

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Alexander Rutherford Scholarships

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INFORMATION

The Alexander Rutherford Scholarships recognize and reward exceptional performance at the high school level and encourage students to continue their studies. Recipients must be Alberta residents who have completed high school, and have enrolled in a post-secondary program. The scholarship is based on scholastic performance in grades 10, 11, and 12 with \$400, \$800, and \$1300 awarded respectively. Students who achieve an average of 80 per cent or higher in five specified subjects receive scholarships (Appendix I).

The dollar values listed above represent a change that took effect as of April 1, 1999. These new values allow students to receive a total of \$2500 if they qualify for all three high school grades. The previous maximum value was \$1500.

Table 1 provides a comparison of the number of district students who have qualified for the scholarships for the past six years. A total of 1321 district students received Alexander Rutherford Scholarships in 2003. This is a decrease of 104 students from 2002.

TABLE 1
ALEXANDER RUTHERFORD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: 1998 - 2003

Value of Scholarship Prior to 1999	New Value	Number of Students Receiving Scholarships					
		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
\$ 300 grade 10	\$400	56	77	71	95	123	96
\$500 grade 11	\$800	47	72	49	40	50	48
\$ 700 grade 12	\$1300	25	31	18	31	32	29
\$ 800 grades 10, 11	\$1200	188	249	268	318	392	342
\$1000 grades 10, 12	\$1700	10	19	13	20	25	28
\$1200 grades 11, 12	\$2100	45	22	28	32	35	27
\$1500 grades 10, 11, 12	\$2500	532	537	602	624	768	751
Total		903	1007	1049	1160	1425	1321
% of September 30 Grade 12 Population		13.4	14.6	14.6	14.6	17.0	15.3

Appendix II provides the number of recipients and the value of scholarships received for each district high school.

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APPENDIX I - Alexander Rutherford Scholarships for High School Achievement Eligibility Criteria

APPENDIX II - Alexander Rutherford Scholarship Recipients by School 2003

**ALEXANDER RUTHERFORD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Grade 10

Average of 80% or higher in 5 subjects:

- English 10, 13, or Français 10
- Two of the following:
 - Pure Mathematics 10 or Applied Mathematics 10 (The New Math)
 - Science 10
 - Social Studies 10
 - A language other than the one used above at the grade 10 level
- Any two other subjects at the grade 10 level including those listed above and courses created by combining any three introductory level C.T.S. Modules.

Grade 11

Average of 80% or higher in 5 subjects:

- English 20, 23, Français 20
- Two of the following:
 - Pure Mathematics 20 or Applied Mathematics 20 (The New Math)
 - Science 20
 - Biology 20
 - Chemistry 20
 - Physics 20
 - Social Studies 20
 - A language other than the one used above at the grade 11 level
- Any two other subjects at the grade 11 level including those listed above and courses created by combining any three intermediate level C.T.S. Modules.

Grade 12

Average of 80% or higher in 5 subjects

- English 30, or Français 30
- Four of the following:
 - Pure Mathematics 30 (The New Math)
 - 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.

APPENDIX II

**ALEXANDER RUTHERFORD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
BY SCHOOL 2003**

School	Value of Scholarship							Total		
	\$300 /\$400	\$500 /\$800	\$800 /\$1200	\$700 /\$1300	\$1000 /\$1700	\$1200 /\$2100	\$1500 /\$2500	N	%	\$
Amiskwaciy			1					1	0.7	\$1,200
Argyll	1		1				2	4	1.4	\$6,600
Centre High	38	17	50	9	8	5	14	141	7.4	\$159,600
Eastglen	1	5	21	1			12	40	12.1	\$60,900
Edm. Christian	2		9				10	21	28.0	\$36,600
Harry Ainlay	7	1	37	6	7	6	142	206	29.1	\$435,300
J. Percy Page		4	5		3		14	26	6.4	\$49,300
Jasper Place	5	2	21	1			49	78	11.6	\$152,600
L'Académie Vimy Ridge			1				3	4	7.5	\$8,700
M. E. LaZerte	2	2	24		3	2	51	84	15.2	\$168,000
McNally	2	4	24	2	1	1	69	103	23.4	\$211,700
Metro Comm. College				1				1	n/a	\$1,300
Millwoods Christian			2				1	3	8.6	\$4,900
Old Scona		1	5	1		2	83	92	92.9	\$219,800
Queen Elizabeth	2	2	5	1		1	8	19	6.7	\$31,800
Ross Sheppard	7	4	46		4	2	117	180	28.8	\$363,700
Strathcona	18	5	26	5	2	7	83	146	35.3	\$274,500
Victoria	6	1	28	1		1	43	80	20.8	\$147,700
W.P. Wagner	5		36	1			50	92	18.0	\$171,500
2003 Total	96	48	342	29	28	27	751	1321	15.3	\$2,505,700
2002 Total	123	50	392	32	25	35	768	1425	17.0	\$2,635,300

N = Number of Recipients

% = Percentage of September 30 grade 12 enrolment

\$ = Dollar value of scholarships