

ASPIRE Scholarship & Career Start Program

APPLICATION FORM

ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applicants must be enrolled in a full-time, post-secondary diploma or degree program that is relevant to the financial services industry (i.e. Business Administration, Commerce, Agriculture, Ag-Business, Finance, Economics, Accounting, Management, etc.).
- Applicants who are enrolled in their first, second, or third year of studies may apply.
- Applicants must complete this form in full and attach a current resume including references
- Applicants will be required to submit their completed application no later than **November 15, 2021**.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name:

Last Name:

Physical Address:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Primary Phone Number:

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Please enter the name of the post-secondary institution that you are currently enrolled in and will return to in the fall of 2022:

Program of Study:

Program Major (if applicable):

Year of Study Within the Program:

Expected Graduation Date:

CAREER INTERESTS

Each candidate within the ASPIRE Program will gain valuable work experience within Prairie Centre Credit Union by being introduced to a wide range of positions in the areas noted below. Please identify which areas best align with your education, interests, and long-term career goals. Please note that you may wish to choose more than one if you have yet to narrow down your career path and/or have interest in multiple areas.

Retail Service and Support

Management and leadership to retail operations, including key support roles

Retail Relationships

Deposit and lending product sales and service within the personal, agriculture, and commercial sectors

Advisory Services

Deposit sales and service, financial planning, and investment advice

Corporate Services

Support departments including Accounting, Finance, Human Resources, Marketing, Risk, and Information Technology

CAREER INTERESTS

Please identify the locations that you would be willing to be placed for summer work experience. Please choose your top three Prairie Centre Credit Union locations from the following list, with '1' being the most desired:

Beechy/Dinsmore

Elrose/Kyle

Delisle/Harris

Herbert/Morse

Eatonia/Eston

Rosetown

**Elbow/Loreburn/
Outlook**

Spiritwood

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERISM

Please list leadership and volunteer activities in which you have participated and specify the nature of your involvement in each.

Event:

Date of Event:

Your Role:

Event:

Date of Event:

Your Role:

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Date of Event:

Your Role:

RESUME

Please submit a current resume including three references, preferably:

- one reference from school
- one reference from a past employer
- one reference who has personal knowledge of you and your accomplishments

ESSAY QUESTION

Please explain (in 500 words or less) why you ASPIRE to become a part of Prairie Centre Credit Union. Outline your short-term and long-term career aspirations. Identify how you will be a leader and motivated team member within our organization. Ultimately, tell us why you should be the successful applicant to receive this scholarship and career start opportunity.

SUBMISSION

Please complete this application form in full and email it along with your resume to: aspire@pccu.ca . All applications for consideration must be received by **5:00 pm on November 15, 2021**. If you have any questions or require further information about this opportunity, please contact the person noted to the right:

Cara Nisbet

Vice President Human Resources

Prairie Centre Credit Union

Phone: 306.882.5563

Email: cara.nisbet@pccu.ca

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The Prairie Centre Credit Union (PCCU) ASPIRE Scholarship & Career Start program is an initiative benefiting education and credit union employment in rural Saskatchewan.
2. The ASPIRE Program is a combination scholarship/forgivable loan/employment program. The first \$5,000 is a scholarship and no repayment is required under any circumstances. The remaining funds are written as a forgivable student loan providing the student complies with all contractual terms.
3. The ASPIRE Scholarship must be used to fund the enrollment of the student in full-time studies in an approved* diploma or degree program in an approved* post-secondary institution. The student must remain in full-time studies and commit to employment with PCCU following graduation with a return in service equal to the period of the scholarship received.
4. Scholarship applicants must be entering their second, third, or fourth year of study.
5. Recipients may change disciplines or schools, but must remain in a full-time course of study in an approved* program at an approved* post-secondary institution, with the original stated graduation date being unchanged.
6. The tuition portion of the scholarship/forgivable student loan is \$10,000 in any given year of approved study from September 1st to August 31st.
7. The scholarship and other funds will be paid by PCCU as per the agreed upon terms in the contract between the student and PCCU.
8. Proof of enrollment and transcript of marks for each semester must be submitted prior to payment.
9. Proof of payment for tuition and books must be submitted by the end of September and the end of January.
10. Scholarship applicants must be Canadian citizens.
11. Scholarship applicants must have a valid driver's license and vehicle and be able to travel.
12. Scholarship applicants selected as finalists must be available for an interview which will take place in Rosetown, Saskatchewan. Interview expenses will be reimbursed.
13. Students will be required to commit to summer employment with PCCU from May 1st to August 15th. Wages will be paid at the base salary of the position being trained for. Summer employment with PCCU may not be declined by the student.
14. Scholarship applicants must meet the same employment requirements as full-time staff including a criminal record check, bonding eligibility, and satisfactory credit bureau.
15. A scholarship recipient who engages in serious misconduct in the workplace may be terminated for cause, will forfeit the remaining scholarship funds, will be required to pay back the scholarship funds advanced, and forfeit employment with PCCU upon graduation.
16. PCCU has final and binding discretion to decide all questions respecting the awarding of the Scholarship, the Program, the terms, and administration of same.
17. Students are responsible for any income tax implications that may arise through the acceptance of this scholarship program.

** Approved means any post-secondary program approved by PCCU, and any technical school, college, or university approved by PCCU.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

By checking the box below, I acknowledge that I understand that the information submitted in and with this application will be used to assess my eligibility for the scholarship and career start program. I certify that all information provided on this application form is true, accurate, and complete. I have read the Terms and Conditions as listed above. By submitting this application, I agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions and further agree to sign a contractual agreement between Prairie Centre Credit Union and myself. The contract will detail the terms of the scholarship and employment requirements upon graduation.



I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE

DATED ON: