

KEYANO COLLEGE

FINANCIAL AID

The Office of the Registrar provides guidance and information for students who are in need of financial assistance to attend post-secondary studies. To obtain information, students can telephone, or drop by in person to the Office of the Registrar. Financial Aid information can also be found at the College website: keyano.ca.

Funding Options

Government Student Loans

The federal and provincial governments of Canada provide financial aid to help Canadian citizens or permanent residents to pursue post-secondary education. This aid is provided in the form of loans (and grants if the student is deemed eligible) on the basis of demonstrated financial need. The level of financial assistance received will depend on evidence of financial need and on personal circumstances. Students must apply through the province in which they are considered a resident (the last province in which twelve consecutive months as a non full-time student was spent). All Alberta residents who apply for a student loan will be considered for Alberta and Canada student loans as well as grants and bursaries.

Government student loans are interest-free while students are in full-time attendance at a post-secondary institution. A confirmation of enrollment form must be completed for previous loans to remain in interest-free status. Copies of these forms are available in and must be signed by the Office of the Registrar to confirm full-time study. Repayment of student loans begins six months after ceasing to be a full-time student. The interest rate and terms of repayment are set at the time of consolidation.

Students who need to apply for a loan should apply early, processing can take four to six weeks and must be completed prior to the commencement of the semester to which the loan pertains.

Application forms for Alberta residents can be obtained from your local Canada Alberta Service Centre (C.A.S.C.) or through the Office of the Registrar. Residents of most provinces can apply electronically. Links to provincial loan websites can be found at keyano.ca/current-students/scholarship/govloans.

After the loan application is processed a Notice of Assessment will be sent to explain the details of the disbursement for the academic year (amount of loan, amount of grants/bursaries and scheduled release dates). It is possible to appeal your assessment if any reduction in the amount requested is inappropriate. Contact the Office of the Registrar or your nearest Canada Alberta Service Centre for further information.

Any loan documents received must be signed by the Office of the Registrar to confirm full-time study (unless it is signed electronically). Program and period of study will also be verified. Once signed, the student must take the loan documents to the post office along with two government issued identification documents to be processed.

Students With A Documented Disability

There are several different funding supports that can help assist students with technology, specialized tutoring and other services while attending school.

Student Loan – Schedule 4:

Completing the Schedule 4 allows students to access additional supports and funding. There are two options for funding:

1. **Canadian Access Grant for Student with Permanent Disabilities:** is a grant of up to \$2000 each year to help students meet education and living costs.
2. **Canadian Study Grant for the Accommodation of Students with Permanent Disabilities:** is used to help students receive the appropriate supports and allows them to obtain the adaptive technology that they require.

Any student with a disability, applying for a student loan may contact the Disability Support Services: Learner Assistance Program for help filling out a Schedule 4.

Personal Bank Student Loans

Most major banks offer loans or lines of credit for full-time students. Although interest is charged and payable while attending school, this is an option for students who are not eligible for government student loans.

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Sponsorships

The following agencies may provide financial assistance towards educational costs. It can take several months to obtain approval for sponsorship; therefore it is very important for students to begin the process well in advance of the beginning of studies.

First Nation Education Authority

Individuals may qualify for funding through their First Nation education authority. Contact your First Nation Education Counsellor for further information.

Freehorse Family Wellness Society

Bill C-31 and Status Indians whose bands do not administer training funds may be eligible for sponsorship for post-secondary or UCEP training. Call the Freehorse office in Edmonton at 1-800-411-9658 or further information can be found at their website: www.freehorse.org.

Métis Nation of Alberta

Individuals who are members of the Métis Nation and are enrolled in career programs may be eligible for funding. Contact the Project Development Officer at your nearest Region Office; in Fort McMurray contact the Fort McMurray Employment Services office at (780) 714-3029.

Passport to Success Program

Eligible applicants must be Keyano College students who are single parents with dependent children. Applicants must be enrolled in a certificate or diploma program and must be unable to access student loan programs without undue hardship. Please note that the amount of the award is intended to assist applicants with tuition and living costs and is based upon individual circumstances and the applicant's other avenues of support. For information and an application form please contact Counselling Services in person or by phone: (780) 791-8943.

Emergency Student Loan/Vouchers

Funds are available to students who experience emergency costs that are beyond their control. Depending on the situation the student can receive a loan to cover the emergency cost or a voucher. Please contact Counselling Services in person or by phone for more information: (780) 791-8934.

Hot Lunch Program

Keyano College Lounge bucks are available to students to purchase a hot lunch. This program supports students who are short on funds and require support to purchase food. Fruit and snack items are available throughout the College for students. Please drop in to Counselling, Academic Office, Health Nurse, or Students' Association to receive lounge bucks.

Alberta Works Funding

Alberta Works Funding enables students to pursue part-time and full-time studies while being funded by the Alberta Government. The aim of the funding is to provide students who are underskilled and underemployed with an opportunity to enhance their employability skills and develop a career path to maintain long term employment.

In order to be eligible for this funding, students must have been out of school for more than 12 consecutive months and over the age of 18 years. They must show financial need and be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. Employment Insurance clients may be eligible if enrolled.

Deadline to apply for funding: Fall semester - July 1
Winter semester - November 1

Disability Related Employment Supports (DRES)

DRES is a program that helps Albertans with disabilities address barriers that may prevent them from being successful in the workplace or at school. The program offers support in four areas (1) Workplace Supports (2) Job Search Supports (3) Education Supports and (4) Adaptive Technology. At Keyano College DRES provides educational and adaptive technology supports for students. Some of the supports available are tutors, note taker, academic strategist sessions, reading software, digital recorders and many other adaptive technology resources. Students attending Keyano College in need of these supports may contact the Disability Support Services: Learner Assistance Program in the Counselling department at (780) 792-5608.

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STUDENT AWARDS

Keyano College's Student Awards program provides financial support to eligible students in recognition of their academic achievement and financial need. The program is made possible through generous gifts from individual and business donors, community organizations, matching grants from the provincial government and the continuing efforts of the Keyano College Foundation.

Value of Awards

The value of Keyano College's endowed awards is dependent upon the amount of interest earned each year. Therefore, the award amount is approximated. The College reserves the right to make any changes deemed necessary, without notice, including the cancellation of specified awards.

Awards, Bursaries & Scholarships

Excellence Scholarships are for high school students within the Municipality of Wood Buffalo recognizing outstanding academic achievement for students entering their first year, full-time studies in a Keyano College post-secondary program in the fall semester. For more details on how an 80% average in the five high school core subjects can earn students free tuition, please contact the Financial Aid & Awards Coordinator at (780) 791-4894. Deadline to submit official transcripts is August 9, 2013.

Entrance Awards are for local high school students entering first-year, full-time studies in a Keyano College post-secondary program in the fall semester.

Exiting Awards are awards for students who are required to leave Keyano College in order to complete their program of studies (which is not available at Keyano College), at another post-secondary institution.

Fall Awards Program

Scholarships are cash awards given primarily in recognition of excellence in academic achievement. Keyano College scholarship recipients must have completed at least 80% of a full course load in their programs for the year the scholarship is assessed. International (Visa) students are eligible to receive scholarships.

Bursaries are cash awards given to students on the basis of financial need and satisfactory academic achievement (minimum GPA of 1.7 or equivalent). Secondary requirements such as community/College involvement may also be considered. International (Visa) students are not eligible to receive awards based on financial need.

Prizes are awards given in recognition of noteworthy accomplishments in a designated area of study. Prizes may be in the form of books, plaques, medals, or other gifts provided by the donor.

Deadline to apply for Fall Awards is September 20, 2013.

Athletic Awards

Athletic awards are awarded to students who participate in ACAC and league sports. Please contact the Athlete Services Manager for more information.

Student Athlete Enrollment Bursary

Athletes on Keyano College volleyball, basketball, hockey and soccer teams may qualify to receive a Student Athlete Enrollment Bursary.

All Awards, Scholarships & Bursaries can be viewed on our website at keyano.ca