. In addition, the SIEC has a wealth of career-related resources for students, parents, job seekers, and teachers. Resources include Career Spotlights (just like PSSD/RDIEC), Financial Literacy, Labour Market Information, Job Searching, Mental Health, and a variety of Podcasts. As well, specific resources for people with disabilities, Indigenous People, Newcomers, and Mature Workers are also available.
3. 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 [Student Success Workshops](#) and [Online Workshops](#). Contact [Student Success Centre](#), 306.585.4076.
4. 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. Contact them in Regina via [email](#) or phone 306-781-6023.
5. [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 links to post-secondary institutional programs all through Saskatchewan, Canada, and North America. Use the PSSD [Student Sign-up for myBlueprint](#) to get started. This contains a specific link for PSSD students.
6. 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.
7. [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. See the pdf attached to the Career News email with information on how to apply.

8. [Career Safety Education](#) (CSE). This 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 [CSE Program](#) is available to all students. For more information, please contact [Amanda](#) or call 306-757-3197 or toll free 1-855-280-7115.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. [St. John Ambulance](#) offers a number of courses. Check the "Book a Course" section 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.
12. [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 the [Saskatchewan section](#) when looking to apply. Please contact studentservices@gov.sk.ca or call 1-800-597-8278 for more information.
13. [Post-Secondary Contact Information](#): Looking for contact information for certain colleges and universities that PSSD students access regularly? Use it as a guide help you find what you are looking for with phone numbers and email addresses.

Post- Secondary Information

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA:

- [Early Admission Days](#) will be held from **November 25 to Dec. 2**. Students will be able to apply and receive admissions in a much shorter time than regular applications. There are four simple steps to receive an early admission. First, students are encouraged to take part in an application workshop beforehand, but it's not required. Second, students need to send a transcript to the university either from a principal or guidance counsellor or from the Ministry of Education. Third, complete the online application form and pay the \$50 fee with a credit card. Finally, students will receive an email with a link once their application has been processed. If they follow the link to choose a time for a virtual meeting with an admissions person to find out about their admission.
- 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, La Cite universitaire francophone, Education](#) and any programs through [Campion College](#), [First Nations University of Canada](#) and [Luther College](#). Contact [Recruitment](#) at 1.800.644.4756.
- High school students interested in applying to the [Faculty of Nursing](#) must do so through Saskatchewan Polytechnic. For more instruction on the application process, you can review www.sasknursingdegree.ca. The 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. Choose from Visual Education, Drama, Music, Literature, Indigenous Visual, Dance or Creative Technologies.
- 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](#) by clicking on the picture of the residence of your choice.
- 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 the following year without reapplying. You must be admitted into a program to apply. Contact the [Admissions Office](#) with 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.
- Check the [Requirements and Deadlines](#) of the programs for which you are applying.
- [Residence applications](#) are open for **Fall 2021**. Students should [apply online](#) via the Residence Housing Portal as soon 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 [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](#), [Medical Laboratory Technology](#) and [Practical Nursing](#). Application **deadline is February 15**.

MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE:

- Alison Pfeifer, Student Recruiter from Medicine Hat College, and her team would love to meet with students who are considering attending MHC. Contact [Alison](#) directly or click [here](#) to book an advising session. You can also call the Advising Front Desk at 403-529-3819 between the hours of 9:00am and 5:30pm (Saskatchewan time) Monday through Friday. Check out [Medicine Hat College](#) to find out what they can offer.

OLDS COLLEGE

- [Olds College Campus Tours](#) (virtual or in person) maybe booked Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Call 403.556-8281 or [email](#) to book. Also, most programs have still has seats available for fall 2021.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

- The U of A provides opportunities for tours, events, live chats, scholarship information, and advising. Click [here](#) to register or gather more information.
- They have created a [High School Counsellors' Took Kit](#), a very handy tool for advising students.
- **December 15** is the deadline for students starting in fall 2021 to apply for [entrance scholarships](#).

Upcoming Events

Dec. 1	U of S Early Admission Deadline	University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon
	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 (80%), and Education (80%).	
Dec. 1	Olds College – Animal Health Technology applications open. Use Apply Alberta to apply.	Olds, Alberta
Dec. 2	MHC Future Student Info Session 7:00 pm (Sk time)	Medicine Hat College
	Interested in attending Medicine Hat College? Check out the info provided at the future student info session.	
Nov. 25- Dec. 2	Early Admission Days	U of R, Regina
	Students will be able to apply and receive admissions in a short turnaround. The application fee at these events will be \$50, a \$50 discount).	
Dec. 9	MHC Future Student Info Session 7:00 pm (Sk time)	Medicine Hat College
	Interested in attending Medicine Hat College? Check out the info provided at the future student info session.	
Dec. 15	Deadline for University of Saskatchewan Best and Brightest Scholarships . See Dec. 1 st for specifics.	
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	

Scholarship Spotlight

[Scholar Tree](#) is a fantastic aggregator of a wide variety of scholarships. Students can register with the organization to receive access to a list of many different scholarships. They will even email you scholarship reminders a few days before they are due.

[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.

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

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, and examples of what to include in scholarship cover letters.

Due Date	Scholarship	Amount	Criteria
Dec. 15	Burger King	Awards range from 1,000 to \$50,000.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 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. 15	7 Binary Options	• \$3000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Must write an essay of 700-1500 words titled "The Goals I Will Achieve in 10 Years." → The style of essay does not necessarily need to be in an academic style. Be creative and use your own style and imagination.
Dec. 20	Jetty Scholarship	• \$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Write an essay of about 1500 words on the topic "Mobile Apps That Make People More Productive"
Dec. 31	BCCHS	• 2 X \$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Write a rhyming cowboy poem.
Variety of rotating deadlines	Loans Canada	• 3 X \$750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Complete a form and write an essay on how financial literacy has made a difference in your life.
Jan. 15	Grammarly Product Review Contest	• \$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Download a free version of Grammarly, use it to edit a paragraph, and submit.
Jan. 15	STEAM: Horizon Awards Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics	5 X \$25,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Described as a leader, an achiever, or innovator. → Have been recognized for accomplishments in a formal capacity. → Academic average of 80% or higher → Be preparing to enrol in a post-secondary institution for the Fall of 2021 in a STEAM field at a Canadian institution
Jan. 27	Schulich Leader Scholarship	• \$60,000 & \$80,000 (over 4 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → For students planning to study Technology, Engineering, Entrepreneurship and Business, Applied scientific research (see list of eligible post-secondary schools). → U of S eligible Colleges: Engineering, Arts and Science, Agriculture and Bioresources. → Must be nominated by the school representative. → Must possess: 1) academic excellence 2) leadership, charisma and creativity

Jan. 31	Dick Martin Scholarship Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 X \$3,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 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 31	Energy Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Write an essay on any topic about energy in the world of tomorrow—green energy, oil politics, nuclear power. What do you think people will be reading about in the news in a few years?
Feb. 1	Hal Rogers Endowment Fund (Kin Canada Bursaries)	<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.
Feb. 28	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 Please watch website for 2021 updates. Apps are not yet open.	<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 and AgriPathways.
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → For Grade 12 students who are at risk of not succeeding in their first post-secondary year due to financial burdens and vulnerable circumstances. * → For Grade 11 students living with vulnerable circumstances to assist them in completing their grade 12 education. * <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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Be Saskatchewan residents → Be enrolled or plan to enrol in full-time at a post-secondary educational institution in Saskatchewan → Be enrolled in a degree, diploma, or certificate program directly related to telecommunications (Computer Science, Engineering, Accounting, and Business Administration). → Have achieved a minimum of 75% grade average in their most recent educational standing.
Various dates all year (check website for specifics)	CWB Welding Foundation Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various Amounts • Apply as early as possible as funds are limited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Must be accepted into a full-time welding program for post-secondary → Complete online form → Provide 2 references (not family) → Include current transcript verification report with grade 11-12 marks highlighted (school report transcript is fine) → Letter of recommendation (teacher, staff member, employer) relating to your welding activities → Acceptance letter to post-secondary institution → 500-word essay (details on site under Instructions) → Recipients must agree to be publicly acknowledged

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



See you in the new year!