



George Coles Bursary 2014-2015

Valued at up to \$2,200, the George Coles Bursary is available to **first time first year** Island students who do not have any previous post-secondary education at any institution.

There is no application for this award. For eligible students, the award is conditionally credited to the student's school account in January. The funds are released after the student has been enrolled for 24 continuous weeks, usually the end of February.

The George Coles Bursary Program:

- recognizes the value of post-secondary education for Island students
- invests in Island students to ensure access to post-secondary education
- promotes the continued development of our publicly funded Island post-secondary education institutions

To receive the George Coles Bursary, students must meet **ALL** of the following **General Eligibility Criteria**:

Students must:

1. be enrolled as first time students in programs leading to a post-secondary degree, diploma or certificate at UPEI, Holland College, Maritime Christian College, or Collège Acadie Î.-P.-É
2. must not have attended any previous post-secondary educational institution
3. Be residents of P.E.I. which means:
 - must have graduated from an Island high school, or
 - are dependent students who meet Island residency requirements as stated in the Provincial Student Loan criteria (you do not require a student loan to receive these awards, or
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 - are a permanent resident within the meaning of subsection 2(1) of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (Canada) or a protected person within the meaning of subsection 95(2) of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (Canada) and with a valid Social Insurance Number.
4. enrolled full-time (9 semester hours or 20 hours of instruction per week) for a period of at least 24 continuous weeks
5. provide their Social Insurance Number
6. have not previously received the George Coles Bursary
7. Not be receiving financial support, from any third party agency or government department such as Skills Development, Indian and Northern Affairs, Worker's Compensation, etc.
8. The award is available for the first diploma/certificate program only.



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Breakdown of Awards for Holland College and Collège Acadie Î.-P.-É

| Tuition | First Year | Second Year |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Up to \$4,899 | George Coles \$1,200 Island Skills \$1,000 | Island Skills \$1,000 |
| \$4,900 - \$5,899 | George Coles \$1,650 Island Skills \$1,000 | Island Skills \$1,000 |
| \$5,900 and over | George Coles \$2,200 Island Skills \$1,000 | Island Skills \$1,000 |

Breakdown of Awards for UPEI and Maritime Christian College

| Year | Award | Amount |
|--------|----------------------|---------|
| First | George Coles Bursary | \$2,200 |
| Second | Island Student Award | \$400 |
| Third | Island Student Award | \$600 |

Policy and Procedures:

- The George Coles Bursary will not be awarded retroactively.
- Students can only receive each award once.
- The award is for the first degree/diploma/certificate program only.
- Students in articulated programs or in non-traditional program streams should contact Student Financial Services for specific eligibility criteria related to their program of study.
- It is the responsibility of the student to ensure the school has included his/her name on the award recipient list.
- Students who have not received an award and feel they are eligible may submit an appeal form **NO LATER THAN** August 31 of their eligible year. **This deadline is strictly enforced.**
- Student Financial Services will issue payments directly to the post-secondary institution only.
- All decisions regarding the disbursement of the George Coles Bursary are made by Student Financial Services, Department of Innovation and Advanced Learning.

For more information, please contact Student Financial Services at (902) 368-4640 or visit www.studentloan.pe.ca.