



## NORTHEAST NEWCOMER SERVICES

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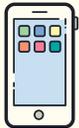
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**STAY TUNED!**



# Driver Education Grant Program for Newcomers

For some new immigrants coming to Saskatchewan, not having a driver's licence is a barrier to finding or keeping employment. Northeast Newcomer Services understands that having a driver's licence can change a person's life and significantly increase their options for employment.

The Driver Education Grant Program for Newcomers covers the cost, or part of the cost, of the 6x6 Commercial Driver Education Program (six hours in class and six hours in-car).

Grants will be given based on eligibility, financial need, and general need. You must be a Permanent Resident or Temporary Foreign Worker and have been in Saskatchewan less than 2 years. You will also need to have your Class 7 Learner's Licence already and have not completed any Class 5 training yet.

If you are interested in this program, we are taking names for our 2021 program now!

Contact our office to add your name and we will contact everyone on the list in early 2021 to complete eligibility interviews.

# Become a Mentor!

Northeast Newcomer Services is looking to start a list of individuals, families, and groups who would like to help new immigrant families settle in the Northeast.

This will be a volunteer program by both new families and mentors.

## **Mentors can be:**

- Newcomers who have made Northeast Saskatchewan their home and want to help other new families to do the same;
- Individuals or families who have lived in Canada/Saskatchewan their whole life and want to help welcome new immigrants to the community they love;
- Groups or organizations who are looking for ways to support their community and make sure rural communities continue to grow and flourish;
- From any community in the Northeast.

## **How the program will work:**

Northeast Newcomer Services will collect a list of Mentors. When a new family or individual arrives and would like to be matched with a Mentor, Northeast Newcomer Services will provide their contact information to the Mentor that would benefit them most - this may depend on language barriers, community of residence, needs, and time commitment.

## **Expectations of Mentors:**

- Be welcoming, warm, and open.
- Assist with basic needs and answer basic questions a newcomer may have, such as where is the Post Office, or how do I use the self-checkout at the grocery store.
- Be a social connection for the newcomer. Starting over in a new community can be isolating and lonely. Having even 1 person can make the transition much easier.
- Time commitment and length of commitment may differ from Mentor to Mentor and from newcomer to newcomer. Each situation will be different, but generally 1-2 hours per week for the first 6 weeks would be the minimum.

**If you, your family, or your organization is interested in becoming a Mentor, or learning more about the program, please contact our office.**

# Get Involved and Share Your Story

## Participate in a Documentary Project:

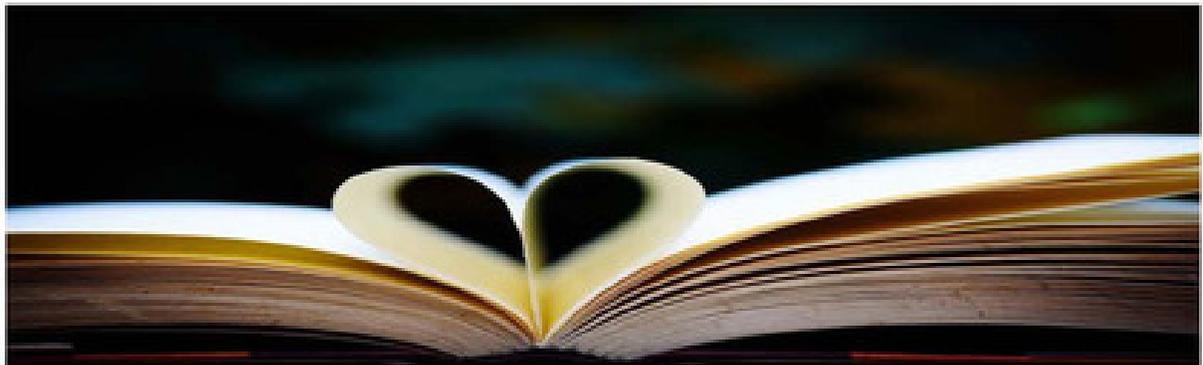
Theresa Kliem is a journalist and a current graduate student at the University of Regina, School of Journalism. For her Masters project she is producing a documentary focused on recent immigrants living in rural Saskatchewan.

(People who moved to Canada within the last five years.)

She is a recent immigrant herself and lives in Saskatoon. She would like to learn more about the experiences of immigrants in smaller communities in Saskatchewan. At this point, she is conducting her research and would love to hear about your experiences, challenges, and thoughts. Your conversations will be confidential.

You can contact Theresa at [tek028@uregina.ca](mailto:tek028@uregina.ca) or at 306-291-2754.

If you would like more information, you may also contact our office.



## PANDEMIC STORIES

A history of Canada told through troubling times and uncharted waters.

A platform for the community to share and a way to preserve our

Local, regional and personal history.

## Participate in the Pandemic Stories Project:

Pandemic Stories is looking for your stories that portray a community perspective. It might be a personal story or a short fictional story you have always wanted to write. Anything that would be of historical nature to our community - a success story, a story of hardship. Stories that are personal, happy, tragic, humorous, interesting.

Drop off your story at the Tisdale Credit Union or the Town Office.

# COVID-19 Office Updates



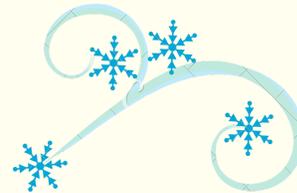
We are still "open"; working from home, but taking appointments in person at the Tisdale office. This may change at any time, so follow our Facebook page for more updates.

This holiday season, please consider virtual Christmas celebrations, gatherings with only your household, and shopping local instead of travelling to the city.

We look forward to the New Year and what it may bring!

## The First Day of Winter

Although we already have lots of snow, the first official day of Winter is December 21. After this date, the days will begin getting longer again and, although we still have some of our coldest weather on its way, we can look forward to more sunshine. Remember to be keeping up with your Vitamin D and C and always dressing for the weather. Keep a winter safety kit in your vehicle with extra winter clothes, a blanket, and a windshield scraper.



Do you know a newcomer in your Northeast community, or are you a newcomer yourself?  
Contact the NNS office to see what settlement services we can provide.

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