



THE BUZZ



ADVANCING FUTURES BURSARY PROGRAM MARCH 2010 EDITION

Luck O' The Irish To You!

Important Deadlines

For CURRENT STUDENTS who will be continuing your studies through spring and/or summer, here are some things you need to know:

Deadline date for award
EXTENSIONS
for the **spring** term is

MARCH 15, 2010

Summer term deadline is

MAY 15, 2010

This means we need your proof of enrolment, tuition, and book costs by these dates.

There is also a NEW ANNUAL DEADLINE for ALL applications.

JUNE 1, 2010

Make sure you have submitted your COMPLETED application by this date, as late or incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.

If you are unable to provide required pieces of documentation, like your book list or proof of enrollment, make sure you note on your application why these pieces are missing and when you will be able to send them to us.

When in doubt, call us!!!

TAX TIME

All students will receive a **T4A** from us which details how much funding you have received. You will also need to contact your school to get your **T2202A** which tells the Government how much the Bursary has paid for your schooling. Most schools only offer the T2202A online through your student account, but contact your school if you're not sure!

By law, after the age of 18, you are required to file taxes. This may seem scary, but typically, students get money BACK. Plus, by filing taxes, you are eligible to receive GST cheques and subsidies which means more money for you!

There are lots of places that offer discounted rates for students to file taxes. H&R Block is one of them. You have until April 30, 2010 to file your taxes without penalty, so get started early!!

Irish Blessing

May you always have...
Walls for the winds,
A roof for the rain
Tea beside the fire,
Laughter to cheer you
Those you love near you
And all your heart might desire.



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published, send it our
way!**

Applications Made Easy!

Exciting news for students everywhere!!

"Apply Alberta", a new website launched in February, is a one-stop online application site where students can pay application fees and send copies of high school or post secondary transcripts for free!!

The site is part of the Alberta government's "Access to the Future" Act, an effort began by the government in 2005 to create a universal web-based system where students could apply to post-secondary institutions across the province.

So far, 20 institutions within Alberta have joined the site with many more participating soon.

Students applying to post-secondary will still have to pay separate application fees to each school, however transcripts can be sent for free!

"Apply Alberta" is for programs that are a minimum of one year and will lead to a degree, diploma, or certificate. Graduate programs and continuing education courses (academic upgrading) will need to be applied for directly through the school.

Check it out for yourself!
www.applyalberta.ca

This Could Be YOU...

Servus Alberta is offering youth the opportunity to apply to be their "Spokester" for a full year, with some serious bonuses!

The Young & Free Alberta Spokester represents the voice of Alberta's 17- to 25-year-old crowd. This person is aware of what's happening in the lives of people 17 to 25, can relate to them and is there to capture the essence of what this group is talking about.

The chosen applicant will attend events, produce audio and video podcasts and post daily blog entries and weekly video diary entries. Throughout the year, there will be numerous travel and speaking commitments.

Get the Spokester title for a full year and \$3,000 per month for a 12-month contract (that's equivalent to \$36,000 per year). No cue cards. No scripts. Just you, being yourself, speaking for us, Servus Credit Union. Create a buzz, get people talking and take home big bucks.

Check out their website for details at www.youngfreealberta.com