

Building a Stronger Alberta

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Northern Alberta Development Council increases bursaries

Peace River... The Northern Alberta Development Council's (NADC) bursary programs are expanding. The NADC Bursary has increased from \$3,000 to \$3,500 for this year, and an additional 25 students will be able to receive the bursary, bringing the total to 150.

"In today's tight labour market, the NADC Bursary plays an important role in securing a commitment from students to return to the north," said Helen Henderson, Chair of the NADC Bursary Selection Committee. "We are pleased that we can offer more funding to more students."

Students from across Alberta can apply for a bursary. In exchange, they commit to living and working in northern Alberta after graduation. Examples of the types of programs students can receive bursaries for include health care, business, technical programs and education. The application deadline is May 15th.

"The government recognizes Alberta's labour force needs are unique, especially in northern Alberta," added Iris Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry. "That is why we are pleased to be able to provide additional funds to the Council for their bursaries. The bursaries will have a positive impact for the workforce in the north."

"There are so many opportunities for work in northern Alberta", said Audrey DeWit, NADC's Team Leader for the bursary programs. "We've seen an increase in students successfully fulfilling their return service."

Other bursary opportunities include the [NADC Bursary Partnerships Program](#). Each year, sponsors provide partnership bursaries to students, which are matched by the NADC. Matching levels have increased from \$1,500 to \$1,750 per bursary per year.

Application forms and other information are available [here](#). Interested students can also call 780-624-6545 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000).

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