

Student Career News



MAKE BANK:

**A RECENT SUN WEST GRADUATE SHARES
REASONS TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!**

Why Students Should Take the Time to Research and Apply for Scholarships by Madison Hobbs, Eston Composite School



In my grade 12 year, I was eager to apply for university and, more importantly, apply for scholarships to help pay for my university. Last October, I was accepted into the four- year Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology program at the University of Saskatchewan and am currently in my first semester.

No matter the path you decide to choose after you graduate from high school, money is always a factor. Whether it is rent, groceries, tuition, gas, or textbooks, you will encounter never ending expenses once you go off on your own. Graduating and entering the work force, or attending post-secondary education are all very exciting milestones in life. Even more exciting, there are people, businesses, and foundations that are there to support you during this time of your life and reward you for all of your efforts leading up to this time.

Things like homework, working, and any type of extra-curricular activities, take up a lot of time out of school hours, which can make it seem as if you have no time to apply for scholarships. Therefore, it is helpful to prioritize working on applications here and there, especially on weekends, or even school holidays. Getting started is the hardest part. At first, I found scholarships by referring to this newsletter every month, looking for information posted around my school, and searching through scholarship websites, like ScholarTree. Then, I made a list of ones I figured I could be eligible to receive, as well as listed them based on their application deadline. From there, I went around asking for reference letters from coaches, teachers, and people I have worked for in the community. I also compiled a list of all of my extra-curricular involvement, including athletics, certifications, volunteer hours, work experience, and awards. After that, because many scholarships ask similar questions, the more I applied for, the easier it got.

Getting a letter back saying that you didn't receive a scholarship can be upsetting, but don't let it stop you. Of the roughly 30 scholarships I applied for, I only received less than 1/3 of them. However, I still received just shy of \$12,000. I spent hours writing essays, answering questions, and making videos. If I compared this to the hours of work it would have taken me to save up that amount of money, applying for scholarships was extremely worth it. Not only do scholarships provide a sense of relief, but they also provide a sense of accomplishment, too. So, start applying for scholarships as soon as you can because it will allow you to have time to apply for as many as possible and be rewarded for all of your accomplishments!

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP STORY AND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT,
MADISON. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS!
WOOHOO!**

GRADE 12'S: SEE SCHOLARSHIP SECTION FOR INFORMATION

Timely Career Updates

* Current Grade 12 Students:

The information in this this newsletter on our Facebook Page will support your continued investigations. Your future awaits!

* [myBlueprint](#)

This is an online career exploration tool available to our **Grade 9 through 12 students**. Our Career Counsellors help students utilize this program to gain self-awareness, investigate life/career pathways, set related goals, track high school courses, and develop grad/post grad plans. **Did You Know? Parents can gain access to myBlueprint!**

* Understanding The Course Selection Process

Grade 9-12 students and families should be very familiar with Saskatchewan graduation requirements. Your Career Counsellors and Principals can support if any questions as there are many factors to take into consideration when creating a Graduation and Post Graduation Plan. It is important to investigate opportunities available in order to create personalized Graduation and Post Graduation Plans. Being aware of aware of interests, skills, future goals, and becoming familiar with current Saskatchewan Graduation requirements are helpful. [This Saskatchewan High School Credit Options document](#) provides info on Saskatchewan Graduation. As well, details found in last month's Student Career Newsletter will support the planning process (See On Track to Graduate? Math Pathways Chart, Science Pathway Chart).

* Distance Learning Centre Course Options

Our [Sun West Distance Learning Centre](#) offers unique programming options. An exciting new course offering is [Parts Technician 30L](#). There are also a number of "dual-credit" programs which can help students earn post-secondary AND high school credits. Your Principals, Career Counsellors and DLC Staff can help answer questions you may have.



Earn high school credits while learning a trade

Are you a high school student who is detail-oriented and passionate about agriculture?

Parts Technician 30 (PT30) might be for you! Parts technicians play a key role in keeping the ag industry up and running - and it is a career in demand!

Course Overview

PT 30 consists of 3 parts: online theory, practical learning at a work placement, and a boot camp at Sask Polytechnic.

Online Course Work and Theory	50 hrs
Work Placement (Ag Dealership)	40 hrs*
Boot Camp (Sask Polytechnic)	10 hrs

* If you can not attend boot camp, you simply complete 50 hrs at your work placement.



In PT30, you'll learn about sourcing, tracking and managing parts and gain firsthand experience at an ag equipment dealership - all while earning a 30 level high school credit.

What do I need to know about PT 30?

- Available to high school students across Saskatchewan
- Can fit with your current school schedule (Semester 1)
- The DLC's Ag Coordinator will find your work placement at a nearby ag equipment dealership
- It's **FREE**, thanks to the generous support of our partners
- Talk to your guidance counsellor to request PT 30

* Youth Safety Education Day 2020

A shoutout to our Career Development Teacher Team who partnered with the SHSA during September to help increase awareness about youth safety at work. Thank you to our CD Teachers for your commitment to youth safety education.



*Wellness

Life/Career Planning involves all of what makes us who we are – our feelings, emotions, health, wellbeing, relationships, education, experiences, volunteerism, paid work, hobbies, interests, etc. A couple of wellness related resources which may be useful:

[Action for Happiness – Optimistic October Calendar](#)

[Character Strong – 30 Days of Kindness Journal](#)



* Sun West Student Leadership Program 2020-2021

Empowering student leadership and fostering student voice remains the focus of our Sun West Student Leadership Program. Advisors look forward to collaborating with students in a virtual format. We will establish connections and build relationships across our division as students team for various purposes. Our Student Leadership Program is open to Grade 8-12 students and will have 2 main focuses this year including:

Team Sun West – opportunity to create a virtual student-led leadership conference for peers.

Youth Consultation Group – allows for student voice in researching and providing information and solutions to our Board of Education.

This year's seminar will be held through TEAMS on **Friday, October 16th from 12:15 to 12:45**. See your Principal and/or SLT Advisor if you are interested in attending the online seminar to learn more about opportunities and the application process.



Involvement is an excellent opportunity to meet new people, improve 21st Century Skills, and engage in authentic real-world learning experiences. It's fun too! For more information, please contact Ms. Kristin Sampson or Mrs. Vanessa Lewis. kristin.sampson@sunwestsd.ca or vanessa.lewis@sunwestsd.ca.

Occupation Spotlight



Focus on Agriculture

October is Agriculture month in Saskatchewan!

You may be familiar with occupations such as agricultural equipment technicians, farmers, agrologists, agricultural engineers, etc. but there are many occupations connected to the agricultural sector. Explore opportunities and think outside the box when investigating! myBlueprint is a great tool for investigating options.

Did you know our Sun West Distance Learning Centre offers [AET 20L and 30L](#) courses for students looking to explore AET as an occupational pathway? As well, there are Agriculture & Sustainable Food Production 10L and 20L courses available and a NEW Agriculture Parts Technician 30L program.

[Check Out These 5 Great Reasons Why You Should Start Your Career In Agriculture](#)

[Virtually Join an Agriculture and Bioresources Career Panel on October 21st from 6:30 to 7:30pm](#)

Celebrate Agriculture!

News

- A. Our Career Development LEAD Teacher Team has created a **Sun West Career Development Facebook Page** to help students/families stay up-to-date with timely information. If interested, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/SWCareerConnectors/>
- B. [Sun West Resource Bank](#): Current issues of this newsletter can be found on our Sun West Resource Bank by searching “Student Career News”.
- C. [Caring Careers](#): Provides information about working in the disability sector.
- D. [Computing Careers and Disciplines](#): A free quick reference guide for students.
- E. **Campus Visits** are an excellent way for students to learn more about a potential post-secondary institutions while still in high school. Please keep an eye on websites of the post-secondary institutions you may be interested in visiting. There are many opportunities, particularly for Grade 11’s and 12’s throughout the year with many offered this fall.

- F. **See Your Future Career Fair** is being held in Saskatoon on November 2nd for schools in the northern part of the province and November 3rd for schools in the south.
- G. **Post-Secondary Application Process for Colleges:** For any students interested in applying for colleges such as Saskatchewan Polytechnic, **the time to apply is now** (generally speaking). For example, be sure to apply early for any Saskatchewan Polytechnic programs where admission is NOT based on a competitive admission. Grade 12 students can apply for these types of programs now. Failure to apply early could delay your potential start date by a year or more.
- H. **Post-Secondary Pre-Requisites:** Understanding pre-requisites can assist students as they select classes and plan for post-secondary education. Investigate and plan forward!
- I. **Choosing Your Post-Secondary School or Institution** information and tips.
- J. **Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Program** helps students explore opportunities in the skilled trades. If you are in **Grade 10, 11, or 12** and are interested in learning more about the **skilled trades** and are curious about the **benefits of SYA**, view this [video](#) then connect with your Career Counsellor.



- K. **Apprenticeship Credits** are a unique opportunity for students to earn a wage and up to 4 school elective credits. Students must have a job working in a skilled trade under a certified journeyperson in order to be considered for these credits. Inquire with your Career Counsellor for information.

- L. [The Young Worker Readiness Certificate Course \(YWRCC\)](#) is a mandatory requirement for all 14 and 15 year old workers in our province. It is up to employers to ensure their employees have this certification. However, many of our Career Development Teachers are incorporating this into Career Education and/or Career and Work Exploration courses. As well, some of our teachers are supporting students with [Career Safety Education](#) training.
- M. [Career Development Webinars](#) – offered through 4-H. A series of free webinars on a variety of career planning topics including resume writing, interview skills, transitioning from classroom to the workplace, etc. are available.
- N. **Considering a Gap Year?** Families may view a free webinar and tap into various resources at the [cangap website](#). See an article called “Things to do on a COVID-Induced Gap Year”.
- O. [Spotlight on Careers](#): The SIEC is offering their “Spotlight on Careers” virtually this year. As such, it is open to students and teachers from across the province. The focus for October is “Science & Technology”. If interested in a career in this area please check out the virtual opportunities. (See attachment)
- P. [House of Commons Page Program](#): If interested in a year-long experience and in becoming a page, check out this program. Apply by November 8th.

Post-secondary News

This section contains links to some post-secondary opportunities being investigated by our Sun West School Division students.

- A. [Briercrest College and Seminary](#):
 - a. [Webinars](#) are available.
- B. [Canadian Forces Recruiting](#):
 - a. Regular Force (Full Time) Members of the Regular Force serve full time protecting Canada and defending our sovereignty.
 - b. Primary Reserves (Part Time) Members of the Reserve Force serve part time in the CAF. The main role is to support the Regular Force at home and abroad.
 - c. Paid Education. The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) has a number of paid education programs to prepare you for a challenging and rewarding career.

C. [Great Plains College](#):

- a. [Great Plains College](#) is a popular choice of division students. Great Plains College has campuses in Biggar, Kindersley, Maple Creek, Martensville, Rosetown, Swift Current, and Warman. Virtual information sessions will be offered as the year unfolds.
- b. [Webinars](#) are being offered to help students learn more about program offerings. Prizes to be won! Contact Eric for more information at behere@greatplainscollege.ca
 - i. October 20th – 11:30-12:30 Biggar Program Centre
 - ii. November 2nd – 11:30-12:30 Swift Current Campus
 - iii. November 17th – 11:30-12:30 Martensville Program Centre
 - iv. December 2nd – 11:30-12:30 Warman Campuse

D. [University of Alberta](#)

- a. [Virtual Open House](#) October 15-17th.
- b. [Live Campus Tour Webinars](#) will be offered on October 20th, 23rd, and 27th.

E. [University of Lethbridge](#):

- a. [Open House](#) virtual on October 26th

F. [University of Regina](#)

- a. The U of R, U of S and APEGS invite students, parents, and teachers to attend a virtual [What is Engineering?](#) This session will be held virtually on November 20th from 5:30 to 7:00pm.
- b. [First Nations University of Canada](#) is open to all students regardless of heritage. Campus tours are available.
- c. [Faculty of Nursing](#): Applications for the Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing program will continue to be accepted by SaskPoly from October 1st to February 15th.
- d. [Nursing for Prospective Students](#): Video information sessions will be offered on the first Thursday of each month for five months. October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4 at 6:00PM. Spots book quickly, so book yours today.

G. [University of Saskatchewan](#)

- a. Students can begin applying for direct entry admission to the [Education Programs](#) (elementary/middle years and secondary)
- b. December 1 is [Early Admission Deadline](#) for competitive ranking-based colleges of Engineering, Kinesiology and Edwards School of Business. Eligible applicants with an admission average of 90+ will be offered conditional admission and will not be required to wait for the competitive ranking in February. The final application deadline for these colleges if February 15th.

- c. [The Best and Brightest Scholarships](#). Student must first apply for admission by December 1st then can apply for the following scholarships by December 15th: [George and Marsha Ivany President's First and Best Scholarships](#)
[Chancellors' Scholarships](#)
[U of S Entrance Scholarships](#)
[Edwards Undergraduate Scholarships](#)
[College of Agriculture and Bioresources Renewable Entrance Scholarships](#)
- d. February 15th is deadline for the [Competitive Entrance Awards, Scholarships and Bursaries](#).
- e. [The College of Engineering is "Re-Engineering"](#) the first year for Engineering Students.
- f. [St Peter's College](#) is situated near Humboldt and offers first year and numerous second year classes, including engineering and the new U of S Criminology and Addictions certificate. Students enjoy smaller class sizes and a more personalized learning experience.
- g. U of S has a number of [virtual events](#) to support prospective students.

H. [Saskatchewan Polytechnic](#)

- a. [Sask Polytechnic Information Night](#) is at various campuses across Saskatchewan in October. This is a great opportunity for Grade 11 and 12 students to explore programming options.
- b. Grade 12's interested in one of Saskatchewan Polytechnic's First Qualified-First Admitted [Programs](#) (most of their programs), should **apply asap**. Check out the [2020-2021 View Book](#).
- c. [Open House](#): October 19th to 22nd from 4:00 to 9:00pm. Register in advance.
- d. [Women in Trades and Technology Workshops](#). These workshops are Sask Polytechnic are offered to women 15 years of age and older as an introduction to a variety of basic trades skills
- e. Sask Polytechnic has a number of [Program Updates](#).

I. [Lakeland College](#):

- a. [Lakeland's Open House](#) will be held virtually on October 23th and 24th. See online schedule and register in advance. Prizes to be won! Use Apply Alberta to apply for Lakeland.
- b. Students and parents can view virtual tours of [Lloydminster Campus](#), [Vermilion Campus and Farm Tour](#), [Vermilion Campus and ETC Tour](#).

J. [Medicine Hat College](#):

- a. [Medicine Hat College](#) offers in-person campus tours, student for a day, and group visit options. Check out the website for details. As well, you can visit MHC [virtually](#)! Open House is being planned for November 18th.

- b. [MHC applications](#) for Winter 2021 open on October 1. Application for Fall 2021 open on November 1st. Most programs are First Qualified, First Admitted (FQFA), so don't delay.
 - c. [Agroecology Technician](#) is NEW!
 - d. [MHC Viewbook](#)
- K. [NAIT](#):
 - a. [NAIT Virtual Open House](#) October 16th and 17th.
- L. [Olds College](#):
 - a. [Olds Open House](#) (Olds Campus) is on October 16th from 1:00 to 7:00pm. This is will include virtual tours, program information, live chats, etc. If you apply online using Apply Alberta during the hours of the virtual open house, the application fee will be waived!
 - b. You can also tour Olds Campus [virtually](#)!
 - c. [Webinars Wednesdays](#)! Each webinar will run from 5:00 to 7:00pm featuring a given program. See website for details.
 - d. [Links to help guide for Counsellors & Parents](#) can be found by going to link and scrolling to the bottom of the page.
- M. [SAIT](#)
 - a. [SAIT Information Sessions](#), Open House, etc.
- N. [University of Alberta](#)
 - a. [University of Alberta Virtual Open House](#) is on October 15th, 16th and 17th at specific times. This will be an opportunity to virtually explore the campus, learn about program options, and discover student life! There will be a virtual booth fair, interactive tours and workshops, presentations, and live Q&A opportunities. Pre-register.
- O. [University of British Columbia](#)
 - a. [Campus Tours at UBC's Vancouver Campus](#) – various dates
 - b. [Campus Tours at UBC's Okanagan Campus](#) – various dates
- P. [University of Calgary](#)
- Q. [McGill University](#)
 - a. [McGill Open House](#) is on October 25th. Details will be posted soon.
- R. [McMaster University](#)
- S. McMaster University offers various [tours](#) including virtual tours.

Upcoming Events

This section is intended to keep you posted of various events and open houses. However, every student's life/career plan is personalized. You are encouraged to research additional opportunities that may be more suited to your life/career planning process.

Please click on links to view website information.

Oct 15-17	U of A Open House – Virtual
Oct 16	Sun West Student Leadership Program online Seminar. Interested Grade 8-12 students, please see Principal or SLT Advisor for details.
Oct 16	Olds College Open House – Virtual
Oct 16-17	NAIT Open House – Virtual
Oct 19-22	Sask Polytechnic Virtual Open House
Oct 20	Spotlight on Careers Gairdner Presentation – From Embryos to Stem Cells and Back Again: A Developmental Journey 9:00 – 10:00AM See link and attachment – register in advance
Oct 20, 23, 27	U of A LIVE Campus Tour Webinars
Oct 20-22	Saskatchewan Polytechnic Virtual Open House
Oct 21	Spotlight on Careers Agriculture and Bioresources Panel 6:30-7:30pm See link and attachment – register in advance
Oct 22	Spotlight on Careers How do we develop vaccines for COVID-19? Live Q&A with Dr. Volker Gerdtz 10:00-11:00AM and/or 1:00 – 2:00PM See link and attachment – register in advance
Oct 23-24	Lakeland College Open House – Virtual
Oct 25	McGill Virtual Open House
Oct 26	University of Lethbridge Open House - Virtual
Nov 2 and 3	SEE YOUR FUTURE Education & Career Fair - Virtual Career Fair this year 9:45-3:00pm. The goal of the education fair is to allow students access to information about future education and career choices.
Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4	U of R Nursing for Prospective Students Virtual Sessions
Nov 8	House of Commons Page Program
Nov 18	Medicine Hat College Open House – Virtual
Nov 20	What is Engineering?

Note: This newsletter is to inform families of career investigation opportunities. However, post-secondary events and open houses are NOT school sponsored. Thus, your parents must excuse you from school if you plan to attend any of the opportunities advertised in this newsletter.

Scholarships

It is impossible to inform you of all possible scholarship opportunities. However, the fact of that matter is that significant scholarship funding goes untapped each and every year! As students, please take some time to research and investigate possible sources of funding. An investment of time and energy can lead to \$\$\$!



MAKE BANK:

A RECENT SUN WEST GRADUATE SHARES

REASONS TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!

(BE INSPIRED BY STORY ON FRONT PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER)

This is a great time of year for current Grade 12 students to create accounts on various scholarship websites. Doing so will provide customized information as to potential scholarships of interest based on student involvements. A few resources to consider:

[Scholar Tree](#) scholarships made simple. Set up an account to find scholarships in Canada.

[ScholarshipsCanada](#) allows you to create an account, set up a profile, and search for scholarships based on your education, skills, and interests.

[Yconic](#) offers free scholarship matching and peer-to-peer support for your life as a student.

Many of our local and area businesses offer scholarships to our Sun West Schools. Details on opportunities are typically shared with students closer to Graduation.

[Boost Your Chances of Securing a Grant, Bursary, or Scholarship](#)

There are a multitude of scholarship opportunities available. Begin investigating today!

Due Date	Scholarship	Amount	Criteria
Oct 1	SaskTel Metis Scholarship	8 * 2,000	Each year scholarships are awarded to SK students studying information & communications technology related programs such as engineering (electrical, telecommunications), Computer Science, etc.
Oct 1	Canadian Western Agribition Scholarship	\$2,500	Available to students who have participated in Canadian Western Agribition.
Oct 15	Excellence in Ag	\$5,000 (over 4 years max of 20,000)	Must be enrolled in a diploma or degree in agriculture or business and maintain a minimum average of 75%
Oct 15	University of Toronto National Book Awards	Book	This award is to recognize the very best Canadian Grade 12 Students regardless of which university the student chooses to attend. School may nominate 1 qualifying candidate. See Career Counsellor for details.

Oct 15 (sponsored)	Loran Scholars Award	Various 9,000, 3,000 and 2,000 awards	Minimum cumulative average of 85%. Selection criteria includes service and leadership, strong moral character, and academic excellence.
Oct 22 (direct)			
Oct 26	Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarships	80 * \$5,000	Applicants must: Be graduating from high school with plans to attend post secondary next fall. Demonstrate critical financial need. Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities. Provide evidence of overcoming diversity.
Nov 1	SaskTel & Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies	6*1,500	Preference given to Aboriginal student who pursue post-secondary education in fields directly related to telecommunications (including areas such as Business administration, accounting, marketing, etc.)
Nov 13	TD Scholarships for Community Leadership	20 & up to \$70,000	Demonstrate dedication in solving a community problem or in making it a better place. Demonstrates leadership.
Dec 15	Best and Brightest U of S Scholarships	Various	For any students considering admissions to U of S

*Expressing gratitude is essential on our road to
success.*



Our 2020-2021 Team of Career Development LEAD

Teachers:

Ms. Talie Chupik - BCS 2000

Ms. Char Dansereau - Beechy School, Dinsmore Composite School, Kyle Composite School, Lucky Lake School

Mrs. Rietta Frick-Davis - Rosetown Central High School

Ms. Renee Harrison - Sun West Distance Learning Centre

Mr. Ryan Johnson - Davidson High School, Kenaston School, Loreburn School

Ms. Heidi Marchant - Kindersley Composite School

Mr. Sam Motier - Elrose Composite School, Eaton School, Eston Composite School, Westcliffe Composite School

Mrs. Treena Watterodt - North West Central School

Mrs. Shannon Stephenson - Outlook High School

Mrs. Vanessa Lewis - Learning Consultant