

**EXPECTATIONS AND TRANSITIONS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
SURVEY OF GRADE 12 MARITIME HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

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Welcome to the Survey!

The purpose of the survey is to help us understand what students plan and expect after high school. Your responses will be valuable in helping us to improve education, and will become part of a report.

The survey will take about 20 minutes to complete.

Your responses will be kept strictly confidential and anonymous, as there is no way to match students with their responses.

We appreciate your participation.

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PROFILE QUESTIONS

P1. Where do you live? [HIDDEN QUESTION IN ONLINE PROGRAMMED VERSION]

New Brunswick

Nova Scotia

Prince Edward Island

P2. What high school are you attending?

[DROP DOWN BOX FOR “ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOLS”]

English Language Schools

[DROP DOWN BOX FOR “ÉCOLES FRANCOPHONES”]

Écoles francophones

SECTION A: INTENTIONS AFTER FINISHING HIGH SCHOOL

1. This fall, what do you think you are most likely to do?

Please select **one answer only**, or add your answer in the space provide.

[RANDOMIZE]

Study at a university

[GO TO Q.5]

Study at a community college or other public college

[GO TO Q.5]

(e.g. NSCC, NBCC/CCNB, Holland College, Collège Acadie Î-P-É)

Study at a private college or training school

[GO TO Q.5]

Begin work with an employer and register in an apprenticeship program [GO TO Q.5]

Upgrade or continue high school (i.e., take more courses or re-take courses to improve marks)

[GO TO Q3]

Enter the workforce (i.e., part-time, full-time, contract work, or self-employment)

[GO TO Q 2]

Take a gap year to explore options through travel, volunteer, or work experiences

[GO TO Q 2]

[ANCHOR] Don't know/unsure

[GO TO Q 3]

[ANCHOR] Other (Please specify)

[GO TO Q 3]

[IF “STUDY AT A UNIVERSITY”, “STUDY AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE/PUBLIC COLLEGE”, “STUDY AT A PRIVATE COLLEGE OR TRAINING SCHOOL”, OR BEGIN WORK WITH AN EMPLOYER AND REGISTER IN AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM” IN Q.1, SKIP TO Q.5, OTHERWISE CONTINUE]

[IF “ENTER THE WORKFORCE”, “TAKE A GAP YEAR” IN Q.1, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.3]

2. What are the main reasons you're unlikely to do post-secondary studies in the fall?

From the list below, please choose **up to three reasons**, and rank them as (1) your most important reason, (2) your second most important reason, and (3) your third most important reason. Or you can select "Other", and add in your own answer in the space provided.

[RANDOMIZE]

I don't know what options are available to me at college, university, private college or training school, or in an apprenticeship program

I want to take a break from school (i.e. to travel, do volunteer work, explore options, etc.)

I can't afford to go/ don't have the money

I want to start my own business

I want to work to earn money

I don't have the marks to get accepted into a post-secondary program

I was accepted into a post-secondary program, but not in the program I want

I don't have the courses I need to get accepted into a post-secondary program

I don't believe post-secondary education is worth the cost

Going to school is just not for me

[ANCHOR] Don't know / unsure

[ANCHOR] Other (Specify)

Most important reason

Second most important reason

Third most important reason

[IF "ENTER WORKFORCE", "TAKE GAP YEAR", "UNSURE", "UPGRADE HIGH SCHOOL" "OTHER" IN Q.1, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.5]

3. Do you think you will enrol in a postsecondary program at some point in the next 5 years?

Definitely will

Probably will

Probably will not

Definitely will not

Don't know / unsure

[IF "DEFINITELY WILL" OR "PROBABLY WILL", IN Q.3, CONTINUE; OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.32]

4. What are the main reasons you think you will enrol in a post-secondary program at some point in the next 5 years?

From the list below, please choose **up to three reasons**, and rank them as (1) your most important reason, (2) your second most important reason, and (3) your third most important reason. Or you can select "Other", and add in your own answer in the space provided.

[RANDOMIZE]

I'll need more education to prepare for a future job or career pathway

I'll need more education to have a chance at earning a good salary

My parents/guardians want me to go

My high school teachers think I should go

Community mentors/other adults in my life think I should go

I think it's important to get a credential (e.g., diploma, degree, certificate)

I'll have a better idea of what I want to study by then

I'll have enough money to afford it by then

All my friends are continuing their education

I want to experience university/college life at some point in my life

I'm interested in learning more about a particular area

[ANCHOR] Don't know / unsure

[ANCHOR] Other (Please specify)

Most important reason

Second most important reason

Third most important reason

[IF "DON'T KNOW/UNSURE" IN Q.1, SKIP TO Q.32]

[IF "STUDY AT UNIVERSITY", "STUDY AT COLLEGE OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE," "STUDY AT A PRIVATE COLLEGE OR TRAINING SCHOOL" OR "BEGIN WORK WITH EMPLOYER AND REGISTER IN AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM" IN Q.1, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q. 6]

5. We'd like to know a bit more about your reasons for choosing to [INSERT ANSWER FROM Q 1] this fall.

From the list below, please choose **up to three reasons**, and rank them as (1) your most important reason, (2) your second most important reason, and (3) your third most important reason. Or you can select "Other", and add in your own answer in the space provided.

[RANDOMIZE]

I'll need more education to prepare for a future job or career pathway

I think it's important to get a credential (e.g., diploma, degree, certificate)

I'll need more education to have a chance at earning a good salary

The occupation I want requires the skills and knowledge I will acquire in my program

My friends are continuing their education

I'm interested in learning more about a particular area

My parent(s)/guardian(s) want me to go

My high school teachers think I should go

Community mentors/other adults in my life think I should go

I want to broaden my understanding of the world and life

I can't think of anything else to do

[SHOW ITEM ONLY IF “STUDY AT UNIVERSITY” IN Q.1]

I want to experience university life

[SHOW ITEM ONLY IF “STUDY AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE/PUBLIC COLLEGE” OR “STUDY AT PRIVATE COLLEGE/TRAINING SCHOOL” IN Q.1]

I want to experience college life

The program is affordable

I can complete my studies in a reasonable amount of time

My parents/guardians have invested in an education fund for me

[ANCHOR] Don’t know / unsure

[ANCHOR] Other (Please specify)

Most important reason

Second most important reason

Third most important reason

6. How much of an impact did each of the following have on your decision to [INSERT ANSWER FROM Q 1] this fall?

[RANDOMIZE]

Your parent(s)/guardian(s)

Your high school guidance counselor

Your high school teacher(s)

Your high school Principal or Vice-Principal

Your friends

Media

[ANCHOR] Family member other than parents

[ANCHOR] Another trusted adult

Big impact

Some impact

Not much impact

No impact at all

Don’t know/unsure

[IF “STUDY AT UNIVERSITY”, “STUDY AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE/PUBLIC COLLEGE” “STUDY AT A PRIVATE COLLEGE OR TRAINING SCHOOL” OR “BEGIN WORK WITH EMPLOYER AND REGISTER IN AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM” IN Q.1, CONTINUE; OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.32]

SECTION B: CHOOSING A SCHOOL

B1. STUDY AT UNIVERSITY

[IF “STUDY AT UNIVERSITY” IN Q.1, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.12]

7. Which university do you want to attend this fall? Please select one only.

[DROP DOWN BOX]

Acadia University
Cape Breton University
Crandall University
Dalhousie University
Kingswood University
Memorial University
Mount Allison University
Mount St. Vincent University
Nova Scotia College of Art & Design
St. Francis Xavier University
Saint Mary's University
St. Stephen's University
St. Thomas University
University of King's College
Université de Moncton
University of New Brunswick
University of Prince Edward Island
Université Sainte Anne

A university in Quebec
A university in Ontario
A university in Manitoba
A university in Saskatchewan
A university in Alberta
A university in British Columbia
A university outside of Canada
Other
Don't know/Unsure

[IF "DON'T KNOW/UNSURE" IN Q.7, SKIP TO Q.10B, OTHERWISE CONTINUE]

8. Have you already applied to the university?

Yes

No

[IF "YES" IN Q.8, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE, SKIP TO Q.10]

9. Have you been accepted for the fall?

Yes, I've been accepted

No, I'm on the wait list

No, I have not been notified yet

10. What are the top 3 reasons you want to go to that university?

From the list below, please choose **up to three reasons**, and rank them as (1) your most important reason, (2) your second most important reason, and (3) your third most important reason. Or you can select “Other”, and add in your own answer in the space provided.

[RANDOMIZE]

It has a good reputation

My friends are going there

My parents/guardians want me to go there

It has the program I’m interested in

It offers opportunities for work experience (e.g., co-ops, work placement)

It’s known to have good teachers

It’s known to have high quality academic courses/programs

It has a nice campus (e.g., buildings, green spaces)

It gives me the opportunity to compete in varsity athletics

I can live at or close to home

I can live away from home

I have been offered financial help/scholarships

The tuition is lower than at other universities

Graduates from the university get hired in jobs related to their program

My high school teachers think I should go there

Community mentors/other adults in my life think I should go there

[ANCHOR] Don’t know/unsure

[ANCHOR] Other (Please specify)

Most important reason

Second most important reason

Third most important reason

[IF “DON’T KNOW/UNSURE” IN Q.7, CONTINUE; OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.11]

10B. Which of the following factors will you consider most important when you decide which university to attend?

From the list below, please choose **up to three factors**, and rank them as (1) most important, (2) second most important, and (3) third most important. Or you can select “Other”, and add in your own answer in the space provided.

[RANDOMIZE]

If it has a good reputation

If my friends are going there

If my parents/guardians want me to go there

If it has the program I’m interested in

If it offers opportunities for work experience (e.g., co-ops, work placement)

If it's known to have good teachers
If it's known to have high quality academic courses/programs
If it has a nice campus (e.g., buildings, green spaces)
If there is an opportunity for me to compete in varsity athletics
If I can live at or close to home
If I can live away from home
If it offers me financial help/scholarship(s)
How much the tuition costs
If graduates from the university get hired in jobs related to their program
If my high school teachers think I should go to a particular university
If community mentors/other adults in my life think I should go to a particular university
[ANCHOR] Don't know/unsure
[ANCHOR] Other (Please specify)

Most important
Second most important
Third most important

11. What credential do you plan to get at university? Please select your program.

Diploma or certificate
Bachelor's degree

11A. What program do you plan to take at university? From the list below, please select one of the broad groupings into which your program fits best. Or, select "Other", and add in your own answer in the space provided.

Architecture, Engineering, and Related Technologies

(e.g. Engineering, Applied Sciences, Community Design)

Agriculture, Natural Resources and Conservation

(e.g., Forestry, Agriculture, Environmental Studies, Plant Science Technology, Animal Technology)

Business, Management, and Public Administration

(e.g. Business, Commerce, Management, Tourism and Hospitality)

Education

(e.g. Bachelor of Education, Combined Bachelor of Education)

Health, Parks, Recreation, and Fitness

(e.g. Nursing, Nutrition, Kinesiology, Recreation management, Health Sciences, Respiratory Therapy, Radiological Therapy)

Humanities

(e.g. General Arts, English, French, History, Philosophy, Community Studies, Religious studies, Linguistics)

Mathematics, Computer and Information Services

(e.g. Computer Sciences, Mathematics, Informatics)

Physical and Life Sciences and Technologies

(e.g. General Sciences, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology, Biochemistry, Microbiology)

Social and Behavioural Sciences

(e.g. Psychology, Geography, Anthropology, Criminology, Economics, Sociology, Journalism, Public Relations, Family Studies, Communications, Political Sciences)

Visual and Performing Arts

(e.g. Music, Fine Arts, Theatre, Interior Design)

[ANCHOR] Don't know/unsure

[ANCHOR] Other (Please specify)

[IF "STUDY AT UNIVERSITY" IN Q.1, SKIP TO Q.26]

B2. STUDY AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE/PUBLIC COLLEGE

[IF "STUDY AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE/PUBLIC COLLEGE" IN Q.1, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.17]

12. Which community college/public college do you want to attend this fall? Please select one from the list below.

[DROP DOWN BOX, ONE FOR EACH PROVINCE – SHOW 3 DROP DOWN BOXES, ONE FOR EACH PROVINCE TO ALL RESPONDENTS, WITH PROVINCE NAME ABOVE EACH BOX. SHOW ALL LISTS FOR ALL RESPONDENTS]

New Brunswick

Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick – campus de Bathurst
Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick – campus de Campbellton
Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick – campus de Dieppe
Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick – campus de d'Edmunston
Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick – campus de la Péninsule
Collège de technologie forestière des Maritimes – Bathurst
Maritime College of Forest Technology – Fredericton
New Brunswick Community College – Fredericton campus
New Brunswick Community College – Miramichi campus
New Brunswick Community College – Moncton campus
New Brunswick Community College – Saint John campus
New Brunswick Community College – St. Andrews campus
New Brunswick Community College – Woodstock campus
New Brunswick College of Craft & Design

Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia Community College – Akerly campus (Dartmouth)
Nova Scotia Community College – Annapolis Valley campus (Lawrencetown & Middleton)
Nova Scotia Community College – Burrige campus (Yarmouth)
Nova Scotia Community College – Cumberland campus (Springhill)
Nova Scotia Community College – Institute of Technology campus (Halifax)

Nova Scotia Community College – Kingstec campus (Kentville)
Nova Scotia Community College – Lunenburg campus (Bridgewater)
Nova Scotia Community College – Marconi campus (Sydney)
Nova Scotia Community College – Pictou campus (Stellarton)
Nova Scotia Community College – Shelburne campus (Shelburne)
Nova Scotia Community College –Strait Area campus (Port Hawkesbury)
Nova Scotia Community College – Truro campus (Truro)
Nova Scotia Community College – Waterfront campus (Dartmouth)
Collège de l’Acadie (Université Sainte-Anne), campus Pointe-de-l’Église
Collège de l’Acadie (Université Sainte-Anne), campus Halifax
Collège de l’Acadie (Université Sainte-Anne), campus Petit-de-Gras
Collège de l’Acadie (Université Sainte-Anne), campus St-Joseph-du-Moine
Collège de l’Acadie (Université Sainte-Anne), campus Tusket

Prince Edward Island

Collège Acadie
Holland College

[SHOW BELOW DROP BOXES]

College/Community College in another Canadian province
College/Community College outside Canada
Other
Don’t know/Unsure

[IF “DON’T KNOW/UNSURE” IN Q.12, SKIP TO Q.15B, OTHERWISE CONTINUE]

13. Have you already applied to the community college/public college?

Yes
No

[IF “YES” IN Q.13, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.15]

14. Have you been accepted for the fall?

Yes, I’ve been accepted
No, I’m on the wait list
No, I have not been notified yet

15. What are the top 3 reasons you want to go to that community college or public college?

From the list below, please choose **up to three reasons**, and rank them as (1) your most important reason, (2) your second most important reason, and (3) your third most important reason. Or you can select “Other”, and add in your own answer in the space provided.

[RANDOMIZE]

It has a good reputation
My friends are going there

My parents/guardians want me to go there
It has the program I'm interested in
It offers opportunities for work experience (e.g., co-ops, work placements)
It's known to have good teachers
It's known to have high quality academic courses/programs
It has a nice campus (e.g., buildings, green spaces)
It gives me the opportunity to compete in varsity athletics
I can live at or close to home
I can live away from home
I have been offered financial help/scholarship(s)
The tuition is lower than at university
The tuition is lower than at other colleges/community colleges
The tuition is lower than at a private college or training school
It offers the option to transfer credits to a university program
Graduates from the college/community college get hired in jobs related to their program
My high school teachers think I should go there
Community mentors/other adults in my life think I should go there
[ANCHOR] Don't know/unsure
[ANCHOR] Other (Please specify)

Most important reason
Second most important reason
Third most important reason

[IF "DON'T KNOW/UNSURE" IN Q.12, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.16]

15B. Which of the following factors will you consider most important when deciding which community college or public college you'll attend?

From the list below, please choose **up to three factors**, and rank them as (1) most important, (2) second most important, and (3) third most important. Or you can select "Other", and add in your own answer in the space provided.

[RANDOMIZE]

If it has a good reputation
If my friends are going there
If my parents/guardians want me to go there
If it has the program I'm interested in
If it offers opportunities for work experience (e.g., co-ops, work placements)
If it's known to have good teachers
If it has a nice campus (e.g., buildings, green spaces)
If there is an opportunity for me to compete in varsity athletics
If I can live at or close to home
If I can live away from home
If it offers me financial help/scholarships

How much the tuition costs

If it offers the option to transfer credits to a university program

If graduates from the community college/public college get hired in jobs related to their program

If my high school teachers think I should go to a particular community college/public college

If community mentors/other adults in my life think I should go to a particular college/community college

[ANCHOR] Don't know/unsure

[ANCHOR] Other (Please specify)

Most important

Second most important

Third most important

16. What program do you plan to take at community college/public college? From the list below, please select one of the broad groupings into which your program fits best.

Academic Services/Adult Learning Program, Second Language

Agriculture, Natural Resources and Conservation

(e.g. Environment, Aquaculture, Forest Technology, Landscape)

Business and Management

(e.g. Accounting, Administrative Assistant, Human Resources Management, Tourism and Travel Management)

Computer and Information sciences

(e.g. Information Technology, Library Technology, Programmer, Network Administration)

Education

(e.g. Educational Assistant, Special Needs Teaching Assistant)

Engineering Technologies, Construction trades, Mechanic and Repair Technologies

(e.g. Engineering technology, Construction, Power Engineering, Electrical, Heating, Plumbing, Carpentry, Metals Processing, Welding, Survey Technician, Automotive Repair, Heavy Equipment repair, Aircraft Maintenance)

Health, Parks, Recreation and Fitness

(e.g. Medical Administration, Nursing, Medical Laboratory Technology, Respiratory Therapy, Health and Wellness, Sport and Leisure/Recreation management)

Personal and Culinary services

(e.g. Esthetics, Funeral Services, Cooking, Baking)

Security and Protective services

(e.g. Police, Correctional Officer, firefighting, conservation officer)

Social and Behavioural Sciences and Law

(e.g. Child and Youth Care Worker, Early Childhood Education, Community Outreach, Legal Administration, Geomatics, Geographic Sciences)

Transportation and Materials Moving

(e.g. Marine Navigation/Engineering Technology, Heavy Equipment Operator, Commercial Diving)

Visual and Performing Arts and Communications Technologies

(e.g. Music, Dance, Theatre, Interior Design, Graphic Design, Fiber Arts, Photography, Media Arts, Radio & Television)

[IF “STUDY AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE/PUBLIC COLLEGE” IN Q.1, SKIP TO Q.26]

B3. STUDY AT PRIVATE COLLEGE/TRAINING SCHOOL

[IF “STUDY AT PRIVATE COLLEGE/TRAINING SCHOOL” IN Q.1, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.22]

17. Which private college or training school do you want to attend this fall?

[OPEN END]

Don't know / unsure

[IF “DON'T KNOW/UNSURE” IN Q.17, SKIP TO Q.20B, OTHERWISE CONTINUE]

18. Have you already applied to the private college or training school?

Yes

No

[IF “YES” IN Q.18, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE, SKIP TO Q.20]

19. Have you been accepted for the fall?

Yes, I've been accepted

No, I'm on the wait list

No, I have not been notified yet

20. What are the top 3 reasons you've chosen to attend that private college or training school?

From the list below, please choose **up to three reasons**, and rank them as (1) your most important reason, (2) your second most important reason, and (3) your third most important reason. Or you can select “Other”, and add in your own answer in the space provided.

[RANDOMIZE]

It has a good reputation

My friends are going there

My parents/guardians want me to go there

It has the program I'm interested in

It offers opportunities for work experience (e.g., co-ops, work placement)

It's known to have good teachers

It's known to have high quality academic courses/programs
It has a nice campus (e.g., buildings, green spaces)
I can live at or close to home
I can live away from home
I have been offered financial help/scholarship(s)
The tuition is lower than at other private colleges/training schools
The tuition is lower than at university
The tuition is lower than at public colleges/community colleges
It offers students the option to transfer credits to a university program
Graduates from the college/school get hired in jobs related to their program
My high school teachers think I should go there
Community mentors/other adults in my life think I should go there
[ANCHOR] Don't know/unsure
[ANCHOR] Other (Please specify)

Most important reason
Second most important reason
Third most important reason

[IF "DON'T KNOW/UNSURE" IN Q.17, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.21]

20B. Which of the following factors will you consider most important when deciding which private college or training school you'll attend?

From the list below, please choose **up to three factors**, and rank them as (1) most important, (2) second most important, and (3) third most important. Or you can select "Other", and add in your own answer in the space provided.

[RANDOMIZE]

If it has a good reputation
If my friends are going there
If my parents/guardians want me to go there
If it has the program I'm interested in
If it offers opportunities for work experience (e.g., co-ops, work placements)
If it's known to have good teachers
If it has a nice campus (e.g., buildings, green spaces)
If I can live at or close to home
If I can live away from home
If it offers me financial help/scholarship(s)
How much tuition costs
If it offers the option to transfer credits to a university program
If graduates from the college/school get hired in jobs related to their program
If my teachers suggest I go to a particular college/school
If community mentors/other adults in my life suggest I go to a particular college/school

[ANCHOR] Don't know/unsure

[ANCHOR] Other (Please specify)

Most important

Second most important

Third most important

21. What program do you plan to take at the private college or training school? Please type in your answer in the space below. Please be as specific as possible.

[OPEN END]

[IF "STUDY AT PRIVATE COLLEGE/TRAINING SCHOOL" IN Q.1, SKIP TO Q.26]

B4. WORK WITH EMPLOYER/REGISTER IN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

[IF "BEGIN WORK WITH AN EMPLOYER AND REGISTER IN AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM" IN Q.1, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.26]

22. What apprenticeship program do you plan to begin this fall? Please type in the name of your program.

[OPEN END]

Don't Know/unsure

[IF "DON'T KNOW/UNSURE" IN Q.22, SKIP TO Q.24 OTHERWISE CONTINUE]

23. Have you found an employer in the skilled trade you have chosen?

Yes

No

24. Have you been in contact with your regional or provincial apprenticeship representative or office?

Yes

No

24A. Are you currently registered as a Youth Apprentice?

Yes

No

[IF "YES" IN Q.24A, CONTINUE OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.25]

24B. Which skilled trade are you registered in?

[OPEN END]

Don't Know/unsure

[IF "NEW BRUNSWICK" OR "NOVA SCOTIA" IN P1, CONTINUE]

[IF "PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND" IN P1, SKIP TO Q.26]

[IF NOT "DON'T KNOW" IN Q.22, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE, SKIP TO Q.26]

25. Have you been accepted for the fall into an apprenticeship program at a post-secondary institution?

Yes, I've been accepted

No, I'm on the wait list

No, I have not received my letter yet

SECTION C: PROGRAM

The next few questions are about the program you'll be starting this fall.

26. Do you intend to study part-time or full-time for the program you'll be starting this fall?

Part-time

Full-time

Don't know/unsure

[IF "PART-TIME" IN Q.26, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.28]

27. What are the main reasons you'll do your program part-time?

From the list below, please choose **up to three reasons**, and rank them as (1) your most important reason, (2) your second most important reason, and (3) your third most important reason. Or you can select "Other", and add in your own answer in the space provided.

[RANDOMIZE]

Can't afford to study full-time

Need to work to earn money

Unsure this is what I want to do, so I want to try it out part-time first

Family responsibilities prevent me from studying full-time (e.g., caring for children, parents/guardians)

Doing a full course load would be too difficult for me academically

Health and wellness reasons (e.g., physical, mental, emotional)

My program is not offered full-time

I want to do other things besides studying (e.g. work, travel)

[ANCHOR] Don't know/unsure

[ANCHOR] Other (Please specify)

Most important reason

Second most important reason

Third most important reason

28. Approximately how long do you think it will take to complete the program you will start this fall?

[DROP DOWN BOX – RANGE: less than one year; 1 year; 2 years; 3 years, 4 years, 5 years, 6 years, 7 years, 8 years, 9 years, 10 years or more]

[ANCHOR] Don't know/Unsure

[IF "BEGIN TO WORK WITH AN EMPLOYER AND REGISTER IN AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM" IN Q.1, SKIP TO Q.32, OTHERWISE CONTINUE.]

29. Do you intend to work while completing the program you're starting this fall? Please do not include any co-op or work placements that may be a part of your program.

Please check one only.

Yes, part-time

Yes, full-time

No

Don't know

[IF ANSWERED "YES, PART-TIME" IN Q.29, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.31]

30. What are the main reasons you'll work part-time during your program?

From the list below, please choose **up to three reasons**, and rank them as (1) your most important reason, (2) your second most important reason, and (3) your third most important reason. Or you can select "Other", and add in your own answer in the space provided.

[RANDOMIZE]

I have a job, and don't want to quit

To get a break from my studies

I want the job experience

It's a job I can continue at the end of my studies

I need to work to pay for my studies

I want to work to have spending money while at school

I need to work to cover living expenses (e.g. room and board)

[ANCHOR] Don't know/unsure

[ANCHOR] Other (Please specify)

Most important reason

Second most important reason

Third most important reason

[IF "YES, FULL-TIME" IN Q.29, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.32]

31. What are the main reasons you'll work full-time during your program?

From the list below, please choose **up to three reasons**, and rank them as (1) your most important reason, (2) your second most important reason, and (3) your third most important reason. Or you can select "Other", and add in your own answer in the space provided.

[RANDOMIZE]

I have a job, and don't want to quit

To get a break from my studies

I want the job experience

It's a job I can continue at the end of my studies

I need to work to pay for my studies

I want to work to have spending money while at school

I need to work to cover living expenses (e.g. room and board)

[SHOW ITEM IF "BEGIN WORK WITH AN EMPLOYER AND REGISTER IN AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM" IN Q.1]

I must work full time for my practical hours of learning on-the-job

[ANCHOR] Don't know/unsure

[ANCHOR] Other (Please specify)

Most important reason

Second most important reason

Third most important reason

32. And, thinking about the future for a moment, what credentials do you think you'll complete over your lifetime?

Please select all that apply.

High School diploma

Community college diploma or certificate

Private college or training school diploma or certificate

Certificate of Qualification/ Certified journeyperson (completion of apprenticeship qualifications)

University diploma or certificate program

University Bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, BSc, BBA, excluding BEd)

Bachelor of Education (BEd)

Professional degree/designation (e.g., law, medicine, veterinary medicine)

Master's degree

PhD/doctorate

Don't know/unsure

[IF "STUDY AT UNIVERSITY", "STUDY AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE/PUBLIC COLLEGE" "STUDY AT A PRIVATE COLLEGE OR TRAINING SCHOOL" OR "BEGIN WORK WITH EMPLOYER AND REGISTER IN AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM" IN Q.1, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q. 44]

SECTION D: FINANCING OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

The next few questions are about paying for your post-secondary education.

33. What are the **two main sources** of funding you will use to pay for the program you'll begin this fall? Or, select "Other", and add in your own answer in the space provided.

Please check your **two main sources** from the list below.

[RANDOMIZE]

Parents/Guardians

RESP (Registered Education Savings Plan)

Government student loans

Bank/Other financial institution loans

Credit cards

Line of credit

Employment earnings

Merit-based awards (e.g., scholarships/awards/fellowships)

Needs-based awards (e.g., grants/bursaries)

Personal savings

[ANCHOR] Other family members

[ANCHOR] Other people (not family)

[ANCHOR] Other government sources

[ANCHOR] Other (please specify)

[ANCHOR] Don't know

34. Do you expect to borrow any money to pay for the program you'll begin this fall?

Yes

No

Don't know

[IF "YES" IN Q.34, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.39]

35. From which of the following sources do you expect to borrow money to pay for the program you'll begin this fall? Please select all that apply, or select "Other", and add in your own answer.

[RANDOMIZE]

Government student loan

Loans from banks or other financial institutions

Credit cards

Line of credit

Employers

Parents/guardians

[ANCHOR] Other family members

[ANCHOR] Other people (not family)

[ANCHOR] Other government sources

[ANCHOR] Other (please specify)

[ANCHOR] Don't know

36. Approximately how much do you expect to borrow in total from all of these sources to pay to complete the entire program you'll begin this fall?

You may not know the exact amount, but please provide your best guess.

\$1 to \$14,999

\$15,000 to \$29,999

\$30,000 to \$44,999

\$45,000 to \$59,999

\$60,000 or more

Don't know

37. How easy or difficult do you think it will be to pay back the money you will borrow to complete the program you'll begin this fall?

Very easy

Somewhat easy

Somewhat difficult

Very difficult

Don't know

[IF "GOVERNMENT STUDENT LOAN" OR "OTHER GOVERNMENT SOURCES" IN Q.35, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q.39]

38. Are you aware of any government programs that help graduates repay their student loans?

Yes

No

Don't know

39. Have you talked with your parents/guardians or family about the cost of your education and how you will pay for it?

Yes

No

40. Approximately what percentage of the total cost of your education do you think your parents/guardians or family will pay?

0%

1% to 9%

10% to 25%

26% to 50%

51% to 75%

76% to 99%

100%
Don't Know

41. Now, thinking only of the **first year** of your program, how much do you think your **first year** of studies will cost?

Please estimate the cost for only the **first year** of your program for each of the following categories. Even if you do not know the exact amounts at this time, please provide your best guess.

[ROW - RANDOMIZE]

Tuition fees (RANGE: \$0 - \$999,999; Not applicable, Don't Know)

Books and supplies (RANGE: \$0 - \$999,999; Not applicable, Don't Know)

Room and board (RANGE: \$0 - \$999,999; Not applicable, Don't Know)

SECTION E: EXPECTATIONS FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

The next few questions are about expectations you might have about your post-secondary studies.

42. Below is a list of things you might expect from your post-secondary program in order to feel you've received a quality education. Do you expect or not expect your post-secondary program to do each of the following?

[RANDOMIZE]

Prepare you for further studies

Prepare you for the workforce

Give you the skills for a particular job

Give you in-depth knowledge of a particular area

Give you a chance to earn a good income

Offer a rich intellectual learning experience

Help you find a path for your life

Develop your writing skills

Develop your math skills

Develop your ability to think independently and critically

Develop your decision-making ability

Contribute to your growth as a person

Provide you with opportunities to meet/interact with people from different cultural backgrounds

Definitely expect

Somewhat expect

Do not really expect

Definitely do not expect

Don't know

43. And, what are the **most important** things you want to have once you've completed your program in order to feel you've had a high quality education?

From the list below, please choose **up to three answers**, and rank them as (1) most important, (2) second most important, and (3) third most important.

[RANDOMIZE]

Be prepared for further studies
Be prepared for the workforce
Learned the skills for a particular job
Developed in-depth knowledge of a particular area
Get a chance to earn a good income
Had a rich intellectual learning experience
Found a path for your life
Developed writing skills
Developed math skills
Developed ability to think independently and critically
Developed decision-making ability
Grown as a person
Met/interacted with people from different cultural backgrounds

Most important
Second most important
Third most important

SECTION F: EMPLOYMENT EXPECTATIONS

The next couple of questions address expectations you might have about the first career-related job you'll have once you've completed all your education. That is, all education programs and credentials you plan to complete before your first career-related job.

44. Do you expect or not expect to be able to do each of the following when you finish **all** of your education?

[RANDOMIZE]

Find a full-time job within 6 months
Find a full-time job in your hometown
Find a full-time job in your province

[INSERT LAST TWO STATEMENTS ONLY IF "STUDY AT UNIVERSITY, COMMUNITY COLLEGE/PUBLIC COLLEGE, PRIVATE COLLEGE/TRAINING SCHOOL" OR "BEGIN WORK WITH AN EMPLOYER AND REGISTER IN AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM" IN Q.1]

Find a job closely related to what you learned in your program
In your job, use the skills and knowledge acquired from the program you completed

Definitely expect

Somewhat expect
Do not really expect
Definitely do not expect
Don't know

45. Once you've completed **all** your education, how much do you expect to earn annually from your **first** career-related job?

You may not know the exact amount now, but please give your best guess.

Less than \$20,000
\$20,000 to \$30,000
\$30,001 to \$50,000
\$50,001 to \$75,000
\$75,001 to \$100,000
\$100,001 to \$125,000
\$125,001 to \$150,000
More than \$150,000
Don't know

46. How valuable do you think a credential from each of the following types of institutions would be for helping someone find a job? By "credential", we mean a degree, diploma, certificate, trades certification, diploma of apprenticeship, or other formal recognition for completing a program.

[RANDOMIZE]

A university
A college or community college
A private college/training school

Very valuable
Somewhat valuable
Not very valuable
Not at all valuable
Don't know

SECTION K: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Now, here are a few last questions so that we can compare the opinions of different groups of high school students.

47. Are you..?

- Male
- Female
- Other
- Prefer not to say

48. How old are you? Please type in your age in the space provided.

[OPEN END]

49. How long have you lived in your current province?

[DROP DOWN BOX – RANGE: LESS THAN 1 YEAR, 1 YEAR, 2 YEARS, 3 YEARS...19 YEARS, 20 YEARS OR MORE]

50. Are you an Aboriginal person, that is: First Nation (North American Indian), Métis, or Inuk (Inuit)? Note: First Nations (North American Indian) include Status and Non-Status Indians. Please check all that apply.

- Yes, First Nation (North American Indian)
- Yes, Métis
- Yes, Inuk (Inuit)
- No, not an Aboriginal person

51. Are you limited in the kind or amount of activity you can do because of a long-term physical condition, mental condition, or health problem that has lasted or is expected to last 6 months or more?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

52. What language did you **first learn** in childhood and still understand? Please check one only.

- English
- French
- French and English equally
- Other language (please specify)

53. What language do you speak **most often** at home? Please check one only.

- English
- French
- French and English equally
- Other language (please specify)

54. Are you ...?

- A Canadian citizen
- A non-permanent resident (e.g., with a visa)
- A permanent resident
- Don't know

55. With whom do you live most of the time?

- Both parents together
- Both parents separately
- Mother
- Father
- Legal guardian or custodian
- Host family
- Foster family
- I live on my own
- Other (Please specify)

56. For this question, please select the gender of one parent/guardian, and then select the highest level of education they have completed. Then select the gender of your other parent/guardian, and select the highest level of education they have completed.

Please select only one gender and one education level for Parent/Guardian #1, and one gender and one education level for Parent/Guardian #2.

- High school not completed
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma
- College, CEGEP, or other non-university certificate or diploma
- Bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, BSc, BEd)
- Professional degree (e.g., law, medicine, vet medicine,)
- Master's or PhD/doctorate degree
- [ANCHOR] Other
- [ANCHOR] Don't Know

[COLUMN]

Parent/Guardian #1

Male

Female

Parent/Guardian #2

Male

Female

[STUDY CONCLUSION]

Thank you for completing this survey for the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission and the Province of [INSERT RESPONSE FROM P1].