



**Council of Alberta University Students**  
*Parental Contribution Policy*  
Policy #04-04

WHEREAS the expectation by government of parental contribution to a learner's post-secondary education does not reflect the diverse circumstances of Alberta's students; and

WHEREAS the assumption of parental contribution compromises accessibility for Alberta's university students; and

WHEREAS parental contribution requirements adversely affect individuals from middle income families who are least likely to be able to access other forms of student finance, such as needs-based bursaries.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate that the Government of Alberta take steps toward the elimination of assumed parental contribution within the student financial aid system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate the Government of Alberta reduce the time requirement for assumed parental contributions to two years following high school or one year where the students is available for full-time employment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate for adjustment to parental contribution calculations so that families with a household income of \$120,000 per year are no longer assumed to be supporting children in their post-secondary studies.