Scholarships and Bursaries

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Facts

1. The cost of a university education has increased and continues to increase.
2. This cost increase creates financial barriers that can deter prospective students and impede the completion of degrees. Which are obstacles to accessing a university education.
3. Scholarships and bursaries are an integral part of the student finance system, essential for enabling motivated and high-achieving students who may not be able to afford a university education.
4. The University of Alberta should not only aim to recruit more students, but demonstrate a commitment to realizing the full potential of current undergraduate students and supporting them.
5. Financial needs affect students' academic performance and engagement in extracurricular student achievements by diverting student focus and effort towards employment.
6. The current scholarship and bursaries applications process is inefficient, complicated and time consuming, posing additional challenges for students.

Resolutions

1. The Students’ Union shall lobby the University of Alberta to increase both the number and value of awards granted to continuing undergraduate students in order to be consistent with the number and value of entrance awards.
2. The Students’ Union shall lobby the University of Alberta and the Government of Alberta to increase the relative and absolute amounts of scholarships and bursaries that are awarded, prioritizing financial need and/or student involvement. based on the students’ financial need and/or involvement.
3. The Students’ Union will advocate for the implementation of a unified application portal for scholarships and bursaries, simplifying the application process and enhancing accessibility for all students.
4. The Students’ Union shall advocate that the University of Alberta and the Government of Alberta provide awards of merit based on leadership and community involvement, as well as scholarships based on academics.
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6. The Students’ Union shall advocate that the University of Alberta and the Government of Alberta invest in increased research funding for undergraduate students in the forms of research stipends, awards, assistantships, and studentships.

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