



THE BUZZ



ADVANCING FUTURES BURSARY PROGRAM MARCH 2011 EDITION

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, 2011

Summer term deadline is

MAY 15, 2011

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

There is also the
ANNUAL APPLICATION DEADLINE

for **ALL** students (new and returning) which **must** include any and all programs and courses within the 2011-2012 academic year.

JUNE 1, 2011

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 enrolment, 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, 2011 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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*If there is anything you
would like to see featured
in the newsletter, please
let us know.*

E-mail suggestions to

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Or, if you have an update
or story you would like
published, send it our
way!

Applications Made Easy!

"Apply Alberta" 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.

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



IMPORTANT APRIL LIVING ALLOWANCE NOTICE !

DUE TO OUR FISCAL YEAR END, STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PICK UP THEIR APRIL LIVING ALLOWANCE UNTIL FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2011.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ADVANCING FUTURES AT
780-415-0085 (TOLL-FREE DIAL 310-0000).

**FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING BOYLE STREET EDUCATION CENTER,
BREAMAR, INNER CITY HIGH SCHOOL, CENTER HIGH, LOUISE DEAN
AND CHINOOK LEARNING SERVICES:**

AS YOU WILL BE ON SPRING BREAK AT THIS TIME, YOUR APRIL LIVING ALLOWANCE CHEQUES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP APRIL 1ST AT THE EDMONTON AND CALGARY OFFICES. SEE BELOW FOR PICK-UP TIMES AND ADDRESSES.

EDMONTON STUDENTS

When: April 1, 2011 8:15am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 4:30pm

Where: 10th floor Sterling Place 9940-106st

What to bring: photo id is a must!

If you have any questions please call 780-415-0085

CALGARY STUDENTS

When: April 1, 2011 8:15am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 4:30pm

Where: Plaza 14, #200, 811 – 14 Street NW (The Hub)

What to bring: photo id is a must!

If you have any questions please call 403-297-5806