



Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

2011 - 2012



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Education is the key to opportunity. It's a maxim we proudly celebrate at NorQuest College. Our dedicated instructors and support staff, along with innovative programs and exceptional student services, enable our students to achieve their educational and career goals. As Alberta's largest community college, we also celebrate the diversity of our learners and their individual learning experience.

While NorQuest students come from a broad range of cultural, educational and social backgrounds, our graduates all have one thing in common: success. A remarkable 95 per cent of our graduates find work or continue their education. Clearly, the goal of a post-secondary education is within reach.

To help you achieve your goals, I hope you'll take advantage of the opportunities presented in this booklet, a guide to variety of scholarships, bursaries and awards. In 2010-2011, we distributed \$337,374 to deserving students. To apply or for more information, visit our Student Life office in Room 125 at the Downtown Campus, Main Building and ask to speak with our scholarships and awards advisor.

Thank you for choosing NorQuest College. I am confident you will enjoy success in your post-secondary education and future career.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jodi L. Abbott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Dr. Jodi L. Abbott
President and CEO
NorQuest College

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DECLARATION OF WAIVER

The College has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of information in this booklet at the time of printing (August 2011). Some of this information is from external agencies and organizations whose requirements and conditions might change. Students who wish to apply for awards should consult with the Scholarships and Awards Advisor in NorQuest's Student Life office. You can reach us at Room 125, Edmonton Downtown Campus, Main Building, 10215 - 108 Street, Edmonton or by telephone at 780-644-6130.

Important Note: These scholarships, bursaries and awards are for current, full-time NorQuest students only. Full-time is a 60% course load, unless otherwise indicated. For example, if the award criteria is for part-time distance delivery.

GET STARTED

STEP 1: Gather Information

This booklet lists all awards available for the 2011–2012 academic year. For more information about awards, please contact the Student Life office (Room 125, Edmonton Downtown Campus, Main Building).

Scholarship, bursary and award information can be found at the Scholarships and Awards display in Room 125 and online at www.student.norquest.ca.

Type of Award

Eligibility Requirements

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Students must demonstrate academic achievement.
- Requirements may include other criteria such as career goals and personal achievements.

BURSARIES

- Students must demonstrate financial need.
- Some bursaries also require satisfactory academic performance.

AWARDS

- Students must demonstrate non-academic contributions and/or achievements such as student leadership, community or college involvement.
- Awards may also require satisfactory academic performance and/or financial need.

PROGRAM SELECTION AWARDS

- Students must be nominated by an instructor or a counsellor.

APPLICATION-BASED AWARDS

- Students must complete a NorQuest College Awards Application.

STEP 2: Apply

When to apply

Application packages for NorQuest awards are available at the Student Life office in September. Application deadlines vary. Check out the Scholarships and Awards display in Room 125 for all deadline dates.

How to apply

Read carefully about the application process for each award you are interested in.

Who is eligible

All full-time students are eligible to apply for awards that say “Apply to NorQuest College.” With some exceptions, awards are available to full-time students only. When the process states “Program Selection,” the recipient is chosen by their program, so applications will not be required from students.

Tips for Applying for Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

- Read the award criteria carefully. Apply for all awards for which you are qualified. Do not apply for awards if you are not qualified. If you are not sure if you qualify, ask the Scholarships and Awards Advisor to help you clarify your eligibility.
- To increase your chances of receiving the award, seek to understand the goals of the sponsoring group. Write your application focusing on their priorities.
- Ask instructors, counsellors or others you know for help in filling out the application. Ask them to proofread your essay and give you suggestions for improvement.
- The application introduces you to an organization that knows nothing else about you. Take pride in yourself when completing your application. Allow the elements that set you apart from others to shine through in the application you submit.

- Be aware of application deadlines. Late applications are not accepted.
- Make sure your letters of recommendation arrive on time. Give lots of advance notice when you ask individuals to provide recommendations for you. Make sure they have the materials and information they need to write their recommendation. Gently remind them of the application deadline several days beforehand.
- Check and recheck your application. Have you followed the directions? Is your application complete? Have you included all required documents?
- Check for spelling and grammatical errors. Your application must be neat and error free. Neatly handwrite or type the application. Essays and other written requirements should be typed unless otherwise noted.
- Keep a photocopy of your application and all the materials you submit with it.

STEP 3: Express Your Appreciation to the Award Donor

We encourage recipients to show their appreciation by writing a thank-you letter or card to the award donor, which NorQuest will forward to the donor on your behalf. This also encourages continued support from our donors.

ENTRANCE AWARDS

Aboriginal Education Bursary

AREA OF STUDY: Any career program

AWARD VALUE: \$300

NUMBER AWARDED: Ten (one award per student per career program)

CRITERIA: You are eligible to apply if you:

- are in the first term, first year of the program
- are Aboriginal (Inuit, Métis, status or non-status Indian)
- can demonstrate financial need
- provide a reference letter from an instructor
- write a personal letter outlining your educational goals, career objectives and why you should receive funds from this bursary

PROCESS: Apply to NorQuest College

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 7, 2011

Alberta Blue Cross 50th Anniversary Entrance Award

AREA OF STUDY: Any two-year career program

AWARD VALUE: \$750

NUMBER AWARDED: One

CRITERIA: You are eligible to apply if you:

- were an Alberta resident for at least 12 months before your admission to NorQuest College
- are in the first year of the program
- are not receiving funding from any source that would cover tuition, books and/or mandatory College fees. Students receiving loans are welcome to apply.
- write a personal letter describing your educational goals, hopes for the future and commitment to your program of study

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION: Preference will be given to those in their first term.

PROCESS: Apply to NorQuest College

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 7, 2011

Alumni Association Entrance Award - Academic Studies or Career Preparation Graduate Entering a NorQuest College Career Program

In honour of Syl Villett, Patty McNeil, and Rafia Boussaada

AREA OF STUDY: Academic Upgrading or Career Preparation

AWARD VALUE: \$1250

NUMBER AWARDED: Three

CRITERIA: You are eligible to apply if you:

- are graduating from your program and entering a NorQuest College career program
- are in the first term, first year of the program
- are not receiving funding from any source that would cover tuition, books and/or mandatory College fees. Students receiving loans are welcome to apply.
- have an average of 85%/A/3.7 or higher (you must include a statement of marks with application)
- write a personal letter describing your educational goals, hopes for the future and commitment to your studies

PROCESS: Apply to NorQuest College

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 7, 2011

Business and Community Studies Entrance Award

This award was established by Judy Harrower, former Dean of Business & Industry Careers at NorQuest College.

AREA OF STUDY: Business and Community Studies

AWARD VALUE: \$500

NUMBER AWARDED: One

CRITERIA: You are eligible to apply if you:

- are a female student returning to school after an extended absence
- write a 250-word essay describing your reasons for returning to school and the challenges you have faced

PROCESS: Apply to NorQuest College

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 7, 2011

Canative Housing Corporation Award

AREA OF STUDY: Any career program

AWARD VALUE: \$600

NUMBER AWARDED: Eight (one award per student per career program)

CRITERIA: You are eligible to apply if you:

- are in the first term, first year of the program
- are Métis
- demonstrate financial need
- write a personal letter describing your educational goals, hopes for the future and commitment to your studies

PROCESS: Apply to NorQuest College

APPLICATION DEADLINES: October 7, 2011, February 7, 2012

Fran Olson Practical Nurse Entrance Scholarship

AREA OF STUDY: Practical Nurse program

AWARD VALUE: \$5000

NUMBER AWARDED: One

CRITERIA: You are eligible to apply if you:

- are in the first term, first year of the program
- have an average of 85%/A/3.7 or higher (you must include a statement of marks from NorQuest or an unofficial transcript of high school marks with application)
- demonstrate financial need
- are not receiving funding from any source that would cover tuition, books and/or mandatory College fees. Students receiving loans are welcome to apply
- write a personal letter describing your educational goals, hopes for the future and commitment to your studies

PROCESS: Apply to NorQuest College

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 7, 2011

TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Alumni Award

AREA OF STUDY: Social Work program

AWARD VALUE: \$1000

NUMBER AWARDED: One

CRITERIA: You are eligible to apply if you:

- are in the first term, first year of the program
- demonstrate financial need
- are not receiving funding from any source that would cover tuition, books and/or mandatory College fees. Students receiving loans are welcome to apply
- write a personal letter describing your educational goals, hopes for the future and commitment to your studies

PROCESS: Apply to NorQuest College

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 7, 2011

Woodburn Adult Literacy Entrance Award

This award has been established by Kathryn Cardinal to assist a student with living expenses while taking the Adult Literacy program at NorQuest College.

AREA OF STUDY: Adult Literacy program

AWARD VALUE: \$500

NUMBER AWARDED: One

CRITERIA: You are eligible to apply if you:

- are in the first term, first year of the program
- can demonstrate financial need
- write a 50- to 200-word letter that describes your personal goals and reasons for entering the program

PROCESS: Apply to NorQuest College

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 7, 2011

GENERAL AWARDS

Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund – Laurence Decore Award for Student Leadership

AREA OF STUDY: Any career program

AWARD VALUE: \$500

NUMBER AWARDED: Three

CRITERIA: You are eligible for nomination if you:

- demonstrate outstanding dedication and leadership to fellow students and to your community
- display commitment to student government, student organizations at a college, provincial or national level, or active involvement in non-profit community organizations

PROCESS: Program selection

NOMINATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2011

AllWest Commercial Furnishing Integrity Award

AREA OF STUDY: Any

AWARD VALUE: \$500

NUMBER AWARDED: Two

CRITERIA: You are eligible to apply if you:

- have an average of 65%/C/2.0 or more (you must submit a statement of marks with your application)
- write a personal letter outlining personal challenges or obstacles you have overcome

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Preference will be given to applicants with a physical disability or who are single parents

PROCESS: Apply to NorQuest College

APPLICATION DEADLINES: April 2, 2012

Bill Thompson Memorial Award

Bill worked with staff and faculty from across NorQuest. He was recognized as a very creative graphic designer with excellent technical skills and a generous spirit. His colleagues noted that Bill was very conscientious about his work and was always willing to accommodate any project request. Bill was soft spoken, unfailingly pleasant and friendly, and had a good (and always kind) sense of humour. Bill was a true gentleman who is missed by many at the College.

AREA OF STUDY: Any program

AWARD VALUE: \$500

NUMBER AWARDED: One

CRITERIA: You are eligible for nomination if you:

- demonstrate the personal qualities of perseverance, dedication and strength
- are courteous, hard working and kind
- are nominated by two instructors and/or counsellors

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Priority will be given to students in the Digital Graphics Communication Diploma program.

PROCESS: Program selection

NOMINATION DEADLINE: March 15, 2012