

# The Career Path

## Graduation Edition

Supporting smooth transitions to post secondary and/or employment by providing Career Development opportunities across the Northwest School Division.

**Did You Know...?**  
Scary statistics about teens and alcohol



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- More than five million high school students binge drink at least once a month.
- During a typical grad weekend, 46% of traffic deaths of 15-20 year olds were alcohol related.
- In 2004, 2,223 teens age 15-20 died in alcohol-related traffic accidents.
- More than 6,000 teens age 15-20 died in 2002 from underage drinking related causes.
- Drivers are less likely to use a seat belt if they have been drinking.
- During the last 30 days, nearly 30% of high school students nationwide have ridden one or more times in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol.

### Three Good Reasons to Get Student Financial Assistance

#### 1. It's not just a loan

Saskatchewan's Student Financial Assistance program offers a range of non-repayable grants and bursaries for learners. There's money for school that you won't need to pay back – ever.

- In 2009, 65% of all provincial assistance provided to learners was non-repayable.

#### 2. It's cheaper than a bank loan

While a line of credit from a bank or credit union can provide the cash you need up front, you'll pay more for less.

- Interested in interest? A line of credit charges interest from the moment you borrow, while government loans are interest-free during your studies. After that, rates on Saskatchewan Student Loans are at Prime, meaning you pay less.
- Need a little help? Having trouble repaying your student loan? The Repayment Assistance Program allows you to make affordable payments.
- Less to pay back. With available government grants and bursaries, you'll likely have less to pay back once you graduate.
- The Graduate Retention Program offers up to \$20,000 in tuition rebates to students who remain in Saskatchewan after graduation. That will take a bite out of your loan payments!

#### 3. It's easier than you think

Recent changes to Saskatchewan's Student Financial Assistance program mean that:

- You can earn more. You can earn as much as you choose while going to school without affecting the amount of your student loan.
- You can own more. The value of your vehicle does not affect the amount of your student loan.

For More Information visit [www.aeei.gov.sk.ca/student-loans/](http://www.aeei.gov.sk.ca/student-loans/)



## Saskatchewan's Newest School

Saskatchewan has its first government registered audio engineering school located in Saskatoon. The current audio engineering field has evolved into a heavily computer-based industry. In order to succeed in this exciting and challenging career, the ability to navigate both the analog and digital realm is essential. R.A.I.S students are not only trained to use the traditional tools and hardware of the audio industry, but also place a specific focus on advanced training in the industry standard software. This is a 6 month, full-time, comprehensive diploma program that emphasizes hands-on instruction while covering all relevant aspects of audio engineering and the production of music.

For more information please contact R.A.I.S at: [www.rais.ca](http://www.rais.ca)

(306) 292-6744 or (306) 220-6944



### NWSD Transition Trends

Post Secondary	47%
Apprenticeship	10%
Non Academic	4%
Employment	38%
RCMP/Military	1%

# Special Forces and RCMP

The Canadian Forces offers numerous programs that will pay for your son or daughter's college or university education. In addition, he or she will be provided with a salary and benefits while attending school. The Canadian Forces is made up of three environments: the NAVY, the ARMY and the AIR FORCE. Each environment has an equally important role to play in protecting Canadian interests at home and abroad, and each environment has many different careers to offer.

There are many different reasons why your son or daughter may want to join the Canadian Forces. As a parent, you can assist them by understanding those reasons and helping to guide him or her to make a well-informed decision. Alternatively, if your son or daughter is currently having trouble deciding on a career path, you may want to suggest that they consider the Canadian Forces as an option. Here are just some of the things that a life in the Canadian military can provide:

- An exciting career
  - Regular Force. Similar to a civilian full-time job, members in the Regular Force are educated and trained to perform specific tasks and functions. The normal work week is similar to most that you would expect in any industry or service sector with nights and weekends free for socializing with family and friends. Regular Force members live on or near one of the many Canadian Forces bases throughout Canada. Depending on their chosen occupation, the initial length of service in the Regular Force will last a minimum of 3 years.
  - If your son or daughter prefers to work part-time and in close proximity to home, then he or she has the option of signing up for the Reserve Force. The majority of members in the Reserve Force have full-time civilian jobs or are full-time students and choose to spend their spare time pursuing military training and experience.
- Competitive salary and benefits
  - The Canadian Forces offers salaries, pensions, dental and health care benefits that are comparable to, and in some cases superior to, many private sector jobs.
- Fully funded education
  - The Canadian Forces offers numerous programs that will pay for your son or daughter's college or university education. In addition, he or she will be provided with a salary and benefits while attending school.
- Personal and professional growth
  - The Canadian Forces promotes many of the same values in its members that you as a parent have instilled in your son or daughter for his or her entire life: self-confidence, integrity, perseverance, and hard work. In the military, your son or daughter will learn valuable analytical, time-management and teamwork skills that will enable him or her to continuously advance his or her career, and contribute to a fulfilling life both within and out of the military.
- Flexible lifestyle
  - The majority of the time, life as a Canadian Forces member is no different than civilian life. When your son or daughter is posted to a base in Canada, they will generally work a 40-hour work week, will own or rent their own house or apartment, and will have plenty of free time to engage in leisure activities with family and friends. Members of the Regular Forces receive 20 vacation days per year, which increases to 25 days per year after five years.

For more information visit: [www.forces.ca](http://www.forces.ca)

The RCMP is the federal police force in Canada and provides services at the federal, provincial and municipal level. The RCMP employs three categories of employees to handle the wide scope of its responsibilities: Regular Members (Police Officers) Civilian Members and Public Service Employees

## Regular Member (Police Officers)

- Cadet training allowance, travel to Depot, uniforms, training courses, room and board;
- Competitive salaries; increasing from \$47,393 to \$77,944, over the first 3 years of service;
- Variety and a dynamic work environment;
- Incremental vacation and pension, member assistance program, medical and dental plan, family health plan, Group life insurance (optional), and clothing allowance (plain clothes duties);
- Ample opportunities for promotion, professional development, specialization and personal growth;
- Support available for continuing education and development;

**Civilian Members:** Hired for their **specialized scientific, technical or analytical skills**, in areas such as human resources, forensics, computer programming and project management, Civilian Members provide support to front-line policing operations.

- Air and Marine Operations;
- Community and Cultural Affairs;
- Criminal Intelligence;
- Engineering;
- Forensics;
- Human Resources;
- Information Technology;
- Law
- Public Affairs and Communications
- Research and Analysis
- Technologists and Technicians
- Telecommunications Officers
- Wellness and Safety



**Public Service Employees:** Public Service employees in areas such as **administration, communications and internet technology** provide the additional support to the business management of the RCMP.

## A Career Nowhere Near Ordinary

By enforcing the law and investigating crime, Regular Members play an **important role** in ensuring the safety and security of those in the community they serve. Regular Members are role models and leaders in their communities by providing advice and guidance to people from all walks of life.

For more information: [www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca)