



# Rumour Has It...

## CANADA MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIPS AND NWT SFA SCHOLARSHIPS

In its 2008 budget, the Government of Canada declared its intention not to renew the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation after its initial mandate is complete. As a result, the Foundation’s ability to make awards to students will expire in January 2010. The final cohort of students eligible to receive millennium bursaries will be that attending a Canadian postsecondary institution in the 2008-09 academic year. *No student will receive a Millennium Bursary after 2009.*

If you have any questions about the Millennium Scholarships, please go to [www.millenniumscholarships.ca](http://www.millenniumscholarships.ca)

The Northwest Territories Student Financial Assistance program will also phase out scholarships in the 2008-09 academic year. All regular postsecondary funding in the form of Basic Grants, Supplementary Grants, Remissible and Repayable Loans will continue to be available.

We will continue to provide students with a guide to other scholarship and bursary opportunities, and will continue to provide one of the best Student Financial Assistance programs available in Canada.

### MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY MINISTER

On behalf of the Department of Education, Culture and Employment, I want to extend our congratulations to you as you complete your year of postsecondary education. Your decision to further your education is one of the most important decisions you will make in your lifetime and it is one that will have a long and lasting positive impact on your lives. To those of you who are graduating this year, we extend our congratulations on your accomplishment and we hope you return to reside in the Northwest Territories where there are many opportunities to apply your education, skills and experience. To those of you who will be continuing your postsecondary studies, we look forward to serving you in the future and supporting you in achieving your postsecondary goals.



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## LOOKING FOR ADVICE?

NWTSFA offers information on Student Financial Assistance for residents of the NWT.

Your local ECE Service Centre offers academic and career counseling.

Your postsecondary institution may offer academic and career counseling services.

Ms. Nona German, Northern Student Services Advisor, provides free services for all NWTSFA 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](mailto:nonag@nait.ca).

## RELEASE OF INFORMATION

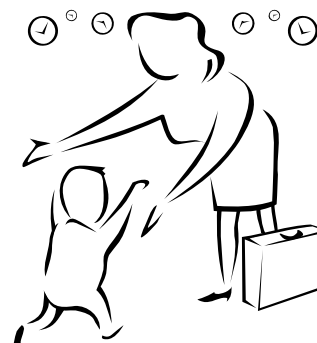
The NWT Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act protects all information that you supply to NWTSFA. What this means is that any of the information we have collected in your file cannot be made available to anyone other than you. All requests for such information from a third party will be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

If you want someone to have access to your NWTSFA 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 Service Centre in your NWT community.

## STUDENT CHILD CARE USER SUBSIDY

As a student with children, you may also be eligible for a Student Child Care User Subsidy from the Government of the NWT. For more information, contact the ECE Service Centre in your NWT community.

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



## STUDENT HANDBOOK, APPLICATIONS AND FORMS

The NWT Student Financial Assistance Program is in the process of making a few minor edits to the Student Handbook. It should be available shortly and will be posted on the website. Since the Applications and Forms are separate from the Handbook, it allows for continued access and specific updates, when and if necessary.

Handbooks, Applications and Forms are available in our office on the first floor of Lahm Ridge Tower in Yellowknife, on our website ([www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca](http://www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca)), as well as the ECE Service Centre 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.

## 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 Revenue and Collections 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 amount and type of 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 Revenue and Collections Officer immediately to avoid having your credit rating jeopardized.

If you are planning to return to full-time studies without NWTSA 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**.



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

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## STUDENT TRAVEL REMINDERS

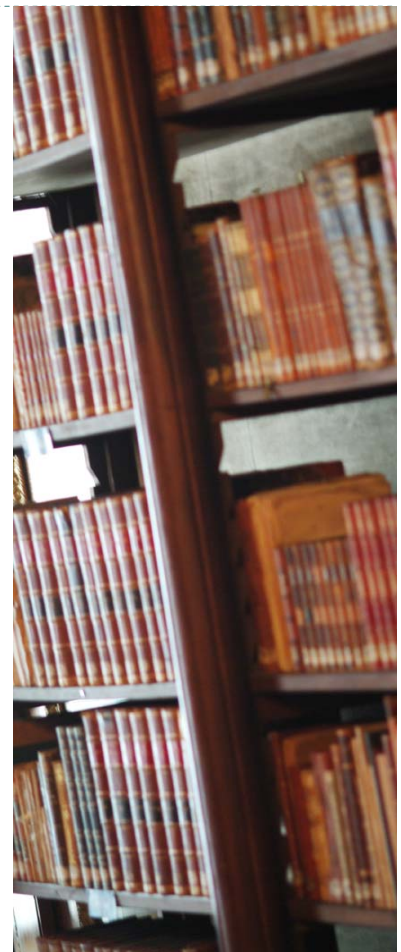
Please keep in mind the following items when travelling to and from school:

- ◆ To book travel, contact a northern travel agency, who will contact us for authorization.
- ◆ Student Financial Assistance does NOT pay for excess luggage. You are only entitled to the luggage allowance given by the airline you are travelling on. Anything above that is your responsibility.

When requesting reimbursement for travel by air, you require the following information in addition to **Form A—Travel Claim**:

- ◆ A copy of your Itinerary/Receipt that shows the amount that you paid and if possible a copy of the ticket or your boarding pass.
- ◆ If the ticket was purchased with a credit card, you must submit a copy of the credit card or a statement that shows the last 4 numbers of the credit card and the name of the cardholder.

Including this information will expedite the process to reimburse you for your travel.



## 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](mailto: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



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

Search for available summer, part-time and indeterminate job openings in the Northwest Territories, apply for jobs online, and store multiple resumes and cover letters. NWT SFA is often contacted by employers looking for summer students to fill jobs.

**LOOK FOR THESE JOB POSTINGS ON JOBSNORTH.CA!**

## BACHELOR OF EDUCATION GRADUATES

Are you graduating from a Bachelor of Education program this year? School Divisions in the Northwest Territories seek positive, dynamic and energetic teachers for the 2009-2010 school year. A Bachelor of Education or graduation from a recognized training program and eligibility for NWT Teacher Certification are minimum requirements.

Salaries begin at \$54,986 ([www.nwtta.nt.ca/collective\\_agreements.html](http://www.nwtta.nt.ca/collective_agreements.html)). Cost of living allowance varies between \$3,250 and \$24,602, dependent on the community of employment. For more information, please contact Joanne McGrath by e-mail: [joanne\\_mcgrath@gov.nt.ca](mailto:joanne_mcgrath@gov.nt.ca) or by phone at: 867-873-7458.

### OTHER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

[www.gov.nt.ca](http://www.gov.nt.ca)

[www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca)

[www.jobs.gc.ca](http://www.jobs.gc.ca)

[www.monster.ca](http://www.monster.ca)

[www.nnsl.com](http://www.nnsl.com)

[www.workopolis.com](http://www.workopolis.com)

### OTHER WEBSITES OF INTEREST:

[www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca)

[www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)

[www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)

[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)

[www.ufile.ca/home/cfs.asp](http://www.ufile.ca/home/cfs.asp)

## WANT TO GO TO THE OLYMPICS?

Apply to be a Youth Ambassador! The NWT will be sending 33 Youth Ambassadors to volunteer at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver, BC. To qualify for the program, you must be between 17 to 25 years of age on September 1st, 2009. The deadline to apply is April 24, 2009.

For more information, including application forms, please visit: [www.maca.gov.nt.ca](http://www.maca.gov.nt.ca).

## CONTACT US!!!

NWT Student Financial Assistance

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1-800-661-0893 (Toll-Free)

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Website: [www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca](http://www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca)



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## NORTHERN GRADUATES

Are you currently a northern student in a postsecondary diploma or degree program? Are you graduating in 2009? Will you be looking for work in the NWT?

The GNWT is committed to helping northern graduates find work experience related to their field of study. To help begin your postsecondary career, the GNWT offers a number of Internship programs available to northern graduates.

In addition to gaining valuable experience in your field of study, these programs offer a competitive salary, benefits and opportunity for advancement.

For more information, please refer to the GNWT Human Resources website at: [www.hr.gov.nt.ca/employment/interns](http://www.hr.gov.nt.ca/employment/interns)

## ONLINE SERVICES

The NWT SFA Program has many online resources available at our website: [www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca](http://www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca). Students may also apply for assistance online.



## PHONE NUMBERS AND E-MAIL

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

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| SFA Supervisor                   | Nicole Beauchamp | 867-920-6236 | <a href="mailto:nicole_beauchamp@gov.nt.ca">nicole_beauchamp@gov.nt.ca</a> |
| Student Case Officers            |                  |              |  |
| A - D                            | Kathy Monkman    | 867-920-6987 | <a href="mailto:kathy_monkman@gov.nt.ca">kathy_monkman@gov.nt.ca</a>       |
| E - K                            | Cory Emsley      | 867-873-7195 | <a href="mailto:cory_emsley@gov.nt.ca">cory_emsley@gov.nt.ca</a>           |
| L - P                            | Mike Soloy       | 867-920-6217 | <a href="mailto:mike_soloy@gov.nt.ca">mike_soloy@gov.nt.ca</a>             |
| Acting for Q - Z                 | Nicole Beauchamp | 867-920-6236 | <a href="mailto:nicole_beauchamp@gov.nt.ca">nicole_beauchamp@gov.nt.ca</a> |
| Revenue and Collections Officers |                  |              |  |
| A - K                            | Nusrat Iqbal     | 867-873-7102 | <a href="mailto:nusrat_iqbal@gov.nt.ca">nusrat_iqbal@gov.nt.ca</a>         |
| L - Z                            | Corrie Bernard   | 867-920-6224 | <a href="mailto:corrie_bernard@gov.nt.ca">corrie_bernard@gov.nt.ca</a>     |
| Student Payments and Travel      | Lorraine Fillion | 867-920-3132 | <a href="mailto:lorraine_fillion@gov.nt.ca">lorraine_fillion@gov.nt.ca</a> |