

## Financial Aid and Awards

# INFORMATION FOR EDUCATION STUDENTS

### 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 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 BURSARY?

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

### 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 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.

**Monday–Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm**

**No advising Wednesday afternoons**

**Email: [finaid@concordia.ab.ca](mailto:finaid@concordia.ab.ca)**

**Phone: 780.479.9219 or  
toll-free 1.866.479.5200**

**Book an advising appointment at:  
[concordia.ab.ca/financial-aid](http://concordia.ab.ca/financial-aid)**

## 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/Applications/Award Application, 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.

- Irene Elizabeth Ruth Miller Memorial Scholarship
- Lorraine and Stephen Nette Music Scholarship
- Walter Wangerin Scholarship

## ARUN PASSI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDIES IN EDUCATION

(no application required)

A \$5,000 entrance award to a student entering their first year of the Bachelor of Education After Degree program. The recipient must be registered full-time, demonstrate academic excellence and have direct experience with children in formal and informal settings. The recipient will be identified through the admission process.

## 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.

## WILLIAM & FLORENCE LEDE FAMILY FOUNDATION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

(no application required)

An annual \$1,000 award to a student who has completed the first year of the Bachelor of Education (After Degree) program. The recipient must have been registered in a full course load (15 credits per semester) in the qualifying year, present a minimum GPA of 3.2, enrol in the second year of the program, and not be receiving other awards totaling more than \$2,000. The scholarship is awarded as a tuition credit. Donor: William and Florence Lede Family Foundation.

Eligible students will be identified in the spring following the release of grades and the scholarship will be awarded to the student presenting the highest GPA who meets all the criteria.

## 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](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.

- Alberta Athletic Award
- Indigenous Careers Award
- Languages in Teacher Education Scholarship
- Louise McKinney Scholarship
- Jason Lang Scholarship
- Laurence Decore Awards for Student Leadership
- Dr. Gary McPherson Leadership Scholarship

## 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 program consists of general bursary dollars as well as some privately donated bursaries. The bursaries listed below are Bachelor of Education-specific bursaries, but you may qualify for other donor funded bursaries and institutional bursaries.

The online bursary application is available through Online Services for Students/Applications/Award Application. The fall term deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup> and the winter term deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>. Students may apply only once in an academic year. To be considered for the bursaries listed below students should submit a fall term application.

- Kathleen Doeling Memorial Bursary
- The Patricia Eidem Bursary for the Hearing Impaired
- Walter and Tillie Rosnau Bursary

## CONCORDIA ACADEMIC AWARDS (no application required)

Annual awards (\$750) in each undergraduate Faculty Arts, Education, Management and Science. One award per concentration (3-year degree program) and one award per major (4-year degree program) will be awarded. Recipients must be in the final year of their program and have achieved the highest cumulative grade point average in their program of study.

## STUDENT OF THE YEAR - EDUCATION STUDENTS' SOCIETY (ESS) (application required)

An annual \$1000 award to a Year 2 Bachelor of Education After-Degree student who, over the two years of the program, has best demonstrated a combination of commitment to children and teaching, leadership skills, community service, professionalism, and school & program spirit.

The recipient must present a minimum 2.7 GPA or higher. The intent of the award is to celebrate two years of preservice student excellence.

## BRIDGES BURSARY PROGRAM

Bridges is a bursary program offered by Concordia University of Edmonton to new graduates of the Bachelor of Education (After Degree) program to fund volunteer time in the classroom following completion of their studies. It is a voluntary post-graduation experience and therefore is not an additional practicum nor included as part of the formal field experiences required by Alberta Education. For more information, please contact the Faculty of Education at [bridgesbursary@concordia.ab.ca](mailto:bridgesbursary@concordia.ab.ca).

## NORTHERN STUDENT TEACHER BURSARY (NSTB)

The Northern Student Teacher Bursary is a return service bursary that brings teachers to rural and remote northern Alberta locations. Paying \$9,000 per year for up to two years, the bursary is available to students in their last or second last year of a Bachelor of Education degree. It is meant to encourage students to plan to teach in participating northern school divisions upon completion of their degree. The program is administered by Alberta Education in partnership with Jobs, Economy and Northern Development and the Northern Alberta Development Council (NADB).

Visit the NADB website for more information and application details: <https://www.alberta.ca/northern-student-teacher-bursary>

*This is an external scholarship opportunity and is not administered by Concordia University of Edmonton.*