



Education Student Support Loan - Information Guide

1. Purpose

The aim of this program is to support the vision of Seine River School Division (Seine River School Division), "Leading the Way to Personal Growth". Seine River School Division will make a contribution towards tuition for students entering the final year of a teacher education program at a Manitoba university. This support will be in the form of a forgivable loan. It is anticipated that these loans to students will be forgiven (repayment will be waived in full), upon the completion of one year of full-time teaching with Seine River School Division in the year immediately following graduation.

2. Value of Awards

Two (2) forgivable loans to be credited toward tuition in the amount of **\$2,500 per student** will be awarded.

3. Eligibility

To be considered for assistance under the program, a candidate must:

- a) Be enrolled in the final year of a Manitoba teacher education program at a Manitoba university and are expecting to be available for full-time employment in the fall of the following year;
- b) Anticipate accepting an offer of employment from Seine River School Division, given certain conditions; and
- c) Be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant of Canada;

4. Other Awards

Applicants may accept other scholarships or awards covering the same term.

5. Effective Date

Successful applicants will be advised in June.

Awards will be disbursed in one payment which will be made in June of the year for which it is awarded.

6. Application Procedures

Ideal candidates for the Education Student Support Loan will have been very successful in their practicum experiences and coursework and will have majors or minors in music, math, sciences or computer technology. Candidates able to teach these subjects in French or French Immersion are especially encouraged to apply.

Deadline for receipt of applications and supporting documents to the Seine River School Division is March 31, 2010.

(a) Application Form

All applicants are required to complete and submit the enclosed application form, which includes a letter written by the student identifying their interest in teaching for Seine River School Division, a description of their professional potential, and a description of preferred subject areas, grade levels, and other factors relevant to employment as a teacher upon graduation.

Additional copies may be obtained from the Human Resource Consultant, Seine River School Division, 475-A Senez St., Lorette, MB, R0A 0Y0 (204) 878-4713 or by visiting our website at www.srsd.mb.ca.

(b) Supporting Documents

The following documents must *accompany* the application:

- i. A list of courses taken and marks earned and expected for the 2009-2010 academic year, certified by the student's Faculty of Education as accurate and complete at the time of application.
- ii. A list of four references with contact information, including two persons from the applicant's practicum experiences, and two instructors from the applicant's teacher education courses.

A selection committee will be named by the administration of the Seine River School Division to participate in the selection of recipients. In the event of more than two qualified applicants, the two scholarships will be awarded on the basis of grade point average calculated using the last 30 credits completed at the time of application to enter a Manitoba teacher education program.

7. Conditions

Applicants who are awarded support must sign a contract with Seine River School Division indicating their intention to accept a teaching position with Seine River School Division upon graduation in order to qualify for loan forgiveness.

The tuition support loan will be forgiven (waived in full) if:

- a) The recipient accepts and fulfills an offer of employment with Seine River School Division for the 2011-2012 school year as a full-time teacher; or

- b) Seine River School Division declines to make an offer of employment to the recipient, prior to May 1, 2011.

The tuition support loan will be repaid by the recipient to Seine River School Division if:

- a) The recipient does not maintain course enrolment that will enable her/him to graduate by April 30, 2011, or does not graduate by April 30, 2011; or
- b) The recipient applies for employment with other school divisions or attends interviews for employment with other school divisions prior to May 1, 2011; or
- c) The recipient feels unable to maintain a commitment to acceptance of employment for the 2011-2012 school year with Seine River School Division; or
- d) The recipient declines a legitimate offer of employment with Seine River School Division.