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SaskTel Supports Saskatchewan Youth

In honour of our 100th anniversary, SaskTel has created a new Centennial Scholarship program.

Four SaskTel Centennial Scholarship recipients will receive a \$2,008 scholarship to apply toward his/her post-secondary studies, and a matching grant of \$2,008 to be given to the Saskatchewan non-profit organization, event or project of the recipient's choice.

Every year, SaskTel awards eleven SaskTel Scholarships of \$3,000 to students attending post-secondary institutions in Saskatchewan who are studying in a field directly related to telecommunications.

In addition, the A.E. Blakeney Bursary is awarded biannually in these years: 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2012. The bursary is available to support an outstanding Saskatchewan student in his/her post-secondary studies.

This year's recipient of the bursary is Heather Abbey, a young Cree woman from Little Pine First Nation. Ms. Abbey is returning to school at the First Nations University of Canada, enrolled in Marketing and the new Intercultural Leadership Program.

The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) and SaskTel have jointly established six scholarships valued at \$1,500 to encourage Aboriginal students to pursue post-secondary education in fields directly related to telecommunications.

Be sure to check www.sasktel.com for details and application deadlines and to apply on-line.

The SaskTel Aboriginal Youth Awards of Excellence are a celebration of achievement by Saskatchewan Aboriginal youth in nine categories: Outstanding Achievement, Leadership, Education, Community Service, Culture, Sports, Fine Arts/Performing Arts, Technology/Science, and Spirit. This year's Outstanding Achievement recipient is Tyrell Jacob Sinclair from Gordon First Nation, an outstanding young man with great characteristics. He is a diligent student, talented athlete, student leader and committed to his traditional teachings.



L to R: Mr. Grant Kook, Chair, SaskTel Board of Directors, Tyrell Sinclair, Outstanding Achievement recipient, the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

Know Your Long Distance Plan:

SaskTel reminds our customers that unlimited Long Distance Plans apply to 'voice' calls only. 'Data' calls are not eligible for savings or discounts and will be charged at regular long distance rates. A data call is any non-voice call, typically between electronic equipment, such as a fax transmission, or dialing any long distance internet service provider other than SaskTel. This includes calls from your modem at home, or dialing into a remote internet account.

It is also important to remember that when you download data from a web site for which long distance charges apply, you are responsible for those charges. Customers should also pay special attention to any dial-up internet usage to avoid unnecessary charges. It can be as simple as ensuring you log off of the internet when you have completed surfing, since internet charges continue as long as the dial-up internet connection is left on.

If you would like information on Long Distance Plans or other SaskTel services, please call 1-800-727-5835.

Cellular Safety:

Wireless devices or cellular phones have become fairly common over the past few years. Like the internet, the "trend" has faded and they have become another useful communications tool in our everyday lives. Also like the internet, here are some safety guidelines to make your wireless experience more enjoyable.

When you're on the road, safe driving is your primary responsibility. SaskTel has taken positive steps to educate drivers on the appropriate use of cellular phones through education and awareness programs. Under current legislation, police can charge drivers whose use of cellular phones is affecting their ability to drive safely, with "driving without due care and attention."

To minimize distractions that may be caused by using your wireless phone in a vehicle, please keep the following in mind:

1. Tell your caller you'll call them back when you're not driving, or pull out of the traffic lane if you must answer.
2. Use a hands-free set so that you can keep both hands on the wheel. If you need to take notes or look something up, pull off the road.
3. Voice-activated dialing is a built-in feature on some digital wireless phones. If it is available on your phone, use this feature to dial phone numbers using your voice instead of your fingers.
4. Let Voice Message Service take messages for you. You can pick up your messages at your destination.

5. If you have a passenger, ask them to dial, take messages or answer calls for you.

6. Be a wireless samaritan. Call 911 for emergency services (police, fire and ambulance). Remember, when calling 911 from a wireless phone, you must provide the location of the emergency to the dispatch personnel.

Another point of cellular safety, especially while travelling, is the protection of both your personal information stored on your cellular phone and the use of your cellular access. Your wireless device can be secured by using the locking feature provided with most devices.

If your wireless phone is lost or stolen, report it to SaskTel at 1-800-667-2355 immediately. SaskTel will suspend the phone's wireless service. If your wireless phone is stolen, report it to your local police.



Toll Free Numbers:

SaskTel would like to remind you that only numbers with the prefix 800, 866, 877, and 888 are toll-free. The prefixes, which are not interchangeable, are used by simply dialing 1, followed by the appropriate prefix, followed by the seven-digit number.

Please note that other prefixes, including 809, are not toll-free prefixes and long distance charges will apply on your telephone bill.

Sask 1st Call:

For free cable locates before you dig, contact Sask 1st Call at 1-866-828-4888. The cable path will be marked but SaskTel can not guarantee the depth since ground cover may have been removed by past work or by erosion.

Requests must be made at least 48 hours in advance of the start date so the locate can be scheduled.

Locates are only valid for ten working days after which a new locate request must be requested. It is the responsibility of the person or company requesting the cable locate to remove marking flags after the completion of work. SaskTel appreciates your cooperation to help prevent costly cable damages.