

Rumour Has It...

NWT Student Financial Assistance

Spring 2008 Edition

Student Handbook, Applications & Forms

The NWT Student Financial Assistance Program is pleased to inform that the Student Handbook has not changed and will continue to be used for the upcoming academic year. The Applications and Forms are separate from the Handbook to allow for updates, if necessary.

Handbooks, Applications and Forms are available in our office, on our website (www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca), as well as the ECE office in your

NWT community.

As always, please feel free to submit your application for the upcoming academic year any time before your deadline. It is not necessary to provide your transcript and/or acceptance letter before applying for SFA. Your application will be evaluated based on the information you provide and should you have any changes, your information can be updated later.

Application Deadlines

If your academic year starts	Your deadline is
January 1 - 31	November 15th
August 16 - September 30 & Canada Millennium Bursary Awards	July 15th
All other months	One calendar month prior



NWTSFA Scholarships

All students applying for the NWTSFA Scholarship must submit an official copy of their transcript, along with **Form C—Scholarship**

Assessment Form. Form C is available in our office, on our website, and the ECE office in your NWT community.

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Recent Changes...

- Increase to Loan Limits (see page 2)
- Increase to Repayable Loan Installments (see page 2)



Release of Information

The NWT Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act protects all information that you supply to NWTSA. What this means is that any of the information we have collected in your file cannot be made available to anyone other than you. All requests for such information from a third party will be denied.

How do I provide access to a friend, family member, or anyone else?

If you want someone to have access to your NWTSA file, please submit a **Form B - Consent for the Release of Information** to our department. This form can be found in our office, on our website, as well as the ECE office in your NWT community.

Child Care User Subsidy

As a student, you may also be eligible for a Child Care User Subsidy from the Government of the NWT. For more information, contact your local Career Centre or Canada/NWT Service Centre.

If you are outside the NWT, contact the Student Services office at your institution.

Loan Limits & Repayable Loan

The NWT Student Financial Assistance Regulations were amended to:

- Increase the maximum lifetime loan limit that a student can receive from \$47,000 to \$60,000, and
- Increase the maximum Repayable Loan amount a student can receive each month from \$1,100 to \$1,400, thus increasing the total amount a student can receive in a year from \$13,200 to \$16,800.

Looking for Advice??

- NWTSA offers information on Student Financial Assistance.
- Your local ECE office offers academic and career counseling.
- Your post secondary institution may offer academic and career counseling services.
- Ms. Nona German, Northern Student Services Advisor, provides free services for all NWTSA students who attend educational institutions and training programs in the Edmonton area. The assistance and support a student receives is on an individual basis. Nona uses the resources available on the campus and in the community to assist student's with, for example, obtaining housing, orientation to city living, and personal and financial counseling. Nona can be reached at 780-491-1363 or via e-mail at nonag@nait.ca.

It is your responsibility to contact our office to arrange for loan repayment or remission before the six-month interest-free period has ended.

Loan Repayment / Remission

If you have previously received a student loan from the GNWT and are not planning to return to full-time studies for six months or longer, you will need to contact your Loans Officer to discuss your repayment and / or remission obligations (refer to the contact information on page 5).

It is important that you keep track of the money you borrow as you are obligated to repay a student loan just as you would a loan from the bank. If you are unable to meet your payment obligations you must contact your Loans Officer immediately to avoid having your credit

rating jeopardized.

If you are planning to return to full-time studies without NWT SFA and wish to suspend your loan payments, you must submit a confirmation of full-time status. You can do this by submitting a **Form D—Student Enrollment Form**.

Student Enrollment Forms

NWT SFA requires 10 business days to process a **Form D—Student Enrollment Form**. Always have alternate financial arrangements until SFA processes your **Form D** and/or other required documentation for funding.

Many students do not realize a **Form D** is to be submitted each and every semester and no sooner than one calendar month prior to the start of the semester.

The **Form D** is required to confirm your registration for the upcoming semester. It also provides other pertinent information such as course load information.

Please ensure your **Form D** is complete prior to having it submitted to our office. You may also want to confirm with SFA that the form has been received.



Millennium Scholarships



Les bourses du millénaire

NWT SFA administers the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation's (CMSF) Bursary program. Approximately 119 general awards of \$3,000 and 44 access awards of \$1,500 each are available to eligible NWT students each year. Eligibility is based on financial need.

To qualify student's must meet the following requirements:

- apply by July 15 for the current academic year
- be eligible as a NWT SFA full-time student
- meet all CMSF criteria (visit their website at: <http://www.millenniumscholarships.ca>)
- enrolled at an eligible postsecondary institution in Canada
- have not applied to another province or territory
- provide an official transcript(s) indicating you have previously successfully completed the required percentage of a 100% full course load for the general awards *and*
- submit all required eligibility documents (transcript, **Form D** for the fall semester) by October 1, 2008 and a second **Form D** for the winter semester on or before February 1, 2009

2008-09 WILL BE THE FINAL YEAR

GNWT - SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Summer employment opportunities are available to Northern students to help them gain valuable work experience and enhance employment prospects upon completion of their studies. Northern students should submit a resume to Corporate Human Resources as soon as possible to maximize their opportunities for summer employment. Student resumes are provided to all GNWT departments, boards and agencies who wish to hire a summer student. For more information or to submit a resume, e-mail chrs@gov.nt.ca or call 867-920-6218. Resumes can also be faxed to 867-873-0235.

Helpful tips for students when applying for a government job

- Ensure your resume clearly states that you are a student enrolled at a postsecondary institution
- Identify your eligibility in order to receive priority consideration under the Affirmative Action Policy
- If you have taken a break from school and are planning to return to full-time studies in the fall, please attach a letter of acceptance from your educational institution to your resume
- Make sure your resume is clear, concise, and up-to date



Yellowknife Community Foundation Grants and Scholarships 2008

Annual Scholarships are available for individuals studying in the fine and performing arts, sport and physical activity, language studies and aviation training.

Various grants are also available from registered charities.

Further information: www.yellowknifecommunityfoundation.ca or

Email: info@yellowknifecommunityfoundation.ca

Environment Canada Canadian Wildlife Service

The Canadian Wildlife Service is seeking 1-3 students from Yellowknife and/or Inuvik and surrounding areas, who have an interest in biology, for summer employment from May to August. Positions will involve field work and are focused on birds. No previous experience is required, but applicants must enjoy being outdoors and physically active. If interested, please contact Jennie Rausch at 867-669-4709 or jennie.rausch@ec.gc.ca. Completion of an online application will be required.



Other employment opportunities are available on the following websites:

<http://www.gov.nt.ca>

<http://www.jobbank.gc.ca>

<http://www.jobs.gc.ca>

<http://www.monster.ca>

<http://www.nnsl.com>

<http://www.workopolis.com>



... is an **Electronic Labour Exchange**

Search for available job openings in the Northwest Territories, apply for jobs online, and store multiple resumes and cover letters.

SFA Online Services

The NWT SFA Program has many online resources available at www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca. Students may also apply for assistance online.

CONTACT US!!!

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 Income Security Division
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 Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

Telephone:
 1-800-661-0793
 867-873-7190

Fax:
 1-800-661-0893
 867-873-0336

E-mail: nwtsfa@gov.nt.ca
 Website: www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca

Phone Numbers and E-mail

Your Student Case Officer or Loans Officer is determined by your surname. Please select your particular Officer and contact information from the list below.

SFA Supervisor		
Nicole Beauchamp	867-920-6236	nicole_beauchamp@gov.nt.ca
Student Case Officers		
A - C Kathy Monkman	867-920-6987	kathy_monkman@gov.nt.ca
D - K Jolene Russell	867-873-7195	jolene_russell@gov.nt.ca
L - P Mike Soloy	867-920-6217	mike_soloy@gov.nt.ca
Q - Z Jeanette Goldney	867-920-6973	jeanette_goldney@gov.nt.ca
Loans Officers		
A - L Joyce Pittman	867-873-7102	joyce_pittman@gov.nt.ca
M - Z Corrie Bernard	867-920-6224	corrie_bernard@gov.nt.ca

