

Backgrounder: Broten's plan supports students, invests in the future

Cam's plan for more affordable post-secondary education

- Eliminate interest on existing student loans.
 - Immediately eliminate existing interest charges with a four-year cost of \$8.2 million.¹
- Give Saskatchewan students \$1,000 per year toward their tuition.
 - Double the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship to deliver a \$1,000 per year reduction in tuition for all Saskatchewan students (with a lifetime maximum of \$4,000 per individual).
 - Beginning in Term 2 of the 2016-17 academic year, with a four-year cost of \$31.5 million.²
- Reduce debt loads by converting student loans to grants.
 - Beginning in 2017, all student loans will become non-repayable grants, for a term cost of \$71.9 million.³
- Consult with stakeholders to develop effective tuition fee regulation.
 - Saskatchewan is currently one of two provinces to not have any form of regulation on tuition fees.

The Sask. Party's record

- The average tuition has risen by 34 per cent under the Sask. Party.⁴
- Saskatchewan now has the second-highest tuition in the country.⁵
- In many fields, Saskatchewan students pay significantly more than students in the rest of Canada, including:
 - Nursing (18 per cent higher)
 - Education (30 per cent higher)⁶

¹ Advanced Education Student Aid Fund Annual Report 2014-15. Page 10.

² <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2015/june/12/advantage-scholarships>

³ Advanced Education Student Aid Fund Annual Report 2014-15. Page 4.

⁴ Statistics Canada's CANSIM table 477-0021.

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