

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dosedall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Alexander Rutherford Scholarships

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RESOURCE

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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 five years. A total of 1007 district students received Alexander Rutherford Scholarships in 1999. This is an increase of 104 students from 1998, and represents the highest number of district graduates ever receiving Rutherford Scholarships.

TABLE 1
ALEXANDER RUTHERFORD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: 1995 - 1999

Previous Value of Scholarship	New Value	Number Of Students Receiving Scholarships				
		1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
\$ 300 grade 10	\$400	73	63	46	56	77
\$500 grade 11	\$800	34	39	54	47	72
\$ 700 grade 12	\$1300	38	32	25	25	31
\$ 800 grades 10, 11	\$1200	157	187	217	188	249
\$1000 grades 10, 12	\$1700	24	25	14	10	19
\$1200 grades 11, 12	\$2100	43	55	39	45	22
\$1500 grades 10, 11, 12	\$2500	458	479	494	532	537
Total		827	880	889	903	1007
% of September 30 Grade 12 Population		13.2	14.4	14.0	13.4	14.6

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

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- APPENDIX I - Alexander Rutherford Scholarships for High School Achievement Eligibility Criteria
- APPENDIX II - Alexander Rutherford Scholarship Recipients by School 1999