Nova Scotia University Student Bursary Program

for Nova Scotia Students Studying at Nova Scotia Universities

On March 31, 2008, the Province of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Universities signed a three year (April 2008 - March 2011) Memorandum of Understanding on funding and tuition fees. As a result, tuition will be

4. I didn't get the Bursary but I think I qualify.

First of all, speak with the appropriate officials at your university. Their records may show you as not being a Nova Scotia student. If you and your university cannot agree on your eligibility for the Bursary, contact the **Student Financial Assistance Office at the Department of Education** (424-8420 in metro Halifax or 1-800-565-8420, toll-free in Canada). The Department of Education will confirm whether you are eligible and, if so, will recommend that you receive the Bursary.

5. I am in my second (or third or fourth or fifth...) year of studies at a Nova Scotia university. Although I came here from another province (or country), I have lived here more than a year. I even have a Nova Scotia driver's licence. Why am I not considered a Nova Scotia student?

See the earlier definition of a Nova Scotia student outlined in Q&A number 3 above.

6. When will I receive my Bursary cheque?

The Bursary will be applied directly to your university tuition fees. Cheques will not be issued. Students will see the Bursary credit on their tuition invoice for each semester they are registered. For students taking five courses in both Fall and Winter semesters, the Bursary credit for each semester will be \$380.50, for a total of \$761.00.

7. I am taking non-credit courses at university. Will I receive the Bursary?

Only credit programs qualify for the Bursary. Some programs require students to complete one or more non-credit courses; in the case of these mandatory non-credit courses, the individual universities will determine if tuition will be reduced.

8. What about teachers in practicums? Continuing Studies? Thesis-Only students? Co-op students?

Continuing Studies, Thesis-Only, Co-op students and teachers in practicums are eligible. Their Bursary will be prorated, based on the amount of tuition they pay compared to a full-time student enrolled in comparable studies.

9. I am a Nova Scotian student registered and paying tuition at a Nova Scotian university but I am studying abroad. Will I qualify for the Bursary?

Yes.

10. I am a full-time student at one university and I have a letter of permission to take a course at another university. Will I receive the Bursary from each university?

This depends on where you pay tuition fees. The institution to which you pay tuition fees will issue you the Bursary. If you pay tuition fees to each university, you should receive a prorated Bursary from each university.

11. Which semesters qualify for Bursaries?
Bursaries are available for the Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer semesters.