



CAREER CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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Career News



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Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship and Scholarships

Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship raises awareness of apprenticeship in SK schools by helping young people discover what rewards come with being a Youth Apprentice and working in the skilled trades. SYA enhances student career development by exploring the world of work and opportunities skilled trades offer Saskatchewan youth.

Students in grade 9-12 can join and complete the SYA program. There are three levels with four tasks in each level. Students, without even knowing it already, have 4 out of the 12 tasks done! Upon completing the program, students will have earned 300 hours toward their journey person certificate in any field, level one tuition and the \$150 indenture fee. For more information please see Ms. Lapointe.

Another highlight about the program is students who complete the SYA program may also be eligible to be considered for one of many \$1000 scholarships.

My Blueprint

The Government of Saskatchewan has now provided schools across Saskatchewan with access to myBlueprint in addition to Saskcareers. MyBlueprint lets students build customized high school course plans, instantly identifies post secondary opportunities, and helps students explore valuable information regarding occupations and employment available all across Canada.

Students who created a Saskcareer account last year, already have an account and can access myBlueprint right away. As for grade 9 students, they can create an account using an access key which can be obtained by talking to Ms. Lapointe. Grade 9 students, will be doing a career education unit in the near future where they will create an account.

Parents—Parents are also able to create an account and have it linked to the child's account by using the email address they used to create their own account.

Grad with a Plan Meeting

Students have an opportunity to book a meeting with Ms. Lapointe to ask questions and start exploring options for life after high school.

IT'S A
BEAUTIFUL
THING WHEN A
CAREER AND A
PASSION COME
TOGETHER.!

TIPS FOR EXAMS

Create your own study guide.
Ask questions.
Attend the review session.
Start early
Organize a group study session.
Study things not on the study guide.
Take breaks.
Stay well-rested.
Create a study schedule – and follow it.

Prioritize your study time.
Study for the style of exam.
Quiz yourself.
Reorganize your notes. Create new ones.
Pace yourself.
Teach classmates.
Color code it.
Visualize.
Make it fun.

CAREER EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- **Thinking about joining the Army Reserves? Questions for a recruiter? What do they have to offer?** Starting in February, a recruiter will be available every Friday at lunch to meeting and answer your questions.
- **The Future is Yours**—The Future Is Yours is Saskatoon’s largest Career Expo targeting Indigenous youth. Employers and educators connect with youth who are employment ready or will soon enter the workforce. The work you do with the youth in your community is foundational in preparing youth for the future and becoming an active part of Saskatchewan. For more information, click [HERE](#).
- **Skills Canada—Saskatchewan** is a great opportunity for students to demonstrate their skills and have fun. Students learn about the skilled trades and technology careers through hands-on activities and demonstrations. The provincial student competition is scheduled for April 12 and 13 in Regina. There are many events including computer animation, auto body repair, carpentry, cooking, electrical wiring, job skill demonstration, job interview, machining, prepared speech, website development, and so much more. If you are interested, please see Ms. Lapointe for more information.
- **The Communicating for Agriculture Education Program** offers students the opportunity to gain agricultural work experience in various parts of the world.
- **Want to learn French? Explore** is a five week intensive language-learning program for grade 11 & 12 students who want to learn or want to continue to learn French as an additional language. Participants will receive a \$2200 bursary and have the opportunity to experience another region of Canada. **Student Exchange Programs** offer Grade 10 and 11 students the opportunity to host students from Quebec for three months in the fall before travelling to Quebec for three months.
- Students planning to attend Saskatchewan Polytechnic may want to complete a **dual credit**. A dual credit allows a student to earn a high school credit and Saskatchewan Polytechnic credit at the same time.
- **Royal Music Conservatory and National Lifeguarding Certificate (NLS)** - if you complete these programs will be able to obtain high school credits! Please see Ms. Lapointe for more information.
- **Optimist International Essay Contest**— Moose Jaw’s Optimist Club is sponsoring an essay contest to give young people room to develop their own views around a central idea. In addition to the opportunity for written expression, participants have a chance to win a college scholarship! Official Essay Topic: “Can Society Function Without Respect?” 700-800 words, specific format to follow. The deadline to submit the essay is February 16, 2018. Open to all grade 9-12 students! See Ms. Lapointe for an information sheet.
- **Briercrest's famous Youth Quake** will be held on February 16-18, in Caronport. Students can attend classes, join chapel, stay overnight, tour the campus, learn about their programs, and attend events.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES (Sources: online sites, PSSD Career News, Living Sky Blog)

Saskatchewan Polytechnic

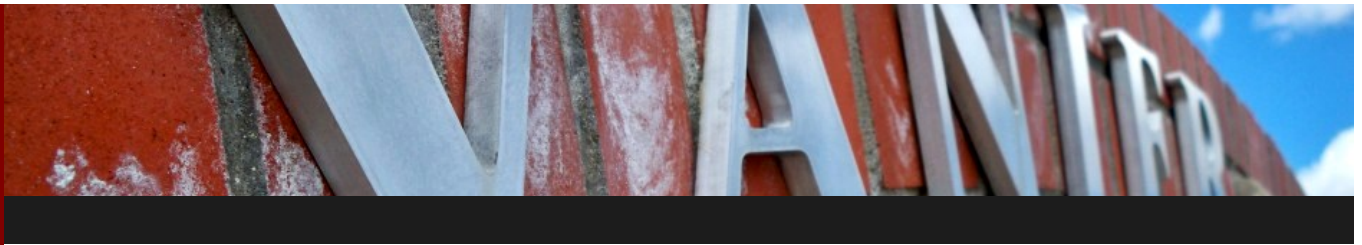
- **Insight—Explore. Try. Apply.** These half day events will provide insight into: a specific program, student life, campus atmosphere, admission requirements, and application process: April 17, 2018
- **Apply online!** SK Polytechnic has a number of programs that are first qualified, first admitted and a few high demand/competitive programs.
- **SK Poly/U of R Nursing Deadline is February 15, 2018!** For one application fee of \$100, you can apply to both the Regina and Saskatoon nursing campus (note: you are a U of R/SK poly student, NOT a U of S student for this specific program).

University of Saskatchewan

- **Admission:**
 - U of S Early Conditional Admission Deadline is February 15
 - Application deadline for Education, Agriculture/Bioresources, Business, Engineering, and Kinesiology - February 15
 - May/June—U-START online workshops to learn how about learning communities and registering for classes.
- **Scholarships:**
 - You must have applied for admission by February 15
 - Check your email
 - Submit your awards applications by March 1
 - Submit supporting documents by March 1
 - Check your email
- **Residence**
 - Apply ASAP

University of Regina

- **Grade 11 University Preview**
 - Specially created for Grade 11 students who are thinking about attending a university. This day is packed with fun sessions from 1:30—8:00 pm.
- **Admissions:**
 - General Early Conditional Admission: March 15, 2018
 - Education Deadline: March 1, 2018
 - Nursing Deadline: February 15, 2018
 - Priority Deadline for all other programs for Early Conditional Admission: March 15, 2018
- **Scholarships:**
 - SAMS (Student Awards Management System) allows students to search and apply online for the U of R scholarships and awards. The deadline is March 15, 2018.
 - Student Awards and Financial Aid Scholarship Workshops will be held on the following dates in the Main Archer Library in the Regina Room:
 - Wed. Feb. 14 at 4:00, Tue. Feb. 20 at 5:00, Thurs. Mar. 1 at 4:00, and Mon. Mar. 5 at 5:30
 - Deadline is March 15
 - **Campion College Scholarships** deadline: March 15



- Residence
 - The U of R guarantees a spot in their residence to all new students admitted to the U of R who apply for housing by June 1. The application is online and there are a variety of choices!

Medicine Hat College

- Ever wondered what it's like to be a college student? Be a student for the day and experience everything MHC has to offer! Dates are February 12-16 and March 12-16. Contact Landon for more information by calling 403-504-3569 or look it up online.

University of Calgary

- Admission applications to U of C are currently being accepted. March 1, 2018 is the admission application for high school awards deadline. For more information, please go here: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/awards/apply>

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Go online to vanier.htcsd.ca/pursueonline to get the most up-to-date information on scholarships.
- Some new ones:
 - **Odd Fellows and Rebekah's Bursary**, \$1000, deadline: March 15, 2018 (minimum 75% average, financial need, list of participation, two letters of reference, etc.)
 - **Uniroyal Junior Curling & Don Berglind Memorial Scholarship**—2 x \$250 for local high school curlers graduating from Grade 12.
 - **Vanier Collegiate Scholarship Form** for Grade 12's will be handed out in March.
 - **Moose Jaw Bursary Fund/PSSD-HTCSD Scholarships**—Deadline: May 1, 2018. The scholarships that ask the student to see their guidance counsellor are covered by completing the Vanier Scholarship Form. Scroll down to the bottom to look up Vanier Scholarships.
 - **Commercial Seed Analysts Association of Canada Inc. Annual \$500 Post-Secondary Grant**—for students already in university.
 - **ThinkAg Scholarship**—Grade 12 students who are planning to take an agriculture related post-secondary education program.
 - **Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall Scholarship**—awarded to grade 11 students to assist in finishing their grade 12 school year. The scholarship can be used for books, school supplies, family expenses, etc. Criteria: leadership, responsibilities outside of school, financial support needed and academic performance.

- Are you a Saskatchewan student planning to attend a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution? If yes, congratulations! You are a scholarship winner. The [Saskatchewan Advantage](#) Scholarship awards all Saskatchewan grade 12 graduates a scholarship of \$500 per year. Students may receive this scholarship up to a lifetime maximum of \$2,000. This scholarship is automatically applied to their tuition.
- [Our Way – Employment and Social Development Canada](#) can help with financial assistance of scholarships and grants; saving, planning, and paying for your education is within reach. Included are links to Colleges and Universities, post-secondary program search, repayments assistance estimator, career tool, and information on studying abroad .
- [Terry Fox Humanitarian Award](#) - Must have a satisfactory academic standing and be involved in voluntary humanitarian and community work. Three references. Deadline: Feb. 1, 2018
- [Joseph G. Doria Exemplary Student Award](#) - Must display academic excellence, passion for welding and community involvement. Must be entering a full-time welding program.
- [CWA Foundation Secondary School Award](#) - Currently in high school and applying for certified welding program, 2 references, etc.
- [Stacey Levitt Memorial Award](#) - Applicants must submit a short essay on living life to the fullest, helping others, etc. Letter of recommendation required.
- [RBC Royal Bank Students Leading Change Scholarship](#) - minimum 70%, 500 word essay, must be attending post-secondary.
- [RBC Royal Bank Scholarships for Aboriginals](#) - For status and non-status Indians, Inuit, or Metis pursuing post-secondary education.
- [Conexus Youth Leadership Award](#) - coming soon.
- [10 Words or Less Scholarship](#) - Anyone who is between 14-25 who will be attending school in the fall. Go to www.facebook.co/myscholarships.
- **Others:**
 - Rotary, Optimist, [Walmart](#), [SGEU](#), [Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan](#), [Fine Food Community Youth Scholarships](#), [SUN scholarships](#), Saskatchewan Scholarships—<https://www.saskatchewanscholarships.ca/>
 - Look into your unions, affiliations, and college/post-secondary schools for scholarship information as well.

**Mid-Year Grade 12 Report - Things for Grade 11 Students to start thinking about
(Source: Chinook SD)**

- * What do you need help with?
- * Gap year? Work? Volunteer? School? International Travel?
- * Have you applied to post-secondary?
- * Need a mid year career meeting?
- * Have no idea?
- * Need help making a resume?
- * Need help looking for a job?
- * Need help completing Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship program?
- * Need help applying for post-secondary?
- * Have you applied for scholarships?
- * Are you planning on living in residence?
- * Need help finding other accommodations?
- * Have you been accepted to the program?
- * Not sure of admission requirements?
- * Do your parents have questions?
- * Have you talked to your parents about your plans?
- * Is your graduation in doubt?
- * Need help approaching an employer?
- * Want an apprenticeship credit?
- * Do you have questions, comments or concerns?
- * Do you need advice, or career guidance?

**For more information, please feel free to contact Ms. Christa Lapointe at christa.lapointe@htcsd.ca.
You can also join the Remind by messaging @careervci to (709) 700-0705.**

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