



Financial Aid and Awards

INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES

WELCOME!

Whether you are entering your first year of university or graduating with a degree, we realize financial matters are important to you. Concordia University of Edmonton (CUE) is committed to helping you develop a financial plan so you can realize your academic goals. Each year our Financial Aid and Awards Office works with students and their families to help make their CUE education more affordable. We assist them in navigating through the financial aid process and work with them to identify grants, loans and scholarship opportunities for which they may be eligible.

WHAT IS A SCHOLARSHIP?

A scholarship is a non-repayable monetary award based on academic merit and/or non-academic criteria such as community service and leadership.

WHAT IS A BURSARY?

A bursary is a non-repayable monetary award based on financial need.

WHAT IS A STUDENT LOAN?

A student loan is government funding designed to help students pay for university tuition, books, and living expenses. This financial assistance comes in the form of loans and grants to post-secondary students who demonstrate financial need. Loans are repayable forms of assistance. Grants are non-repayable forms of assistance.

WHAT IS A STUDENT LINE OF CREDIT?

A line of credit is a loan set up with your banking institution to help cover the cost of tuition, books and living expenses. Contact your banking institution for full details.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

RENEWABLE ENTRANCE AWARDS

University Entrance Scholarship (no application required)

Renewable scholarships for students coming directly from high school. Students who present a minimum awards average of 75% or higher may be eligible. Scholarships vary in value according to the applicant's award average [\$1000 to \$5000] Eligible candidates are identified through the admissions application.

NOTE: Students must apply for admission and pay their application fee before April 1st in order to be considered for a renewable University Entrance scholarship.

Concordia Thunder athletes will be given an extended deadline of May 1st.

NON-RENEWABLE ENTRANCE AWARD

University Transfer Scholarship (no application required)

Students who transfer to CUE with a minimum of 24 transferable university-level credits may be eligible for this one-time award of \$1500. Eligible candidates are identified through the admissions application and must apply by June 1st.

CONCORDIA FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS

If you are a full-time undergraduate student at CUE you may be eligible to apply for:

Concordia Bursary Program (online application)

The bursary assistance program provides non-repayable forms of financial assistance to domestic and international students on the basis of financial need and is intended to assist students who, in spite of their own best efforts, are experiencing difficulties in meeting tuition and other reasonable educational expenses while attending CUE. The online bursary application is available through Online Services for Students/Requests. The fall term deadline is October 15th and the winter term deadline is February 1st. Students may only apply once in an academic year.

CUE Scholarships (online application)

This annual competition includes numerous donor-funded scholarships for students who demonstrate scholastic achievement, volunteer/community service, leadership qualities, and/or financial need. Some awards are program-specific. The online application, available through Online Services for Students/Requests, opens in November and closes January 15th. A reference letter is required to complete the application. Cash awards are presented annually in winter term.

In-Course Scholarship (no application required)

Annual \$1,500 awards to returning students working toward the completion of their first baccalaureate degree in an Arts, Management, or Science degree program. CUE's Financial Aid and Awards office identifies eligible students at the end of winter session. Recipients cannot simultaneously hold a University Entrance Scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS THROUGH ALBERTA STUDENT AID (application required)

The Alberta Government through Alberta Student Aid, and in partnership with post-secondary institutions and other community organizations, offers a suite of scholarships and awards to encourage and reward the excellence of Alberta students. Visit www.studentaid.alberta.ca for full details & criteria for each award.

Alexander Rutherford Scholarship for High School Achievement

Recognizes and rewards academic achievement at the senior high school level and encourages Alberta students to pursue post-secondary studies. We encourage you to talk to your high school counselor for details! The online application opens in August on the Alberta Student Aid website.

Alberta Athletic Award

Recognizes and rewards athletic excellence at the post-secondary institutions in Alberta. Paper applications will be provided by coaches in fall term.

Indigenous Careers Award

The Indigenous Careers Award is an award designed to increase access and participation of Alberta Indigenous post-secondary students and encourage them to continue and complete their studies. The award is made possible through Government of Alberta funding. Value: \$4000 (\$2000/semester).

Jason Lang Scholarship

An annual \$1,000 award to students who display outstanding academic achievement. Recipients must have completed a minimum of 80% of a full-course load and achieved a minimum Session GPA of 3.2 in their qualifying year. Recipients must also be Alberta residents and continuing full-time in the second or subsequent year of their undergraduate program at a recognized post-secondary institution in Alberta. CUE's Financial Aid and Awards office will identify eligible students after the end of winter session and invite them to apply.

Louise McKinney Scholarship

An annual \$2,500 award to students who display superior academic achievement. The recipients must have completed a minimum of 80% of a full-course load and achieved a minimum Session GPA of 3.7 in their qualifying year. Recipients must also be Alberta residents and continuing full time in the second or subsequent year of their undergraduate program at a recognized post-secondary institution in Alberta. CUE's Financial Aid and Awards office will identify eligible students after the end of winter session and invite them to apply based on our quota for the year.

Lois Hole Humanities and Social Sciences Scholarship

An \$5,000 award offered annually to a continuing undergraduate student in the Faculty of Arts who demonstrates academic excellence, leadership skills and active community service. In honor of Lois Hole, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta from February 2000 to January 2005, the scholarship recognizes student leadership and community service which exemplify the principles the late Lieutenant Governor believed and lived. Recipients must also be Alberta residents and continuing full-time in the second or subsequent year of their undergraduate program.

Laurence Decore Awards for Student Leadership

Four annual \$1,000 awards to undergraduate students who have demonstrated commitment and leadership in student government, student societies, clubs or organizations, student organizations at the provincial or national level, or non-profit community organizations. Recipients must have been enrolled full-time in the current academic year and be a resident of Alberta. Application forms are submitted to the Financial Aid and Awards office.

Dr. Gary McPherson Leadership Scholarship

Two annual \$2,000 awards to students (undergraduate or graduate) who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, especially in the area of disability, and/or initiative to improve the conditions and lives of all people, while attending post-secondary studies in Alberta. The recipient must have been enrolled full-time in the current academic year and be living in Alberta. This award is open to non-Albertans who are living in the province to attend university.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

Concordia Athletic Awards

Trophy, plaque and medal(s) awarded annually to student athletes in each sport and to the outstanding Male and Female Athlete of the Year. Recipients must be full-time students who demonstrate academic achievement, Christian character as well as sports and leadership capabilities. Presented at the annual Athletic Awards Night.

Edmonton Oil Kings Jr. Hockey Club Award

Up to five annual \$1000 awards to members of the men's Thunder Hockey Team who are enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree program. This award promotes the advancement of education of amateur hockey players of merit and distinction.

Maple Leaf Athletic Club Scholarship

Annual \$1,000 award to a full-time student enrolled in an undergraduate degree program. The recipient must be registered in a minimum 60% of a full-course load, present a minimum GPA of 2.0., and demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given to entrance students within the Concordia Thunder Hockey Program and if no eligible applicant is found, it may be awarded to a continuing student with demonstrated financial need.

Thunder Athletic Scholarship

Thunder Athletic Scholarships (fall/winter term) are variable annual awards to members of a designated Concordia Thunder team. The Athletic Department Administrator and coaches make scholarship determinations and the Financial Aid and Awards office verifies academic performance and courseload requirements.

Tom Austin Athletic Sportsmanship Award (nomination)

One \$1,000 award recognizing and celebrating outstanding sportsmanship in the Concordia Thunder Athletics program. Coaches nominate athletes winter term.

Davison Rotary Bursary

An annual variable award to a student enrolled in an undergraduate degree program. The recipient must be registered full-time, present a minimum satisfactory academic standing for their program of study, demonstrate a commitment to physical activity through enrolment in physical activity courses (e.g. DAN, PACT, PAT, or PESS courses) or participation on a Thunder Athletic team and demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given to students who live in northeast Edmonton and volunteer in their community.

GOVERNMENT STUDENT LOANS & GRANTS

Alberta Government Student Loans & Grants

Alberta Student Aid helps eligible students with the cost of a post-secondary education through government loans and grants. When you apply, they will consider you for funding from both the provincial and federal governments. Funding is available for full and part-time students. Learn more about loans and grants to help finance your post-secondary studies at www.studentaid.alberta.ca

Out of Province Student Loans & Grants

Out of province students studying at CUE must deal directly with their provincial government student aid office in regards to student loans and grants. Find your Provincial Student Finance Office at www.canlearn.ca

International Student Loans & Grants

Students who are attending CUE on a study permit (student visa) are not eligible for Canadian federal, provincial, and territorial financial assistance. Applicants from other countries who require student loans should contact officials of their own governments for assistance options.

CUE's financial aid advisors are here to help you navigate the application process, maintenance and repayment of your student loans.

HOW TO REACH US

We are dedicated to your success! Our financial aid advisors are here to help. We encourage you to talk to us about any questions or concerns you may have.

In-Person: (Monday–Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm)

We are conveniently located on the main floor of the Hole Academic Centre in Student & Enrolment Services, HA 120, just down the hall from the Bookstore.

By Email: finaid@concordia.ab.ca

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