

Financial Assistance for Apprentices

Alberta Student Aid Grants and Loans

Available for full-time students attending approved technical training programs for compulsory and designated trades. More information is available at [Alberta Student Aid](#).

<https://studentaid.alberta.ca/before-you-apply/loans-for-apprentices/>

Scholarships

The Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Board provides more than 900 scholarships to apprentices and occupational trainees every year. The complete lists of Scholarships Donors is available [here](#).

<https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/scholarships/scholarship-donors/>

Pre-apprentice Scholarships

Eleven \$1,000 scholarships are available annually to encourage students completing pre-apprenticeship training to continue in the trades and complete their programs. More information is available [here](#).

<https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/scholarships/pre-apprentice-scholarships/>

Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) / Careers and Technology Studies (CTS) Scholarships

There are 500 \$1,000 scholarships available annually for Alberta high school students participating in RAP and CTS. More information is available [here](#).

https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/scholarships/rap_cts-scholarships/

Apprentice & Occupational Trainee Scholarships

There are more than 370 \$1,000 scholarships that recognize the excellence of Alberta apprentices in a trade and trainees in a designated occupation, and encourage recipients to complete their apprenticeship or occupational training programs. More information is available [here](#).

<https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/scholarships/apprentice-scholarships/>

Apprentice Training Award

A \$1,000 financial award is available for registered apprentices who are "Unemployed in the Trade" and attending second, third or fourth period technical training at an Alberta-approved technical training provider. More information is available [here](#).

<https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/awards/apprentice-training-award/>

Employment Insurance

During periods of technical training, apprentices are able to claim Employment Insurance (EI). To be considered eligible, apprentices are recommended to apply online through Service Canada as soon as they stop working. More information is available [here](#).

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/apprentices/ei-apprentices.html>

Canadian Apprentice Loan

Up to \$4,000 is available in interest-free loans per period of technical training through the Government of Canada for apprentices in the designated Red Seal trades. More information is available [here](#).

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/apprentices/loan.html>

Federal Apprenticeship Grants

Canada Apprenticeship Incentive Grant

Taxable cash grant of \$1,000 (lifetime maximum of \$2,000 per person) for apprentices who successfully complete either the first and/or second year of technical training in a designated Red Seal trade.

Apprenticeship Incentive Grant for Women

Taxable cash grant of \$3,000 per year (up to a maximum amount of \$6,000) for apprentices who successfully complete their first and/or second year of a Red Seal trade apprenticeship program.

Canada Apprenticeship Completion Grant

Taxable cash grant of \$2,000 for registered apprentices in designated Red Seal trades who have become certified journeypersons. More information on these federal grants is available [here](#).

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/apprentices/grants.html>

Canada Tradesperson's Tool Deduction

Canada Revenue offers a tax benefit for apprentices to deduct the costs of eligible tools bought to earn employment income as a skilled tradesperson. More information is available [here](#).

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/about-your-tax-return/tax-return/completing-a-tax-return/deductions-credits-expenses/line-229-other-employment-expenses/employed-tradespersons-including-apprentice-mechanics.html>

For more information, call the
Apprenticeship and Industry Training Information Line
1-800-248-4823