



ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE) PERSISTENCE AWARD 2024-25 Academic Year

About the Award

The ABE Persistence Award is designed to recognize the perseverance of ABE students who are registered in the Adult Basic Education program at Great Plains College. Students must be enrolled full-time in the Adult 10, GED, Grade 12 or Upgrading programs at one of our four locations (Kindersley, Maple Creek, Martensville or Swift Current) and demonstrate their dedication to pursuing post-secondary education.

A total of eight (8) awards will be presented during the 2024-25 year for students enrolled full-time in the Adult 10, GED, Grade 12 or Upgrading programs. Awards will be distributed as follows at each campus/program centre location:

- Kindersley - One (1) \$1,500 award and one (1) \$750 award
- Maple Creek - One (1) \$1,500 award and one (1) \$750 award
- Martensville – One (1) \$1,500 award and one (1) \$750 award
- Swift Current – One (1) \$1,500 award and one (1) \$750 award

Great Plains College will base its selection of the awards to applicants on the eligibility criteria below.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time in the Great Plains College Adult Basic Education program, in one of the Adult 10, GED, Grade 12 or Upgrading programs.
 - In the event of a change in a student's course load during the program year, the student must maintain a minimum of two (2) courses until program completion, in order to remain eligible.
- Applicants must demonstrate that, through personal determination, they have managed to overcome barriers in order to continue with their formal education.
 - Applicants will provide a brief statement of up to 750 words that describes the struggles and obstacles they have overcome in order to pursue formal education in the ABE program. The barriers can be social, family-related, financial, prior academic challenges, etc. Applicants will also be asked to include their personal (i.e. academic, employment or career) goals for the future.
 - An 'ABE Statement of Persistence Template' is available on the following pages that provides an outline of leading questions that can be used by applicants as a guide in writing their statement of persistence.
- Applicants will also be evaluated on their attendance up to the application deadline date, classroom conduct, and motivation and commitment to their studies.
- Students are only eligible to receive this award once while enrolled in the Adult Basic Education program.
- Successful applicants will be required to provide their Social Insurance Number (SIN) as this is necessary for the processing of cheques/payments by Great Plains College. If a SIN is not available, the applicant will not be eligible for an award.
 - Canada Revenue Agency requires that students provide their SIN so that it can be recorded on taxation forms (i.e. T2202A, T4A) as required and provided to students.
 - All students who receive a scholarship or award from Great Plains College will be issued Canada Revenue Agency taxation forms (T4A, etc.) which will display how much a student has received in scholarships and/or awards from January to December of any given calendar year. More information for Students and Income Tax can be found online at: www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/publications/p105/p105-students-income-tax.html.

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Application Form

The application form is attached and/or available online at <https://www.greatplainscollege.ca/admissions-scholarships>.

Application Process

To apply for the award, please submit the following by email to development@greatplainscollege.ca by the deadline of

November 14 at 4 pm.

- Fully completed Application Form, signed and dated. Ensure all areas are completed.
- Statement of Persistence, no longer than 750 words.



Adult Basic Education (ABE) Persistence Award Statement of Persistence Template

The following questions provide an outline of leading questions that can be used by applicants as a guide in writing their statement of persistence. The statement length can be up to 750 words.

Please note that the below questions are only provided as a sample outline. Applicants are encouraged to add or edit to fit your unique story and style.

Paragraph 1:

- Introduce yourself
 - Who are you?
 - Where are you from?
 - What program are you enrolled in at Great Plains College?

Paragraph 2:

- Tell us about some of the obstacles and challenges you have faced and overcome, or those that you continue to deal with.
 - Challenges can be educational, family-related, social, financial, other.
- What would you consider was the most difficult challenge in coming back to school?

Paragraph 3:

- Tell us about how you got to this point at the college.
- What was the turning point and describe where you are at in your life now?
- Tell us what you are hopeful about.

Paragraph 4:

- What are your goals going forward – personal, education, employment and/or career?
- How would an education help you?
- How have you persisted throughout your path in life?
- How would the ABE Persistence Award help you?

Paragraph 5:

- Conclusion – summarize what you have written about.
- Why would this award be meaningful to you?
- Thank readers for considering your application.

Please consider the above as a guide to assist you in telling your story of persistence.



APPLICATION FORM

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Please ensure that you complete all areas of the application.

**** APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 14, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

Personal Information

Student's Full Name: _____

Mailing Address:

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Personal Email: _____

*Birth date: _____ * SIN: _____
(**SIN # can be provided at later time**)

** This information is required if you are a recipient of the award to issue your award cheque*

Great Plains College Campus/Program Centre Location: _____

Program (please check one):

- Adult 10
- GED
- Grade12
- Upgrading

Statement of Persistence

Please attach a brief statement (under 750 words) that describes the struggles and obstacles you had to overcome in order to pursue formal education in the ABE program. The barriers can be social, family-related, financial, past academic, etc. Please refer to the 'Statement of Persistence' template for a list of leading questions to guide your submission.

Privacy

In accordance with applicable laws, Great Plains College collects, uses and discloses your personal information to carry out its operations and to provide services to you (for example, to provide you with academic programming and other related services) in accordance with its Privacy Policy (<https://www.greatplainscollege.ca/about-us/policies>).

For more information about how we collect, use and disclose your personal information, please see our [Privacy Policy](#) or contact Great Plains College's Privacy Officer (by mail at: 129 2nd Ave NE, Swift Current, SK, S9H 2C6, or by email at: privacy@greatplainscollege.ca).

- I acknowledge that I have read Great Plains College's [Privacy Policy](#) and I consent to Great Plains College's collection, use and disclosure of my personal information, as outlined above.

Consent to use personal image and information (please check one box below)

This form authorizes Great Plains College to use your personal image and limited personal information for marketing and promotional purposes related to the college. These may include, but are not limited to, brochures, newspaper and website advertising, television, radio and multimedia productions for Great Plains College. A personal image may include photographs and audio or video recordings. Personal information may include your testimonial, college program and location and year of graduation. This activity is conducted under the authority of the Regional Colleges Act 1988, which mandates the provision of adult education programs and services to the residents of Saskatchewan. Your personal image and information will be used in a manner consistent with the privacy provisions of the Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. To request your image and information not be used as outlined above, please phone the Communications Unit at 1 (866) 296-2472 extension 5475.

- Please feel free to use my personal image for marketing and promotional purposes.
 Please do not use my personal image for marketing and promotional purposes.

Acknowledgment (please check the box to indicate your agreement):

- I hereby certify that all the information on this form is true and complete. I understand that false information may result in cancellation of my admission or status as a registered student and/or scholarship/award recipient. I agree to abide by Great Plains College rules and regulations, including payment of fees. I have read and understand the college's statements on "Privacy" and "Consent to use personal image and information."

Signature of Applicant

Date