

## **IDEAS AND INFORMATION ABOUT “ PAYING FOR POST SECONDARY EDUCATION” 2009-2010**

Parents and students must realize that as the costs of post secondary education increase, there is a growing need for all people involved to become more active in the search for funding. Each year less scholarship applications are sent directly to high schools in Alberta. There are thousands of scholarships available and every year many scholarships are never awarded as no one applies. Many people assume you must have an honors average to apply for scholarships. There are an infinite number of criteria used to determine the awarding of funding. It is important to also realize that there is lots of funding for students in second year and beyond.

The following are places families should investigate for funding of all kinds:

- 1> Parent/Guardian Places of **Employment/Employee Benefit**. Many larger corporations have scholarships for employee’s children. Check with the Human Resources office or Union leadership.
- 2> Memberships or relationships with **Service Clubs** and Associations may provide financial support. (e.g. Legion, Masons )
- 3> **Aboriginal ancestry** can provide financial funding. Families should check with Band Offices, Metis Councils. Most post secondary institutions have an Aboriginal Liaison Officer.
  - ✓ Indian and Northern Affairs Canada <http://pse-esd.aincinac.gc.ca/abs>
  - ✓ Metis students should go to [www.albertametis.com](http://www.albertametis.com) click on MNA scholarships
  - ✓ Treaty students can check out [www.naaf.ca](http://www.naaf.ca) and [www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html#anchor1444318](http://www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html#anchor1444318)
- 4> **Local Governments** – some local villages and MD’s award scholarships
- 5> the Peace Wapiti School Board has developed an extensive **scholarship website for any students from the region to access**. It links to most of the other sites easily. [www2.pwsb33.ab.ca/counsellors\\_corner](http://www2.pwsb33.ab.ca/counsellors_corner) ( underscore between counselors and corner)
- 6>Check out the following web sites for sources on funding in Alberta:
  - ✓ [www.alis.gov.ab.ca](http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca) and link to “Student Finance” ( loans) OR “Scholarships” provided through the Heritage Trust Fund
  - ✓ Information for the Alexander Rutherford Scholarship is found on this site.
- 7> The Federal Government site for aid the parents and students on all aspects of careers, postsecondary and funding (national and international) can be found at [www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca) link to “ save/plan/play”