



Island Skills Award 2014-2015

Eligible Island students registered in a full-time program for 24 continuous weeks at Holland College or Collège Acadie Î.-P.-É. will receive a \$1,000 Island Skills Award in their first and second year of study.

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 Island Skills Award Program:

- recognizes the value of post-secondary education for Island students
- invests in Island students to ensure access to post-secondary education
- encourages Island students to continue their post-secondary studies in Prince Edward Island
- promotes the continued development of our publicly funded Island post-secondary education institutions

To receive the Island Skills Award, students must meet **ALL** of the following **General Eligibility Criteria**:

Students must:

1. be enrolled in post-secondary education for the first time in their first diploma/certificate program
2. must not have earned a certificate, diploma, or degree from any 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. be enrolled for the first time in programs leading to a post-secondary degree, diploma or certificate at Holland College, or Collège Acadie Î.-P.-É
5. be enrolled full-time (20 hours of instruction per week) for a period of at least 24 continuous weeks
6. provide their Social Insurance Number
7. have not previously received the Island Skills Award for that particular year of study
8. 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.
9. 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

Policy and Procedures:

- The Island Skills Award will not be granted retroactively. For example, students who receive a second year award under the former Island Student Award program will not be eligible for a second year award under the new Island Skills Award program.
- Students can only receive each award once.
- The award is for the first diploma/certificate program only.
- Transfer students and those in articulated programs will receive an Island Skills Award based on the year for which they are currently enrolled.
- 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 Island Skills Award 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.