

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION RESOLUTIONS
NOVA SCOTIA LIBERAL PARTY
2010 – 2013

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Affordable Post-Secondary Education that Retain Youth in Nova Scotia

Whereas Nova Scotia students pay some of the highest tuition in Canada; and

Whereas these same students have to leave this province to find employment; and

Whereas the Nova Scotia economy struggles to create new jobs and attract young professionals;

Therefore Be it Resolved that the Nova Scotia Liberal Party urges the next Liberal government to raise the income tax of the highest 50% of income earners in Nova Scotia by 1% to give students free Post secondary Education and those who are in Professional and Trade programs in Nova Scotia that stay and work in Nova Scotia.

YOUTH

EI FOR STUDENTS WHO CAN'T FIND SUMMER WORK/ WORK OUT OF UNIVERSITY

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Therefore Be it Resolved that the Nova Scotia Liberal Party urges the next Liberal government to make post-secondary education class time hours count and/or replace the mandatory hours that are required to be eligible for E.I.

**YOUNG LIBERALS
STUDENT DEBT AND UNEMPLOYMENT**

WHEREAS 70% of new jobs in Canada require some form of post-secondary education credential; and

WHEREAS the average debt for new graduates is \$27,000 for university graduates, and \$13,000 for College graduates paying upwards to prime plus 3% interest on their student loans; and

WHEREAS recent graduates experience the highest levels of unemployment and under-employment their age group has experienced in decades; at a rate of 17.9% in December 2012; and

WHEREAS other provinces such as Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland & Labrador have removed interest rates from the provincial portion of their student loans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a Liberal Government will review the funding formula to universities and student financial assistance to make sure the system allows greater access to post-secondary education with lower debt levels; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Liberal Government review all programs to promote the hiring of youth; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Liberal Government reallocate funds from the NS Bursary program to create a needs based student bursary program to target student aid to students in most need; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Liberal Government will remove interest rates from provincial student loans.