

Northern Student Teacher Bursary

Deadline to Apply
October 10, 2023



What is the Northern Student Teacher Bursary?

The Northern Student Teacher Bursary is a return of service bursary that brings teachers to rural and remote northern Alberta locations. Paying \$9,000 per year for up to two years, the bursary is available to students in their last or second to last year of a Bachelor of Education degree. The bursary awards \$9,000 to students in the final year of their program and a total of \$18,000 to students in the second to last and final year of their program. The bursary helps students plan to teach in participating northern school divisions upon completion of their degree.

Who is involved in the development and administration of the Northern Student Teacher Bursary?

Alberta Education collaborates with Jobs, Economy and Trade to provide the Northern Student Teacher Bursary. The Northern Student Teacher Bursary selection committee helps to determine the eligibility criteria and selection processes for prospective bursary program recipients.

Who can apply for the bursary?

You are eligible to apply for a Northern Student Teacher Bursary if you are:

- a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident enrolled in a full-time post-secondary program at a designated institution, and
- in the last or second to last year of a program leading to a Bachelor of Education or entering your first or second year of a Bachelor of Education after degree.

Preference will be given to students who are completing a major in the following subject areas:

| MATH/SCIENCE | CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES | LANGUAGE | ARTS | SPECIAL ED. |
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| Math Science Chemistry Physics | Electro-Technologies/Electrician Fabrication/Welder Trade Foods/Cook Trade Mechanics/Auto Service Technician Trade Power Engineering Other CTS | Cree French Immersion French as a Second Language Other Language | Drama Fine Arts Music/Band | Inclusion/ Special Education |

How do I apply?

To apply for this bursary, go to nadc.ca/our-bursaries/northern-student-teacher-bursary/ and click on the Northern Student Teacher Bursary online application. Only online applications are accepted. Follow the instructions for submitting your application. **A transcript/statement of grades is required. A resume and supporting documents are encouraged.**

When is the deadline to apply?

Online applications must be submitted on or before **October 10, 2023.**

What are my chances of receiving a bursary?

You increase your chance of success if you are in good academic standing, and:

- complete the application fully and answer the essay questions clearly and concisely,
- demonstrate an interest in northern Alberta and knowledge of northern employment opportunities, and
- are specializing in a high-demand subject area.

What is the return of service agreement?

Students who receive a bursary agree to live and work as a teacher in northern Alberta. Students commit to three full-time years of employment when receiving two years of bursary funding, and two full-time years of employment when receiving one year of bursary funding. Part-time teaching employment (substituting or short term contracts) will be prorated towards return of service. Upon graduation, students are responsible for securing employment in one of the participating school divisions. Recipients who do not fulfill this requirement must repay the bursary.

Which school authorities are participating in the Northern Student Teacher Bursary program?

There are 21 school authorities participating in the program. The most recent list and map of the participating communities can be found on the Northern Alberta Development Council's website at nadc.ca/our-bursaries/northern-student-teacher-bursary/. If you secure employment with a First Nations' Education Authority located within the boundaries of the Northern Alberta Development Council or within the school authorities listed above, you can contact the NADC Bursary Coordinator to discuss return of service.

Who do I contact for further information?

Please contact Simonne Skrik, NADC Bursary Coordinator, at nadc.bursary@gov.ab.ca or (780) 624-6545.