

Rumor Has It....

The Official Newsletter of the Northwest Territories Student Financial Assistance Program



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Sport North Scholarships

This Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to NWT students who have successfully completed their first year at a recognized post secondary institution.

- Have you lived in the NWT for a minimum of three years?
- Have you completed at least one full year of schooling in the NWT or are you a mature student?
- Did you graduate from a NWT high school or have you attained your G.E.D.?

Then you are eligible to apply for a Sport North Scholarship. A total of 10 scholarships will be given out this year; eight in the amount of \$1,000, plus the Rick Tremblay Scholarship valued at \$2,000 and the Scott McAdam Scholarship valued at \$1,500.

Preference will be given, but not limited to, students in the field of Physical Education, Sport Administration, Recreation, Sport Sciences or Education

(majoring in Physical Education).

For more information contact the Sport North office:

(Ph) 867-669-8326 or toll free at 1-800-661-0797

www.sportnorth.com

All applications must be submitted by: August 15, 2005

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Repayment and Remission Information

If you are not planning to return to full-time studies for a period of six months or longer, please contact your Revenue and Collections Officer to discuss remission/repayment obligations.

Going by your last name contact one of the following:

Joyce Pittman (A-K)
867-873-7102

Lorraine Fillion (L-Z)
867-920-6224

Or call our Toll-free line
1-800-661-0793

If you are planning to return to full-time studies without NWT SFA and you wish to suspend your loan payments, you are still required to submit confirmation of your full-time status. You can obtain a Student Enrollment Form from our website at www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca

SFA Application Deadlines

To ensure that you will be eligible to receive your student financial assistance, submit your application by the following deadlines:

If your Academic Year Starts:	Your Deadline is:
January 1-31	- November 15
May 1-31	- March 15
August 16–September 30	- July 15
All other start dates	- One calendar month before start date



Audits

The NWT SFA Program will be conducting random audits on student files. You may receive a letter requesting further documentation to back up information you have provided. Your cooperation will be appreciated in order to complete the audit.

Your Student Case Officer

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

- Mike A-C
E-Mail mike_soloy@gov.nt.ca
- Nicole D-I
E-Mail nicole_beauchamp@gov.nt.ca
- Sherry J-M
E-Mail sherry_shields@gov.nt.ca
- Tara N-R & UCEP
E-Mail tara_trobak@gov.nt.ca
- Dan S-Z
E-Mail daniel_round@gov.nt.ca



Someone to Talk to!

...in the Edmonton area

Nona German is the Northern Student Initiative's Student Advisor. She can be contacted at (780) 491-1363.

...at your institution

The postsecondary institution you are attending has trained counselors available who can provide help with such things as budgeting, study tips, career or educational and personal counseling.

Your File is Confidential!

The NWT Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act protects all information that you supply to the NWT Student Financial Assistance Program. 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 your parents or spouse, for example) will be denied unless we have written permission from you. If you want someone to have access to your NWT SFA file on your behalf, submit a

Form B—Consent for the Release of Information to us. You can find the form in your Student Guide or download a copy from the NWT SFA website at www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca





JobsNorth offers a comprehensive list of employment opportunities in the Northwest Territories. The website allows you to browse through available jobs and apply for jobs online.

You can even post your resume online and allow jobs to find you! Visit this helpful website at: www.jobsnorth.ca.

Spring has Sprung

Though the thermometer may not reflect it, spring is just around the corner. The first day of spring, or the vernal equinox, lands on March 20th this year. On April 3rd don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour to gain an extra hour of sunlight!



With all this warm spring weather comes final exams for most of you. Make sure to plan your time and study hard. Good Luck!!

Helpful tips for students when applying for a Government Job

- Make sure that your resume clearly states that you are a student enrolled in a post-secondary institution.
- State your Affirmative Action Policy category.
- If you have taken a break from school and are planning on returning to studies in the fall, you must provide NSEP with a confirmation of acceptance letter from the academic institution in order to be considered a summer student.
- Make sure your resume is clear, concise and up-to-date.

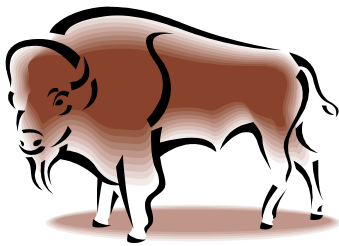
For more information, and to apply online, visit www.NorthWISE.ca. This website is used by more than 100 NWT employers looking for summer employees.

Your resume can also be mailed or faxed to:

Corporate Human Resources
Department of the Executive
Laing Building—6th floor
Box 1320
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9
Fax: (867) 873-0235
Email: chrs@gov.nt.ca

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Wood Buffalo National Park Summer Student Employment



Students must register with the Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP) to be eligible to work for Parks Canada in 2005. **Register today!** Complete an application form at the following website: <https://www5.psc-cfp.gc.ca/prodfswep/fswep.htm>

Ensure you include code 5213 - Interest in Parks Programs - in the Skills and Occupational Certificates section (along with all other relevant codes) so your application can be assessed. You must also identify your local address (in Fort Smith) if you want to work there.

If you have a driver's license please identify code 5043 as well. For assistance, please contact Michelle Douglas (867-872-7923) or Moira McKinnon (867-872-7921) Human Resources, Wood Buffalo National Park.

Contact Us!

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We're on the Web!

www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca

- **Personal information**
- **Monthly living allowance**
- **Program information**



Arctic Youth Impressions

Your North

Your Community

Your Life

Are you looking for an outlet to express yourself?

Do you want to share your thoughts and opinions with others?

The Arctic Council's Future of Children and Youth in the Arctic Initiative is calling on Arctic youth from all circumpolar countries to submit creative pieces of work to be posted on the

On Top of the World Website.

Essays

Photography

Poetry

Visit www.ookpik.org to download your entry form and read the rules and restrictions or contact the Arctic Council at ookpik@iisd.ca or by phone at 1 (204) 952-7700. Arctic Youth Impressions is open to all youth between 12 and 25 who are currently living in the Arctic.

2005-2006 Student Guide and Updated Applications

NWTSFA is presently updating the 2005-2006 Student Guide and applications for funding. The new guide is expected to be ready for distribution in early May 2005. All applications for funding for the 2005-2006 academic year should be submitted on 2005-2006 application forms.

Any applications received by NWTSFA for the 2005-2006 academic year that have been filled out on the prior year application form will be retained by NWTSFA. The receipt date will be honoured but students may be required to fill in amended sections on the updated form.

Any applicants affected by this policy will be sent a letter from NWTSFA informing them of this requirement. A list is being kept and affected students will be sent updated section(s) as soon as they become available.