

NRHS Grad Update

May 16th, 2016

Grad Info Sheets

You must return your **pink Grad Info Sheet** to Student Services as soon as possible. If you have not picked up your Grad Info Sheet, please come to Student Services to get your form right away. The information requested on these forms is needed to plan for graduation.

Student Loans

Student Loan applications are now available online. A Grad Year Planning Sheet is attached to this newsletter. For more information, please visit the following website:

<http://novascotia.ca/studentassistance/>

Scholarships and Bursaries

Scott Family Bursary – This bursary is available to any Canadian citizen of African-Nova Scotian or African-New Brunswick descent and/or any person (regardless of race) who can demonstrate a proven biological connection to a former resident of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children. The applicant must be continuing his or her academic studies or technical training in the current or upcoming school year. If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please submit a resume to Mrs. Reid in Student Services by **May 27th, 2016**.

The **Pictou District Women's Institute Bursary** is offered to one Pictou County student who is a child, grandchild, ward, niece or nephew of a Women's Institute Member. Details and application forms are available in Student Services. The application deadline is **May 31st, 2016**.

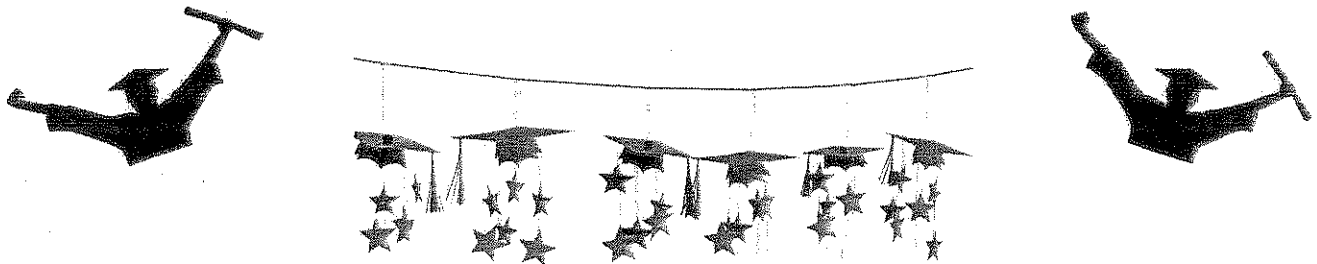
The **Kinette Bursary for Community Spirit** is valued at \$500 and will be awarded to a female student of a Pictou County High School who is graduating this year. This bursary will be awarded based in the candidate's demonstration of community spirit as shown by her involvement in volunteer activities. This award will not be based on academic standing or post-secondary pursuits. Applications are available in Student Services and the deadline for application is **June 1st, 2016**.

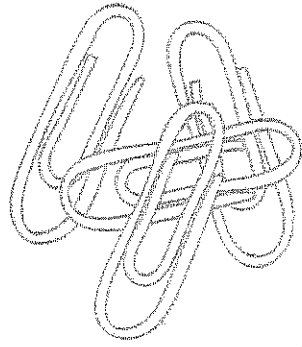
The **Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) Local 087** is offering a \$200 bursary to graduating students attending a post secondary institution in the fall. Applications require an essay and must be received by **June 5th, 2016**. Preference will be given to students of CUPW members or other union affiliates.

The **Pictou and Area Lions Club** will be awarding bursaries to two Northumberland graduating students, one attending a community college and one attending university in the fall. These bursaries are available to all applicants who have demonstrated commitment to their community and participation in extracurricular/volunteer activities. Details are available in Student Services and applications must be returned to Mrs. Reid on **June 7th, 2016**.

The **Pat Lord Secondary Education Award** is available to any youth who were in the care of the child welfare system either in Pictou County or elsewhere in NS, and who were placed for adoption by or through the Children's Aid society of Pictou County. This award is not based on academic success, but rather, it requires the applicant to have demonstrated involvement in their school or in the community at large. Applications can be found in Student Services or at the following website: www.aberdeenhealthfoundation.com/patlordaward/. Application must be received either by mail or email by **June 8th, 2016**.

2016 Monsanto Fund Opportunity Scholarship Program will provide 65 scholarships to deserving high school students across Canada entering their first year of post-secondary education in agriculture, food science or culinary arts, at a Canadian college or university. Each scholarship is valued at \$1500 and will be awarded to students who meet the criteria set out in the application form. Application can be found in Student Services or at the following web address: www.monsanto.ca. Applications must be postmarked no later than **June 15th, 2016**.





Nova Scotia Student Assistance

Grad Year Planning

Getting Ready

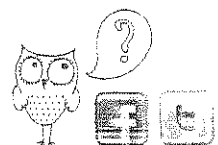
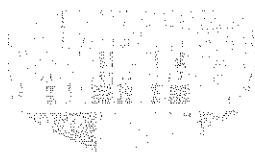


Applying in 12 months or less:

Planning **to pay** for school

- Research your career/study plans. How much will your tuition, equipment, travel and living expenses be?
- What will your starting salary be in this career?
- Can a co-op program, internship, or apprenticeship help you "earn while you learn"?
- Which scholarships will you apply for? Scholarships are NOT just for students with top marks: don't ignore this valuable source of funding.
- How will your student loan payments compare to your expected salary?
- What other financing options do you have to pay for school? Do you have RESPs, pensions, or other family supports?
- How much of your summer earnings should you save? Will you get a job at school?


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Applying in 6 months or less:

About Designated Programs

Are your school and program eligible for Student Assistance funding?

If you are studying out of the country, you may need to take extra steps to get your program approved by Student Assistance. Call us to learn more.

Applying in 3 months or less:

For a full application cycle you'll need:

Information about your school program, including how many class hours/credits you'll be taking

Your bank account information

Information about any RESP's or other investments in your name

If applicable, any Custody/Separation/Divorce agreements or other court or similar records that explain your family's living and financial support arrangements

If applicable, receipts for any exceptional, unavoidable expenses to your family

Medical documentation about your permanent disability, if you have one

Your income tax return

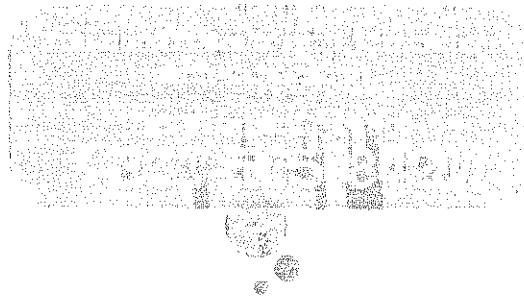
Income tax returns for your parents/step-parents/spouse (if applicable)

Scholarship information/amounts (or submit these as soon as you can)

An estimate of the money you expect to earn during the weeks after you leave high school and/or before you start your program

An estimate of how much you expect to earn while at college or university

Documents/statements to validate any other sources of funding you will receive while studying (government pensions/payments, any disability income, EI, retraining program funding, spousal/child support payments, etc.)



Planning Tools

Parental Contribution Calculator
– Canlearn.ca

Career Quizzes
Take a quiz and plan your career online
– Careers.NovaScotia.ca

Scholarships
Check out StudentAwards.com for tips.

Nova Scotia Student Assistance:

1-902-424-8420

Local & International

1-800-565-8420

Toll-free in Canada

1-902-424-2058

TTY (Deaf & Hearing Impaired)

Website:

studentloans.ednet.ns.ca

Post-Secondary Disability Services:

1-902-424-6737

Local & International

1-800-285-1197

Toll-free in Nova Scotia

Website:

psds.ednet.ns.ca

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