

# Alexander Rutherford

High School  
Achievement Scholarship



# ALEXANDER RUTHERFORD

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**2008 Important Change:** Students who graduate after April 1, 2008, now qualify for an award with an average of 75.0% or higher.

Named in honour of Alexander Rutherford, Alberta's first Premier and Minister of Education. The Alexander Rutherford Scholarship recognizes and rewards exceptional academic achievement at the senior high school level and encourages students to pursue post-secondary studies.

### Award Value

The Alexander Rutherford Scholarship has a maximum value of up to \$2,500 and to qualify for the scholarship, a student must have a minimum combined average based on five designated courses in at least one grade: Grade 10, 11 or 12. The minimum average, value of the award, and courses that can be used depend on the year that the student graduated (see Course Requirements on next page). Students who graduated before 2008 should check the website.

Students who graduated before April 1999, qualify for a maximum of \$1,500 based on achieving an academic average of 80.0% in the respective grades.

### Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- be a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident,
- be an Alberta resident - the applicant or the applicant's parent(s) must have resided in Alberta during the qualifying grades,
- have completed high school on or after September 30, 1980,
- have attained the required average in five designated subjects in either Grade 10, 11 and/or 12 as calculated from marks on a valid Alberta Education transcript (see list of course requirements). A student need not have met this average in all three school years or in all courses to qualify for a portion of the scholarship, and
- be enrolled full-time in a post-secondary or apprenticeship program.

**NOTE: Averages are not rounded-up for scholarship purposes.  
All courses must be completed before starting post-secondary studies.**

### Application Procedures

Apply by **May 1** for post-secondary studies starting in September or  
Apply by **December 1** for post-secondary studies starting in January.

There is no time limit to apply for the scholarship. Apply only when you have decided to pursue post-secondary studies. Students who apply after the May 1 application deadline may not be recognized at their high school awards ceremony.

Transcripts are **not** required for courses completed in Alberta. Only marks recorded on a valid Alberta Education transcript will be accepted. High school grades obtained through upgrading at a post-secondary institution are not accepted. Eligible students who complete high school outside of Alberta must submit an official transcript of their high school marks from that province.

Students will be notified by mail of the status of their application in late August for September start date and mid-February for January start date. The award is issued in November for students who applied by May 1, and in late March for students who applied by December 1.

Students must notify the office of Alberta Scholarship Programs of any changes to their application.

In the event of a mark change send a revised Alberta Education transcript or course mark statement to Alberta Scholarship Programs.

**FAXED OR SCANNED APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED**

#### ALBERTA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

**Mail to:**  
Box 28000 Station Main  
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4R4

**Courier or Deliver to:**  
4th Floor, 9940 106 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2V1

# 2008 Course Requirements

## GRADE 10

Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in **five** subjects - \$300  
Average of 80.0% or higher in **five** subjects - \$400

- One of: English 10-1, 10-2, Français 10, 13 or 10-2, and
- At least two of the following:
  - Pure Mathematics 10 **or** Applied Mathematics 10
  - Science 10
  - Social Studies 10, 10-1 or 10-2
  - a language other than the one used above at the Grade 10 level, and
- Any two courses with a minimum three credit value at the Grade 10 level (1000 or 4000 series) including those listed above and combined introductory C.T.S. courses.

See **NOTES**

## GRADE 11

Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in **five** subjects - \$500  
Average of 80.0% or higher in **five** subjects - \$800

- One of: English 20-1, 20-2, Français 20, 23 or 20-2, and
- At least two of the following:
  - Pure Mathematics 20 **or** Applied Mathematics 20
  - Science 20
  - Biology 20
  - Chemistry 20
  - Physics 20
  - Social Studies 20
  - a language other than the one used above at the Grade 11 level, and
- Any two courses with a minimum three credit value at the Grade 11 level (2000 or 5000 series) including those listed above and combined intermediate C.T.S. courses

See **NOTES**

**C. T. S. Courses:** Three one credit modules can be combined and used as an option at the Grade 10 and Grade 11 level.  
Five one credit modules can be combined and used as an option at the Grade 12 level.

To be combined:

- all courses must be from the same level, i.e. Introductory, Intermediate or Advanced,
- courses can be from different streams or subject area, e.g. computer courses with welding courses, and
- marks will be averaged at the appropriate level.

## GRADE 12

Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in **five** subjects - \$700  
Average of 80.0% or higher in **five** subjects - \$1,300

- One of: English 30-1, 30-2, Français 30, 30-2, and
- At least two of the following:
  - Pure Mathematics 30
  - Applied Mathematics 30
  - Mathematics 31
  - Science 30
  - Biology 30
  - Chemistry 30
  - Physics 30
  - Social Studies 30
  - a language other than the one used above at the Grade 12 level, and
- Any two courses with a minimum five credit value at the Grade 12 level (3000 or 6000 series) including those listed above and combined advanced C.T.S. courses.

See **NOTES**

## NOTES:

- French and Français are not the same course and are not interchangeable.
- Only marks earned prior to post-secondary study can be used.
- A course cannot be repeated after a higher level course has been taken in the same series.
- Averages are not rounded up for scholarship purposes•
- LDC courses are acceptable

## Additional Information:

Visit [www.alis.alberta.ca/scholarships](http://www.alis.alberta.ca/scholarships) for a list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding courses and view some sample assessments.

Students who completed high school before 2008 should visit the website for course requirements.

## 2008 RUTHERFORD SCHOLARS

*A separate application form is not required.*

The top ten (10) students, as determined on the **first** writing of Diploma Examinations, are recognized as “Rutherford Scholars” and receive an additional \$2,500 and a plaque.

### Qualifying subjects are:

- One of: English 30-1, 30-2, or Français 30, 30-2, and
- Social Studies 30
  
- **Plus any three of:**
  - Pure Mathematics 30
  - Applied Mathematics 30
  - Biology 30
  - Chemistry 30
  - Physics 30
  - Science 30

*Recipients are selected on applications received by August 1.*

## THE ALBERTA HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Alexander Rutherford Scholarship is funded through the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund. This program was created by a \$100 million endowment from the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund and is designed to stimulate the pursuit of excellence by rewarding outstanding achievement and assisting Albertans to achieve their fullest potential.

Further information about the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund and scholarships offered contact:

### Alberta Scholarship Programs

**Telephone:** (780) 427-8640 **Toll Free (Rite Line):** 310-0000 **Email:** [scholarships@gov.ab.ca](mailto:scholarships@gov.ab.ca)  
**Website:** [www.alis.alberta.ca/scholarships](http://www.alis.alberta.ca/scholarships)

For information on over 430 awards, bursaries, scholarships sponsored by various companies, organizations, and associations visit the alis website and click on “**Scholarship Connections**”.

## Institution Codes

Please print the correct four digit code in Box 19. For institution codes not listed here, check the institution code listing at [www.alis.gov.ab.ca/pdf/scholarships/codes.pdf](http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/pdf/scholarships/codes.pdf).

University of Alberta .....	2201	Bow Valley College .....	2218	Medicine Hat College .....	2242
University of Calgary .....	2202	Concordia University College (AB) ..	2246	Mount Royal College .....	2243
University of Lethbridge .....	2203	Devry Institute of Technology .....	2040	Northern Lakes College .....	2020
NAIT .....	2221	Grande Prairie Regional College .....	2241	Norquest College .....	2226
SAIT .....	2222	Keyano College .....	2230	Olds College .....	2224
Alberta College of Art & Design .....	5110	Kings University College .....	2255	Portage College .....	2219
Ambrose University College .....	9041	Lakeland College .....	2225	Red Deer College .....	2244
Athabasca University .....	2204	Lethbridge College .....	2220	St. Mary's .....	5661
Banff Centre .....	2227	MacEwan College .....	2247	Taylor University .....	2268



