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Apply for Period 3 of the CESB Now!

BY REVENUE CANADA

The Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB) provides temporary income support to post-secondary students and recent post-secondary and high school graduates who are facing a different job market this summer due to COVID-19. With this benefit, students could get \$1,250 per month for up to four months. Eligible students with disabilities or those with children or other dependents can receive \$2,000.

Applications for the third period of the CESB opened on **July 6, 2020**.

Get ready to apply

Step 1: Create a profile with the CRA by calling 1-800-959-8281 to register your SIN (for students who have never filed a tax return). If this doesn't apply to you, go to step 2!

Step 2: Register for CRA's My Account, as it is the fastest and easiest way to complete your CESB application. Note: you don't need to wait for your My Account security code to apply for the CESB.

Step 3: Sign up for Direct Deposit to have CESB payments deposited directly into your bank account. Financial institutions across the country are also allowing Canadians to sign up for CRA direct deposit through their bank portals in a few easy steps.

LINK BELOW!

New Supports for Post-Secondary Students this Fall

BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BC

Applications for StudentAid BC, along with the new non-repayable B.C. Access Grant, are now open.

This up-front grant, along with new funding for students with disabilities, expanded open education resources and online support through BCcampus, will open doors for students to return to school and earn the college or university credential of their choice.

"Every student who applies for StudentAid BC will now be automatically assessed for the new B.C. Access Grant. Announced in Budget 2020, the B.C. Access Grant will break down barriers and enable over 40,000 low- and middle-income students, or about twice as many students as supported under previous grants, to access more affordable public post-secondary education. These students will receive up to \$4,000 a year to help with the up-front cost of programs leading to a certificate, diploma or degree.

For more information click the link below.

OC Financial Aid & Awards

BY OKANAGAN COLLEGE

The value of your education will last a lifetime. Financial barriers should not be obstacles towards achieving your dreams: explore the numerous awards, scholarships and bursaries available to you.

The Financial Aid and Awards Office can help you find the resources, make sense of terminology, and assist with applications.

Whether you are starting your very first semester or continuing your studies, a student award in the form of a scholarship or bursary can help you achieve your goals. Awards are available for full-time or part-time students in certificate, diploma or degree programs.

Current and returning students can apply until August 31st, 2020. New students apply by September 15th, 2020. Questions? Email awards@okanagan.bc.ca.

For more information click the link below.

How to Apply for OC Serves up!

BY OCSU

This month, we partnered with RBC, Sysco, and Okanagan College to start an exciting new service to help ease food insecurity for students attending the KLO campus. Named "OC Serves Up," it sees students in the Culinary and Pastry Arts program practice their skills by creating delicious, nutritious meals every day. Rather than go to waste, these meals are then given out as free lunches to OC students!

Students can apply for a free meal by emailing OCServesUp@ocsu.ca **LINK BELOW** with their first name, last name, and student number. Upon receiving confirmation that their application was a success, the student is then able to pick up their lunch from the patio outside Infusions restaurant on the KLO campus. The program runs Monday through Friday, and the meals can be picked up between 11:30am and 1:00pm on those days. There is currently no limit to how many times a student can apply, although they may only do so once per day.

OCSU August Giveaway

BY OCSU

It's here! Another OCSU giveaway. Follow the steps below to enter to win one of five PC \$50 giftcards!

STEP 1: Email info@ocsu.ca

STEP 2: Include your name, student number, campus and a fun summer activity you enjoy in the email

Be quick! The first five applicants will be selected to receive a giftcard! **Click the link below to enter now!**

Penticton Locker Clean-out

BY OCSU

Penticton Students- Lockers need to be emptied!

Do you still have contents in your locker on the Penticton Campus? You must have them emptied and your lock removed by Friday, August 28th or your lock will be cut and contents removed. We do not store contents for you, they will be donated or thrown away at this time.

If you need to get on campus to empty your locker, please email pencheckin@okanagan.bc.ca to let us know that you are coming by. The campus is open on Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 3:00pm. Please check in at the Centre of Excellence and a security guard will escort you to your locker.