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 annual scholarships to apprentices and occupational trainees. Find Scholarships Donors [here](https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/scholarships/scholarship-donors/).

**Pre-apprentice Scholarships**

Valued at $1,000, these annual scholarships 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**

Valued at $1,000, these annual scholarships are available for Alberta high school students enrolled in RAP and CTS Apprenticeship Pathways. More information is available [here](https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/scholarships/rap_cts-scholarships/).

**AIT Scholarships**

Valued at $1,000, these scholarships 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/rap_cts-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 can make a claim for Employment Insurance (EI). To be considered eligible, it is recommended apprentices 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).

**Canada 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 designated Red Seal trades. More information is available [here](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/apprentices/loan.html).
For your Information

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. More information is available here.


Canada Apprenticeship Incentive Grant for Women

Taxable cash grant of $3,000 per year (to a maximum of $6,000) for apprentices registered in Red Seal trades with low female representation and who successfully complete their first and/or second year of their apprenticeship program. The following trades are ineligible: Baker, Cook, Hairstylist, Landscape Horticulturist and Parts Technician. More information is available here.


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 is available here.


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.


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