

Information Sheet for Applicants
Rural and Northern Clinician Bursary

Bursary Program

The purpose of Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth's (MECY) Rural and Northern Clinician Bursary is to support the recruitment and retention of staff in specialized professions and hard to fill geographic areas.

Toward this end, MECY is providing bursary assistance to support training of existing teachers or local students who are willing to obtain further training in speech-language pathology, psychology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy or other specialty areas such as interpreter tutors.

In return for receiving the bursary, individuals agree to work in a school division for two years upon graduation.

School divisions will receive bursary funding up to a maximum of \$25,000 to support eligible applicants.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Rural and Northern Clinician Bursary you must:

1. Have applied for admission and/or been accepted or currently enrolled in a recognized education program.
2. Agree to a return of service in rural or northern Manitoba.

Bursary Amount

School divisions can receive up to a maximum of \$25,000 per year to support up to two years of eligible training.

Students studying on a part time basis can receive a prorated bursary.

Return of Service Requirements

Successful applicants must provide two years of employment in return for bursary support. Bursary recipients are required to sign a formal agreement with the division to work in the school division after completion of training.

Failure to provide return of service will require the bursary funds to be repaid, including interest at the rate stipulated in the bursary agreement.

Application Process

The following documentation should be submitted to MECY (address below):

- a completed application form;
- documentation from education program indicating that student has applied for admission, or has been accepted, or is enrolled in the program;
- signed service agreement; and
- letter from school division describing need for service and plan for applicant's employment.

Application Deadline: **June 1, 2008**

Selection Process

School divisions select applicants who are eligible for the bursary. School divisions must submit all documentation to MECY for processing and approval. In the event that there are more applicants for the bursary than funding can support, priority will be given to school divisions demonstrating local need and longstanding staff vacancies.

School divisions will receive notification of bursary awards by June 30th. School divisions will receive bursary funding by September 30th.

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