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NADC announces bursaries for dentistry students

Peace River - The Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) has announced dentistry students are now eligible for its \$12,000 bursaries, intended to encourage medical professionals to practice in northern communities.

“We hope it will increase interest amongst dentistry students to practice in the north, and help Northern students wanting to pursue a career in dentistry” said NADC chair, MLA Robin Campbell.

“The NADC thanks northern mayors and reeves for their recommendation,” Campbell said. Identifying a high need for dentists in the region at a Northern Alberta Elected Leaders (NAEL) meeting, the group had requested that dentistry students be considered for the higher-valued bursary.

While the NADC’s Northern Student Supplement was eliminated in last week’s budget, other NADC Bursary programs continue to be available to Alberta students. Campbell pointed to the importance of the NADC Bursaries to the north. “Qualified professionals are vital in attracting families to northern communities, and in allowing these communities and families to thrive.”

Around 180 bursaries will be awarded this year. The bursaries range in value from \$500 to \$6,000 and are available for students in technical, business, social services, education, and health careers. Nurse Practitioner students are eligible to receive a \$9,000 bursary. Some of these bursaries are co-sponsored through partnerships with community organizations and businesses.

The Northern Student Teacher Bursary was newly developed last year by the NADC with Alberta Education. Students selected for the bursary will still receive the second portion of their bursary in the upcoming school year.

More information and online applications for the NADC Bursaries can be found at www.benorth.ca

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