Peace River School Division Student Teacher Bursary

Information for Applicants

The Student Teacher Bursary offered by the Peace River School Division (PRSD) is designed to attract aspiring teachers to work in PRSD schools and communities by providing financial assistance with a return service commitment. Students who are in their **third or fourth** year of studies and aspire to become a PRSD teacher are eligible for the bursary, which awards \$3,000 to students in both their third and fourth years of study. The bursary's goal is to encourage students to teach in PRSD upon graduation.

Please review the information below before proceeding to the Application Form.

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Be a graduate of a PRSD High School.
- Be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident who will enroll full-time in a post-secondary program with the goal of becoming a teacher.
- Be in the third or fourth year of a program with the intention of getting a Bachelor of Education degree.
- Write a compelling and well-crafted application essay of no more than 1000 words that showcases your passion for teaching and commitment to our northern communities. Consider Including:
 - Short and long-term career goals.
 - How would this bursary be of benefit to you and impact your decision to become a teacher in PRSD?
 - Experiences have you had that would assist you in achieving your career goals?

You increase your chance of success if you:

- Complete the application fully and answer the questions clearly and concisely.
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to teaching in PRSD upon completion of your degree.
- Have an acceptable academic record and permit the evaluation committee to review your academic history.

• Provide evidence of your involvement in school or community extracurricular activities, volunteer work, or other community services.

Return Service Commitment:

Upon acceptance of the bursary, students are obliged to reside and work as a teacher in a PRSD school upon the completion of their program. The students are committed to PRSD for three years of full-time employment in exchange for two years of bursary funding. If a student receives only one year of funding, they will be required to commit to two years of full-time employment. In the event that a recipient works part-time, such as subbing or short-term contracts, the service obligation will be prorated accordingly. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the repayment of the bursary.