

Available Funding Options for AREA Learners

As a certified educational institution, AREA offers students access to numerous financial assistance programs. Below is an overview of the funding options available to support you in reaching your educational goals.

Scholarships & Bursaries

Scholarships and bursaries are financial awards that help students pay for their education without needing to be repaid. Scholarships typically recognize achievements, while bursaries support students based on financial need.

AREA Scholarships

<https://albertarealtor.ca/scholarships>

Other websites for scholarships/bursaries

<https://studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships/>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/finance/educationfunding/scholarships.html>

<https://www.educanada.ca/scholarships-bourses/index.aspx?view=d&lang=eng>

<https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>

Employment-Based Funding

Some employers provide education supports such as tuition reimbursements, professional development funding, training allowances, and union-based education benefits.

RESP, LLP

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A Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) is a tax-advantaged savings account, RESP funds.

LLP

The Lifelong Learning Plan (LLP) allows you to withdraw amounts from your Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSPs) to finance education. You must repay to your RRSP the amount(s) you withdrew under the LLP.

Student Lines of Credit

<https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-consumer-agency/services/loans/student-lines-credit.html>

A student line of credit offers flexible borrowing with interest-only payments during school. For full details, students should reach out to their financial institution.

Indigenous Learners

<https://www.alberta.ca/resources-for-indigenous-students>

Indigenous learners can access a variety of scholarships, bursaries, and federal education programs which are often available through Alberta programs and band-administered funding.

CFS Advancing Futures

<https://www.alberta.ca/advancing-futures>

The Advancing Futures Program from Children and Family Services (CFS) provides financial and transitional support to young adults aged 18-24 who have been in government care, helping them pursue post-secondary education and move into adulthood.

WCB Alberta

<https://www.wcb.ab.ca/return-to-work/training-and-skills-development.html>

Workers' Compensation Board of Alberta (WCB) may pay for approved programs when retraining is needed after a workplace injury. Workers should connect with their WCB case manager to explore available education supports.