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INITIAL INTAKE – EDUCATIONAL PLAN

The following information will assist your Education Counsellor in providing support and counselling service to you. This form must be completed and submitted with your initial application for education assistance. (Please print or write legibly.)

APPLICANT NAME: _____

CIRCLE THE LAST GRADE COMPLETED: GRADE: 8 9 10 11 12 13 COLLEGE YR: 1 2 3 4 UNIVERSITY YR: 1 2 3 4 5

LAST TIME YOU ATTENDED FORMAL EDUCATION: _____

SPECIAL TRADE/LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION HELD: _____

SPECIFIC OCCUPATIONAL INTEREST: _____

REASON FOR POST SECONDARY STUDY (CHECK ALL APPLICABLE ITEMS)

____ PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT ____ TO IMPROVE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS ____ TO OBTAIN PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT

____ LOVE OF LEARNING ____ TO SWITCH CAREERS ____ CHANGING EMPLOYMENT MARKET

____ EMPLOYMENT IN MY FIELD NOT AVAILABLE OTHER: _____

AREA OF INTEREST FOR POST SECONDARY STUDY: _____

WHAT INFLUENCES YOU TO CHOOSE THIS FIELD?

____ PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD AS A _____

____ PARENTS OR FAMILY MEMBERS

____ VOLUNTEER WORK IN THIS FIELD

____ ROLE MODELS IN THIS FIELD/PROFESSION

____ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS FIELD

____ PERSONAL ACADEMIC STRENGTH IN THIS FIELD

____ THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT IN THIS OCCUPATION

____ RESULTS ON PREVIOUS ASSESSMENTS

PLEASE CHECK ANY ASSESSMENTS YOU HAVE DONE: SKILL ____ INTEREST ____ APTITUDE ____

WHAT LEVEL OF POST SECONDARY ARE YOU APPLYING FOR AT THIS TIME? (PLEASE CHECK ONE)

____ LEVEL 1 (COLLEGE DIPLOMA)

____ LEVEL 3 (UNIVERSITY MASTERS)

____ LEVEL 2 (UNIVERSITY UNDERGRAD)

____ LEVEL 4 (DOCTORAL i.e. PhD)

WHAT INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS HAVE YOU MADE APPLICATION TO?

INSTITUTION

PROGRAM

PROGRAM LENGTH

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

WHAT CHALLENGES/BARRIERS WILL YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH IN YOUR POST SECONDARY STUDIES? HOW DO YOU PLAN TO DEAL WITH THESE CHALLENGES/BARRIERS?

EDUCATION PLAN

Preparation for continuing your education is an important step, and must be thoroughly researched in order to make informed decisions about your education path and how it will lead you to your chosen career. This is not always an easy task, but planning is necessary to reach your goals. Some of us are lucky and we know where we are headed. For most of us, we struggle to determine what we are suited for and what we enjoy and how we can marry this into a career for ourselves.

In order to be successful in your post secondary education studies, it is important that students spend some time determining/examining their career paths and how they will achieve their goal through education.

Please complete the following questions and submit this form with your application for assistance.

1. WHAT INTEREST TESTS/ASSESSMENTS HAVE YOU DONE TO HELP IDENTIFY CAREERS IN YOUR INTEREST AREA? (FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE YOU USED CHOICES, CAREER CRUISING, CAREER EXPLORER? PLEASE LIST.

2. PLEASE BRIEFLY TELL US ABOUT YOUR EDUCATION PLAN. (IF NECESSARY, ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES)

3. HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH THIS EDUCATION PLAN, WHAT RESEARCH DID YOU DO? (EXAMPLE – DID CAREER CRUISING, THEN LOOKED AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS THAT OFFER PROGRAM AND TALKED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR AND/OR THE POST SECONDARY ACADEMIC ADVISORS ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS; VISITED SCHOOLS ETC).

4. WHAT KINDS OF JOBS WILL YOU BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR IF YOU FOLLOW THIS EDUCATION PLAN? PLEASE LIST THEM AND TELL US WHERE AND HOW YOU FOUND THIS INFORMATION.

5. HOW HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE JOB MARKET FOR THIS CAREER? (PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR BEST INFORMATION ABOUT WHETHER YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FIND WORK IN THIS FIELD ONCE YOU GRADUATE AND WHERE YOU EXPECT TO BE EMPLOYED. PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER YOU WILL NEED TO RELOCATE TO FIND WORK ONCE YOU GRADUATE. FEEL FREE TO ADD ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

6. VOLUNTEER WORK IN THE AREA YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PROVIDES IMPORTANT INSIGHT INTO WHAT IS INVOLVED IN WORKING IN THAT AREA. WHAT VOLUNTEER WORK HAVE YOU DONE IN THE CAREER AREA YOU ARE INTERESTED IN? PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS. (E.G., IF YOU WANT TO BE AN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR, YOU CAN GET FIRST HAND INSIGHT INTO WHAT IS INVOLVED BY VOLUNTEERING IN A DAY CARE CENTRE).

7. PLEASE PROVIDE ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU FEEL IS RELEVANT TO YOUR EDUCATION/CAREER PLAN. PLEASE INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY HEALTH/MEDICAL CONCERNS/CONDITIONS, OR SPECIFIC LEARNING REQUIREMENTS THAT MAY BE OF ON-GOING CONCERN OR REQUIRE SPECIAL SERVICES.

8. QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE:

If you are a recent High School graduate and unsure of what your career path is, you may want to take a year off to do work experience. Grand River Post Secondary Education Office can hold your Priority 2 status for one year if you are working. Please contact an education counsellor at this office for more details.

Please Note - This form will be reviewed by your education counsellor. The more you can demonstrate that you have taken time to examine your options and make informed choices - the more highly recommended your application for funding will be.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE