



# 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 CUE Financial Aid and Awards Office works with students and their families to help make their CUE education more affordable. We can assist you in navigating through the financial aid process and work with you to identify grants, loans and scholarship opportunities.

## 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.

## 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.

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.

**In-Person: Monday–Friday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**CLOSED WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS**

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# 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 before April 1st in order to be considered for a renewable University Entrance scholarship.

CUE Thunder athletes will be given an extended deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 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 1.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> and the winter term deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>. Students may only apply once in an academic year.

### CUE Scholarships (online application)

This annual competitive awards program offers 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## MÉTIS SCHOLAR AWARD

### (online application)

A \$2,500 bursary to help alleviate the cost of tuition and learning resources and to encourage the post-secondary achievement of full-time Métis undergraduate students while attending CUE. Recipients must be enrolled full-time in any year of an undergraduate degree program at CUE and display academic merit.

Preference will be given to those who are not receiving the Indigenous Careers Award and who demonstrate financial need. Alberta Métis students are encouraged to visit [rupertsland.org](http://rupertsland.org) for other post-secondary funding opportunities.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS THROUGH ALBERTA STUDENT AID

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](http://www.studentaid.alberta.ca) for full details and award criteria; or [financialaid.concordia.ab.ca](http://financialaid.concordia.ab.ca) for CUE specific application instructions.

- Alexander Rutherford Scholarship
- Alberta Athletic Award
- Indigenous Careers Award
- Louise McKinney Scholarship
- Jason Lang Scholarship
- Lois Hole Humanities and Social Sciences Scholarship
- Laurence Decore Awards for Student Leadership
- Dr. Gary McPherson Leadership Scholarship

## ATHLETIC AWARDS

### CUE 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, 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 are variable annual awards to members of a designated Concordia Thunder team. The Athletics Department Director and coaches make scholarship determinations and the Financial Aid and Awards office verifies academic performance and course load requirements.

### Tom Austin Athletic Sportsmanship Award

(online application)

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

### Davison Rotary Bursary

A variable annual 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 participate 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.

Apply through the CUE Scholarship online application.

## GOVERNMENT STUDENT LOANS & GRANTS

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

### 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](http://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](http://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 offices of their own governments for assistance options.