PRAIRIE COLLEGE

Financial Aid Information
2027-2028 Academic Year

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This document contains:
- Information about how to apply for scholarships and loans.
- Information about the scholarships and bursaries available through Prairie.
- Information about Canada and Provincial Student Loans (Page 4)

Eligibility for Prairie Awards:
- Students must complete a Prairie College On-line Financial Aid Application (www.prairie.edu) to be considered for awards;
- Students must be enrolled in 9 or more credit hours for each of two consecutive semesters (full-time enrollment is 12 credits, audited courses are not considered eligible);
- Students must not be on conduct or academic probation (please refer to the Academic Guide);
- Students must demonstrate Christian character (please refer to our Community Covenant);
- Scholarships and bursaries are granted only for the specified year and cannot be deferred or transferred;
- Only students who have been admitted to an undergraduate program of studies (in-person or HyFlex) will be considered for scholarships and bursaries. Online Education programs are not considered eligible.
- The Financial Aid Office will notify individuals receiving these awards;
- All scholarships and bursaries require a thank you letter or card from the recipient for the donor who made the award possible (Letters or cards must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office before funds will be distributed);
- Financial Aid Applications must be submitted each year as aid is not automatically renewed;
- Financial Aid Applications must be received by June 1;
- New students must have submitted a complete Application for Admission by June 1.

Scholarships and bursaries are generally granted on the basis of demonstrated financial need. In most cases, the awards range from $300 to $2,000 per year. Please do not apply for scholarships or bursaries that you do not meet criteria for.

New Students

Kinvig Scholarship
Awarded to new students who are beginning a four-year degree program and who display leadership qualities, are involved in the local church and who are committed to working in Christian ministry.

New Legacy Scholarship
Awarded to a student who is a first generation Christian and did not grow up in a Christian home but has now chosen Christ as his or her inheritance (1 Peter 1:3-9). Personal testimony must be supplied before funds are distributed.

Prairie Associates Legacy Scholarship
Awarded to new students enrolled in a degree program.

All Students

Amanda Bailey Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a female student studying in an Associate Degree or Diploma program who seeks to serve God through a helping ministry in a professional capacity.

Binkley Scholarship
Awarded to a student studying in a degree program and who demonstrates financial need.

Bohannan Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a student interested in pastoral ministry and who is enrolled in a four-year degree program.

Brian Welch Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a new or returning student with a desire to serve in missions using drama, music, photography or other artworks. Preference given to students with financial need.

Cornelia Siebert Scholarship
Awarded to a student planning to enter full-time ministry, preferably heading into cross-cultural ministry.

Cross-Cultural Scholarship
Awarded to a student studying in a degree program and who is returning from cross-cultural ministries.

Ewald Rode Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to students from Manitoba who demonstrate financial need.

Gavin and Margaret Hamilton Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to students enrolled in a degree program and who demonstrate financial need.

GHC Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a student who exhibits a keen interest in evangelism, church planting or biblical studies.

Glenna Russell Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a student preparing for full-time ministry work (church, para-church, missions) and who demonstrate financial need

Harold & Rick Down Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a Prairie High School graduate entering their freshman year, or a senior PBI student enrolled in a degree program.

Hudson Taylor Scholarship
Awarded to students preparing for full-time mission work and who demonstrate financial need.

John Beattie Memorial Award
Awarded to a student involved in sports ministry serving children or youth.

Katrina Webb Memorial Fund
Awarded to a student enrolled in the Diploma in Music and Worship Arts program. Must demonstrate financial need.

Kondos Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a returning female student living in Prairie's dorm residence who demonstrates leadership and financial need and who is involved in ministry to youth and/or counselling.

Maxwell Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to students from a developing nation, who were involved in Christian ministry prior to coming to Prairie and who possess leadership qualities. Recipients must plan to return to their country upon graduation OR awarded to a student involved in Christian ministry with plans for an intercultural ministry career.

Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to new or returning students who are committed to Christian ministries in the future and display Godly character.

Mrs. Daisy Webster Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to new or returning students who are committed to evangelistic ministries. Must demonstrate financial need.

Oliver International Student Scholarship
Awarded to an International student, preferably from Mexico, who demonstrates financial need. Recipient must plan to return to their country of origin for ministry service.

Peavoy Scholarship
Awarded to a student from Ontario who is enrolled in a four-year degree program.

Prairie Martyrs Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a student enrolled in intercultural studies and whose objective is to be engaged in cross-cultural ministry. Preference will be given to an international student or a student whose parents are full-time missionaries.

Pro-Tec Scholarship
Awarded to a student in financial need who desires to enter full time Christian service on completion of their studies.

Ray & Anna Smith Scholarship
Awarded to a first Nations student involved in children's ministry

Ruth Lavastida Scholarship
Awarded to a new or returning student involved in ministry.

The Bluebird Bursary
Awarded to a student in the PN or PCP programs who is interested in working in a rural healthcare setting. Must demonstrate financial need.

The Fruit Chung Scholarship
Awarded to an international student enrolled in the Bachelor of Theology or Bachelor of Ministry / Pastoral degree programs. Must demonstrate financial need.

The Jacobson Family Foundation Scholarship
Awarded to a Music Arts or Theology student with a demonstrated interest in the study and promotion of traditional hymns in corporate worship.

The Webb Family Scholarship
Recipient must be a child of a Pastor, Minister or clergy of a Christian church. Must demonstrate financial need.

Tom Rainsberger Scholarship
Awarded to a returning student who is committed to overseas mission work, with preference being given to students in Prairie programs that prepare them for missionary service (BAIS, AAMA). Must demonstrate financial need.

Verna Aspray Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a student enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts in Intercultural Studies or Associate of Arts in Mission Aviation program whose goal is to be a cross-cultural missionary. Must demonstrate financial need.

Youngs Scholarship
Awarded to a student enrolled in a degree program and who demonstrates financial need.

Returning Students

Darren Edey Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a student in a degree program who plans to pursue a career in youth or children's ministries. Preference given to a returning student who is married with children.

David Rowntree Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a fourth-year student with a GPA of at least 2.5.

Edwards/Dolsen Scholarship
Awarded to a second-year returning student whose parent serves as a pastor or missionary.

Grace Harken Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a returning student who desires to serve in sports or youth ministry and demonstrates Christ-like character.

The Jake & James Leverette Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a student from a church of the Alberta Baptist Association. Student must be entering their third year of training for ministry as a pastor, youth pastor, worship pastor, pastor of Christian education, missionary or related fields.

Joan Chapman Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a returning international student, from Asia, who exhibits Christ like character and a servant heart.

Jireh Bursary
Awarded to a senior student or second year aviation student* who demonstrates Christian faith and character. Must supply a recommendation letter from a senior pastor or a church elder. Must have achieved a minimum GPA of at least 2.5 at Prairie College.

JJ Janzen Music Scholarship
Awarded to a second or third year student in the Music & Worship Arts program who intends to be involved in full-time ministry after graduation. Must demonstrate financial need.

Klosse Family Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a second year Worship Leading and Music student intending to serve in music and worship ministry or missions.

May Mac Scholarship
Awarded to a student planning to work among disadvantaged people or ministry with troubled youth.

Martha Lipka Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to Primary Care Paramedic (PCP) students and second year Practical Nursing (PN) students who have achieved a minimum 3.0 GPA in their Prairie courses. Must demonstrate financial need.

Noreen Reimer City Gates Scholarship
Awarded to a female student in her final year. Must be involved in service to her community and have a GPA above 3.0. Academic and service reference letters required.

Patricia McAvoy Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a returning student with a servant heart seeking full time ministry and who has earned a GPA of at least 3.0.

Peachey Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a returning student enrolled in the Bachelor of Ministry / Pastoral Care and Leadership program. Must have intention to study diligently and enter full time pastoral work after graduation.

Rose To Ching Tsang Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a senior student intending to serve in missions or pastoral ministry, preferably in mainland China.

Scott Mitchell Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a returning male student enrolled in a four-year BA Program. Must display Christian maturity and leadership and have an objective to be in pastoral ministry and desiring to work specifically in a men's ministry.

Seth Martin Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a returning student who has played on a Prairie Pilots volleyball team for at least one semester, has a dedication to the sport and has a GPA of at least 3.0.

Thorvald Nielsen Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a returning student from a developing nation who is planning to be engaged in full-time Christian work in their country of origin. Recipients selected based on Christian maturity, leadership skills and financial need. Students must maintain a GPA of 2.0 in their first year, and 2.5 in subsequent years.

Glossary

- Degree Program – Four year campus programs and Associate of Arts in Mission Aviation
- * Second Year Aviation Student – Has finished Bible classes, attained a Private Pilot License and is working on a Commercial Pilot License
- Returning – Student who has attended Prairie for one year or more and is returning for a subsequent year
- Freshman – First year Prairie student (0-30 credits achieved)
- Sophomore – Second year Prairie student (31-60 credits achieved)
- Junior – Third year Prairie student (61-90 credits achieved)
- Senior – Fourth year Prairie student (91or more credits achieved)
- GPA – Grade Point Average

Canada / Provincial Student Loans and Grants

Government loans come from two sources: the federal government and the provincial or territorial governments. You apply each year you are studying by filling out an application in your home province.

These loan programs are intended to supplement the financial resources of the students and their families and will not cover all costs for a school year. Approval for financial assistance is not guaranteed.

Note: Student loans must be paid back. The key features of most government student loans are:

• Student loans are interest free while you are in school, but interest on provincial student loans starts to accrue six to twelve months after you graduate.

• You do not have to start repaying your loans until six to twelve months (depending on province loan is from) after you complete your studies or drop below a 60% full course load.

• Depending on your situation, you may be eligible for interest relief and/or debt reduction assistance after you have completed your studies.

Who is eligible for Canadian and Provincial government loans?

Students enrolled in at least 60% of a full credit load (Prairie full-time credit load = 12 credits) per semester and who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada.

Students enrolled in the Red Deer Polytechnic / Prairie College Practical Nursing program may apply for student loans through their home province and must choose Red Deer Polytechnic (RDP) as the education institution they are attending. Students must be enrolled in at least 60% of RDP full time credit load to be eligible for full-time loan funding. (RDP full time credit load = 9 credits)

British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Quebec provincial student loans are not available to Prairie College students. (An exception is Practical Nursing students; see paragraph above) Students from these provinces may be eligible for Canada student loans and will apply through the loan application from their home province.

Important Note: Provincial and Canada Student Loans are not available for a Private Pilot's License. Provincial and Canada Student Loans are not available for any portion of the Primary Care Paramedic program.

Tips for Applying

• All provincial student loan applications require at least 4-6 weeks to process. Make sure you apply early!

• If you use the on-line system for any information, be sure to make note of important information such as user names and passwords.

• Print a copy of your loan application for future reference.

• When in doubt – ask someone. Our Financial Aid Office is here to assist you.

How to apply

• All provinces have their loan applications available on-line.