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Alberta Students are encouraged by increase in Alberta Student Grant payments

The Alberta Students' Executive Council (ASEC) is encouraged to see increases to the monthly support payments under the Alberta Student Grant program for the upcoming academic year.

"As we approach a new academic year, it's reassuring to see how the promises made by the Ministry of Advanced Education are being fulfilled to improve the affordability of post-secondary education. ASEC remains optimistic that these changes will provide relief to many of Alberta's learners, and create predictability and stability for years to come."

Celia Sutton Vice Chair, Alberta Students' Executive Council

It is encouraging to see Minister Sawhney's prompt efforts to keep life affordable for Albertans during and after their studies, making this announcement within her first month as Minister of Advanced Education.

This announcement comes after budget announcements related to affordability in advanced education earlier this year including movement on two long-time advocacy priorities of ASEC:

- A 1% reduction in student loan interest and doubling of interest-free repayment period
- The 2 percent tuition cap beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year.

ASEC hopes to see continued action to improve affordability and access to quality post-secondary education in Alberta and looks forward to working with the new Minister.

ASEC represents more than 110,000 college, polytechnic, and university students from 17 members across Alberta.

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