



I t's hard to believe that it's already March and only a few more weeks until you return home for the summer. Now is the time to start looking for a summer job and filling out another NWT SFA application for the fall.

Student Enrolment Forms (SEF)

Each semester, students are required to submit SEF forms within one calendar month prior to the start date of their semester. Please ensure this form is completed and signed by the institution so that it does not have to be returned for correction.



NEW!

Appeal Procedures

Starting in the 2001-2002 academic year, final level appeals will be reviewed by an independent board rather than the Minister of Education. This change to the appeal process will be outlined in the 2001-2002 NWT SFA Student Guide and website.

You must ensure that the NWT SFA office in Yellowknife, the NWT/Canada Service Centre in Yellowknife or the Regional Career Centre in your community, receives your application by the following deadlines:



If Your Program Start Date is:
January 1 to 31
May 1 to 31
August 16 to September 30
All Other Start Dates

Then Your Application Deadline is:
November 15
March 15
July 15
One Calendar Month Before Start Date

Current Mailing Address

While you are away at school, we may need to keep in touch. So, for those of you who have not submitted a current mailing address, you can simply e-mail or fax our office. (Address changes must be in writing.)

E-mail Address

E-mail is an excellent way for NWT SFA to correspond with you during the academic year. If we don't have your e-mail address, please let us know what it is and we will ensure you receive general correspondence quickly this way. It is also a great way to keep in touch with your SCO.



Your Student Case Officer

Your Student Case Officer (SCO) can be reached by e-mail or by telephone. Please note your SCO is from the list below. For example, if your last name is Cooper, your SCO is Darren.

Darren A – C &
University/College Entrance Preparation (UCEP)
E-mail: darren_horn@gov.nt.ca

Nicole D – I
E-mail: nicole_beauchamp@gov.nt.ca

Angela J – M
E-mail: angela_jones@gov.nt.ca

Kim N – S
E-mail: kim_burton@gov.nt.ca

Laurie T – Z &
Academy of Learning
E-mail: laurie_napier@gov.nt.ca



Customer Service

The NWT SFA office is taking steps to improve the service you receive, especially during the peak summer months. This will mean the staff at NWT SFA will be participating in our annual Customer Relations workshop on May 3rd and 4th. During this time, our office will be open for business, and our front desk staff will be available to help you with your questions. Thanks for your understanding and we appreciate your continued cooperation.

Student Guide and Application

The new Student Guide and Application are much shorter - not so many pages! These will be available in April 2001. You will notice that there are 3 application forms in the guide, one for full time continuing students, one for full time new students or students who have had a break of one academic year or more and one for part-time studies.

There are a couple of options available to you when applying for NWT Student Financial Assistance (NWT SFA). You can:

- 1) Apply online
- 2) Download the application from the website
- 3) Pick up the Guide and Application, or
- 4) Request a Student Guide and Application be mailed or faxed to you.

That's right; NWT SFA has finally caught up with the times! If you apply on-line your application will be assessed in a timelier manner. Keep in mind; if you do decide to apply on-line you may still be required to submit documents to NWT SFA.

If you have received NWT SFA in the past or are applying for part time studies, please make arrangements with your institution to have an official

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When you completed your application, last summer, you were given the choice of how you would like to receive your living allowance as a:

- ?? Supplementary Grant; or
- ?? Remissible Loan

The NWT SFA Program would like to ensure that you understand how your choice may affect your tax situation, your repayment obligations, and the way you receive NWT SFA assistance in the future. More information about this can be found on our website at www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca.

If you wish to reconsider your decision, please do so before March 31, 2001. You may want to discuss this with a financial advisor or a family member. If you decide to change the type of assistance you receive, your SCO will arrange the adjustment.

Suspension Policy

Please keep in mind – a suspension policy has been in effect since the fall of 1997. Refer to the Student Guide or our website for further information.

How to Contact Us

You can reach us through the toll free number, or the local number in Yellowknife, indicated below. A new Call Routing System has been added to help "route" your call to the person you want to talk with. At times there may be a short wait, but please be patient, your call will be directed to the right person.

1-800-661-0793 (toll free)
1-867-873-7190 (Yellowknife)



If you would prefer to mail, e-mail or fax information please use the following:

NWT Student Financial Assistance
Department of Education, Culture and Employment
Government of the Northwest Territories
Box 1320
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

E-mail: nwtsfa@gov.nt.ca

Fax: 1-800-661-0893 (toll free)
1-867-873-0336 (Yellowknife)

Student Information on the Internet

Towards the end of March 2001, NWT SFA will be introducing online services to speed the application process and provide you with access to:

- Current loan information,
- Payments made to you and the status of future payments,
- The status of your application, and
- The ability to apply online.



In order to access these features, please visit our website at www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca, click on the link to online services and follow the instructions. The first time you visit this site, you will need to register by entering your last name, date of birth, SIN, health care number and supply a password.

Online Application

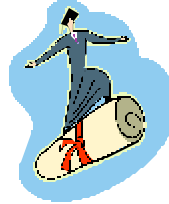
If you are planning to apply online, please provide all of the requested information. Returning students will see that the online application already has most of their personal information. (Students will need to contact us to change their address.) After you have submitted your application you can simply go to the application enquiry feature and check to see if there is missing information and/or errors. Please note, you will still have to provide information such as transcripts and Student Enrolment Forms.

Northern Student Education Initiative

Ms. Nona German, Northern Student Services Advisor, provides services for all NWT SFA students who attend educational institutions and training programs in the Edmonton region (limited services are available to students attending school in Red Deer). The assistance and support a student receives is on an individual basis. Nona uses the resources available on campus and in the community to assist students with, for example, obtaining housing, orientation to city living, and personal and financial counseling. Nona can be reached via e-mail at nona.german@ualberta.ca or at the following:

2-800 Sub
University of Alberta
Edmonton, AB T6G 2J7

Telephone: 1-780-492-7596
Fax: 1-780-492-6701



Loan Repayment/ Remission

Please contact your Student Case Officer if you are not planning to return to full-time studies for any period of six months or longer to discuss your repayment and/or remission obligations. If you are planning to return to full-time studies without NWT SFA, you are still required to submit confirmation of your status. You can use a Student Enrolment Form which can be downloaded from the website.



Employment

Student Employment Website

Summer students can now complete their applications on-line! These applications will be available to all northern employers (including the GNWT) who register to use the site at the end of March 2001. The on-line application is located at www.northwise.ca. Students are encouraged to complete applications as soon as possible to maximize their opportunities for summer employment. Students can also send their resumes for summer employment to the following individuals:

Gina Blondin
Policy and Programs Advisor
Corporate Human Resource Services
Department of Executive - GNWT
P.O. Box 1320
YELLOWKNIFE NT X1A 2L9
Fax: 867-873-0235

Bobby Van Bridger
Regional Superintendent
FMBS - GNWT
Box 2480
INUVIK NT X0E 0T0
Fax: 867-777-7149

Brian Kwong
Area Superintendent
FMBS - GNWT
Box 240
FORT SIMPSON NT X0E 0N0
Fax: 867-695-9254

Bob Sanderson
Regional Superintendent
FMBS - GNWT
Box 390
Fort Smith, NT X0E 0P0
Fax: 867-872-3298

For further information on the Summer Student Employment Program, contact Gina Blondin by telephone at 867-920-3312 or by email at gina_blondin@gov.nt.ca.



Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. is currently recruiting for summer students. If you are returning to school in the fall and are interested in working with Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. please forward your resume to:

Human Resources
Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.
PO Box 2498
Yellowknife NT X1A 2P8
Fax: (867) 669-4051

Please indicate the type of work you are looking for, your availability and the length of time you have resided in the Northwest Territories on your covering letter.

Graduate Employment

As part of the Legislative Assembly's commitment to maximizing northern employment, the Government of the Northwest Territories recently announced that it will encourage and support northern post-secondary graduates to find employment here at home. If you are a student who is interested in summer employment or if you are graduating this year and want to return north after you graduate, we would like to hear from you. Please forward your resume by mail, fax or e-mail at the following address:

Summer Student Employment Program
Corporate Human Resource Services - Laing 6
Government of the Northwest Territories
P.O. Box 1320, YELLOWKNIFE NT X1A 2L9
Fax: 867-873-0235
E-mail: gina_blondin@gov.nt.ca

Please include information on your course of study, areas of job interest and the number of years you have lived in the



BHP Diamonds Inc. is currently accepting resumes for summer student positions in the following areas:
Environmental, Engineering, Mine Operations, Finance, Warehousing, Maintenance, Mining, Human Resources/Training, Safety and Processing.

If you are a student intending to return to school in the fall and are enrolled in an appropriate program, please forward your resume to:
Human Resources Administrator
Fax #: (867) 880-4408
E-mail: allen.barb.ba@bhp.com.au

The deadline is March 31, 2001.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

