

Petroleum Services Industry Announces New Scholarships for Students in Petroleum-Related and Trades Programs

(Calgary, AB) – The Petroleum Services Association of Canada (PSAC) is pleased to announce its Education Fund program will be awarding new scholarships this year to five schools in western Canada that offer petroleum-related training programs for students. New scholarships have been established at BC's Northern Lights College, Alberta's Keyano College, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) and Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT), and at the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST). Each school will receive four scholarships of \$1,500 each for a three-year period (2011 – 2013/14). The recipient schools and programs are designated as follows:

School	Program
BC	
Northern Lights College Dawson Creek, BC (scholarships applicable to all Northern Lights College campuses throughout BC offering the designated programs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heavy Duty Commercial Transport Technician (Foundation) - Heavy Duty Commercial Transport Technician (Level 1) - Millwright (Foundation) - Welding
Alberta	
NAIT Edmonton, AB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Petroleum Engineering Technology - CNC Machinist Technician - Heavy Equipment Technician - Machinist
Keyano College Fort McMurray, AB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heavy Equipment Technician - Millwright - Mobile Crane & Hoist Certificate - Welding
SAIT Calgary, AB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Petroleum Engineering Technology - Heavy Equipment Technician - Instrument Technician - Millwright
Saskatchewan	
SIAST (Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science & Technology) Saskatoon, SK (scholarships applicable to all SIAST campuses across Saskatchewan offering the designated programs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic - Instrumentation Engineering Technology - Truck and Transport Mechanic - Welding

The scholarships are being awarded through the PSAC Education Fund, which, since being established in 2001, has awarded over \$175,000 in scholarships to almost 100 Canadian students, and provided another 60 grants to schools providing technical programs. This year's scholarship winners will be chosen according to the school's scholarship deadline schedule and will be announced as the information becomes available.



“PSAC and our member companies are committed to investing in the development of skilled talent to help build the future workforce,” said Mark Salkeld, PSAC’s President and CEO.

“Encouraging students at a time when they are making crucial career decisions to consider the exciting prospects available in the services sector, and helping them capitalize on opportunities by providing further training and financial support is the central aim of the PSAC Education Fund.”

Salkeld added, “The Fund provides great opportunities for deserving students to acquire the knowledge and tools to thrive, and is just one example of the petroleum services sector supporting the Canadian communities in which we work. Additionally, we hope to proactively offset the anticipated labour shortages our industry is facing in the near future; we’re optimistic our scholarship program will play a role in the lives of some of Canada’s future leaders.”

The PSAC Education Fund also awards scholarships to PSAC member company employees or their children: the winners of five PSAC Regular Member scholarships will soon be announced, and each student will receive \$1000 to assist in furthering their post-secondary studies.

PSAC’s annual Education Fund Golf Classic – with its online auction featuring two top-of-the-line prize packages – is the main fundraiser for the Education Fund. The PSAC Golf Classic, known as one of the oilpatch’s premiere tournaments, will be held this year on July 21st at the Calgary Elks Lodge and Golf Club. The Golf Classic is only open to PSAC Regular Members, Associate Members and applicable Tournament sponsors; however sponsorship and the online auction are open to anyone. To find out more about the Tournament and to support the program through the online auction, visit www.pfac.ca/onlineauction.

For complete details of the PSAC Education Fund and the scholarships, visit www.pfac.ca/community/education-fund

PSAC is the national trade association representing the service, supply and manufacturing sectors within the upstream petroleum industry. PSAC represents a diverse range of over 255 member companies, employing more than 58,000 people and contracting almost exclusively to oil and gas exploration and production companies. PSAC member companies represent over 80 per cent of the business volume generated in the petroleum services industry.

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