

A Guide to:
Scholarships, Bursaries, Tuition Waivers and Awards
Available to Children in and from Government Care in British Columbia



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DEFINITIONS

Bursary

A bursary is typically an award for a student with financial need. Bursaries may have academic requirements, but are generally focused on helping students who do not have the resources to pay for school on their own. Applications for bursaries typically require you to show you are in need of the assistance and how great your need is.

<http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/News/ArticleProfile.aspx?SectionID=8&ID=2974>

Scholarships

Traditionally, scholarships are based on academic merit, such as an entrance scholarship which is awarded based on the grade average from high school. Modern usage of the term, however, is much more liberal, with providers of non-academic awards using the term to describe any financial prize that will be used towards tuition payment. Scholarship application procedures are different for each scholarship, but can include a request for your academic transcripts.

<http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/News/ArticleProfile.aspx?SectionID=8&ID=2974>

Tuition Waiver

A Tuition Waiver is a type of financial award where a university waives all tuition fees.

GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM

This program waives tuition fees for B.C. students who are former youth in care between 19 – 26 years of age, attending a B.C. public post-secondary institution.

What is available?

The tuition and mandatory fees charged by your institution, which are required to be paid in order for you to successfully complete your studies, could be waived so your institution may admit you to your program of study without collecting tuition fees.

This program waives tuition fees for former youth in care and is not intended to replace existing programs. Other programs that help offset educational costs for you will continue. Contact your institution's financial aid department to determine eligibility for other programs and bursaries.

Am I eligible?

You may be eligible if you:

- Are 19-26 years old (inclusive), attending a B.C. public post-secondary institution; and,
- Have received care from the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) or a Delegated Aboriginal Agency (DAA) through the Child, Family and Community Service Act for a minimum of 24 months (consecutive or accumulated) in any, or a combination, of the following categories:

Continuing Custody Order pursuant to sections 41 (1) (d), 42.2 (4) (d) or (7) or 49 (4), (5) or 10 (a) of the Act

A protective order in which the court has assigned permanent custody of the child to the Director of Child Welfare (the Director)

Temporary Custody Order

A protective order in which the court has assigned custody of the child to the Director on a temporary basis

Special Needs Agreement pursuant to section 7 of the Act

A parent of a child with special needs may voluntarily and temporarily agree to place the child in the care of the Director

Voluntary Care Agreement pursuant to section 6 of the Act

A parent voluntarily and temporarily places the child in the care of the Director

Youth Agreement pursuant to section 12.2 of the Act

The Director enters into an agreement with a youth (ages 16 – 19) who needs assistance to live independently and cannot be re-established with family

Extended Family Plan pursuant to section 8 of the Act

A parent voluntarily and temporarily places the child in the care of an adult who has an established familial, relational, or cultural connection to the child

Permanent Transfer of Custody Order pursuant to section 54.01 or 54.1 of the Act

An order in which the court permanently transfers custody to another (non-parent) family member or another adult with an established relational or cultural connection to the child

Temporary Transfer of Custody pursuant to section 41(1)(b) of the Act

A protective order in which the court temporarily places the child in the custody of an adult who has an established familial, relational, or cultural connection to the child

If you fall outside of the eligibility criteria, exceptions will be considered on an individual basis. Submit your request to the System Navigator at tuitionwaiver@gov.bc.ca for consideration.

How do I apply?

1. Visit your institution's financial aid office and complete a consent form to allow your institution to disclose information, verify your identity, and validate your eligibility with the MCFD.
2. Your institution will submit your consent form to the MCFD. The verification process can take a couple of days to a month depending on the complexity of your records search.
3. If you are found to be eligible, your institution will admit you to your program of study without collecting tuition fees. If you have already paid your fees, your tuition fees will be reimbursed.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I claim a waiver retroactively?

The Tuition Waiver Program is effective as of September 1, 2017. You will not be able to claim tuition fee reimbursements for study periods prior to September 1, 2017. For September 2017 and beyond, you may claim reimbursement at any time during your study period (a study period is defined as the first day of classes to the final class or exam, whichever is later).

If you have paid for September 2017 enrollment, or in the case of some trades programs, August 2017 enrollment, the Program applies and your tuition fees will be reimbursed.

If you fall outside of the eligibility criteria but wish to make a case to be considered, you or your institution can submit a request to the System Navigator at tuitionwaiver@gov.bc.ca for consideration.

2. What about part-time students?

This program applies to part-time students as long as you remain enrolled beyond the drop date for each study period.

3. Is successful completion a determinant of whether or not a tuition waiver is issued?

This program applies as long as you are still enrolled in a course or program beyond the drop date for each study period.

4. What are the limits on the type of programs (e.g., can you get tuition waived for a masters or medical degree)?

This program applies to the wide range of study programs outlined below. There is no minimum course duration, course load, or maximum tuition fee coverage.

Credit and non-credit courses leading to a certificate, diploma, credential or undergraduate degree
Courses taken during unclassified qualifying years, non-credit-based trades programs and continuing education programs eligible for student financial assistance
Apprenticeship training
Any non-credit courses associated with lifelong learning or competencies related to the labour market

This Program does not apply to graduate or post-graduate courses or programs.

YOUTH EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FUND (YEAF)

The Youth Education Assistance Fund (YEAF) makes a difference in the lives of young adults who have spent time in the care of the Ministry of Children and Family Development or a delegated Aboriginal agency.

YEAF provides grants to 19 to 24 year-olds attending university, college, a university-college, an institute or designated private school. The YEAF grant amount is currently up to \$5,500.

Approved applicants will receive a grant cheque from the Victoria Foundation. You can apply once a year, up to a maximum of four years or until you turn 24. The money you receive can be used for tuition, books or living expenses. This is a non-refundable, taxable grant. You will get a T4A form for your taxes. You can apply and receive funds at any time during the education year.

To receive the grant, you must be attending a designated post-secondary school. The institution does not have to be in BC. A designated post-secondary school is an accredited school that has been approved by the Ministry of Advanced Education.

You must be registered in courses that are part of a program leading to a degree, diploma or certificate. This includes academic, vocational and trade programs. The program must be at least 12 weeks in length. You will have at least 60 per cent of a full time course load or 40 per cent if you have a permanent disability.

The YEAF endowment fund is made possible by a partnership between the Ministry of Children and Family Development, the Ministry of Advanced Education and the Victoria Foundation.

For more information, and to access the application visit: <http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/yeaf/index.htm>

AGREEMENTS WITH YOUNG ADULTS (AYA) *UPDATED*

If you've been in foster care or had a Youth Agreement, you may qualify for the Agreements with a Young Adult (AYA) program to help cover the cost of things like housing, child care, tuition and health care while you go back to school, or attend rehabilitation, vocational or approved life skills program.

Changes are taking place as of April 1, 2018.

- To apply for an agreement, you must be 19 years old to 26 inclusive, not past the day of your 27th birthday.
- The government increased the upper age by one year as part of an announcement in Budget 2018 to make eligibility up to 26 inclusive, until the day of your 27th birthday.

To apply for an agreement, you must be at least 19, and on your 19th birthday were in one of the following care arrangements:

- The custody of a director or permanent custody of the Superintendent
- The guardianship of a director of adoption
- The guardianship of a director under the Family Relations Act
- A Youth Agreement

Money to Help

As part of Budget 2018, and coming into effect as of April 1, 2018, the government increased needs-based funding for AYA by \$250 and up to a maximum of \$1,250 per month for those eligible.

Payments were extended to a full calendar year, up to a maximum of 48 months (4 years), if needed.

In most cases, an AYA will cover living expenses while you go to school or attend a rehabilitation, vocational or approved life skills program.

These living expenses include things like: Basic needs (e.g. food and housing) for you and your children if you have any.

Education and skills training programs: Tuition and other expenses are generally covered by the Youth Education Assistance Fund (YEAF) or the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program . If not, an AYA may help pay for your books, uniforms, and any other expenses required by the education program.

Find out about other financial aid options for education and training:

- AgedOut.com: <https://agedout.com/>
- StudentAidBC: Grants and scholarships: <https://studentaidbc.ca/explore/grants-scholarships>
- Public Guardian and Trustee Educational Assistance Fund: <http://www.trustee.bc.ca/services/estate-and-personal-trust-services/pages/pgt-educational-assistance-fund.aspx>
- Aging Out of Foster Care: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/youth-and-family-services/teens-in-foster-care/aging-out-of-care>

Rehabilitation programs: An AYA can support you while you attend a mental health or addictions program. If you've completed a residential treatment program for alcohol and drug use and now require support to keep from relapsing, a post-treatment support program can be part of your plan. Your worker can help you create a strategy for doing this.

Life Skills programs: You can be participating in an approved Life Skills program while on AYA. Life Skills Programs are intended to help you to gain the needed skills and provide hands-on guidance in life skills like financial literacy, time management, decision-making and problem solving in order to achieve your goals. A worker can help you to understand the life skills that you wish to learn and to develop a plan. **To view a list of Ministry Approved Life Skills Programs visit:** <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/youth-and-family-services/teens-in-foster-care/agreements-with-young-adults>

Apply for an Agreement

Step 1: Four to six weeks before the program you're interested in begins, complete an application form: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/family-and-social-supports/foster-parenting/agreement_young_adult_application.pdf. In the section "Program and Support Need" describe the program you'd like to take and what kind of financial assistance or other support you may need.

Step 2: Mail or drop off your application form: Find a local Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) office: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/search?id=3101EE72823047269017D08E55AF6441>

Step 3: Within two weeks, a social worker will contact you to prepare a written plan together that explains your goals and the support you need to reach them.

Besides outlining what the provincial government or social worker will do to help you with your plan, this meeting will also outline what's expected of you. For example, you will need to complete one of the following requirements:

- 60% course load in an educational or skills training program (40% if you have a permanent disability)
- A minimum of 15 hours a week participation in a rehabilitation program
- A combination of educational / skills training and rehabilitation program time that equals at least 15 hours a week

- An approved life skills program that is at least 12 hours a week (or 48 hours per month)

Aboriginal young adults with a plan that meets AYA criteria can ask for support from their band or tribal council – they may be able to assist with funding. If not, you can enter into an AYA if you're living on or off a reserve.

Length of an Agreement

You can have more than one AYA. For example, you could:

- Attend a training program for six months with AYA support
- Work for a year without an AYA
- Then, go back to school and enter into another AYA

Here are the criteria for how long you can be on an AYA:

- AYAs can last for up to six months at a time
- The total amount of time you have for being on AYAs is 48 months
- AYAs can't extend past the age of 26 inclusive, until the day of your 27th birthday.

For more information, and to access application visit: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/youth-and-family-services/teens-in-foster-care/agreements-with-young-adults>

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT CANADA **POST-SECONDARY STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM (PSSSP)**

This program provides financial assistance to Status Indian and Inuit students who are enrolled in eligible post-secondary programs, which includes: community college and CEGEP diploma or certificate programs; undergraduate programs; and advanced or professional degree programs.

Eligibility

First Nations

Students must be Registered Status Indians (residing on or off-reserve) who have been residing in Canada for 12 consecutive months prior to the date of application for funding. Students must be enrolled in a certificate, diploma or degree program in an eligible post-secondary education institution and must maintain continued satisfactory academic standing within that institution.

Self-governing First Nation members in the Yukon that have not yet assumed responsibility for post-secondary education through a Programs and Services Transfer Agreement are eligible for funding under this program.

Inuit

Inuit students who have been residing outside of the Northwest Territories or Nunavut for 12 consecutive months could be eligible for funding through the Post-Secondary Student Support Program. Inuit students residing in these territories are eligible for funding support from their respective territorial governments.

What Costs are Covered?

Financial assistance may be provided in the following areas:

- **Tuition support** for part-time and full-time students that may include fees for registration, tuition and the cost of books and supplies required for courses.
- **Travel support** for full-time students who must leave their permanent place of residence to attend college or university. Students may qualify for funding to return home twice per academic year.
- **Living expenses** for full-time students to help cover the costs such as food, shelter, and transportation.

Eligible Status Indian Students

Administration of the program is done through the First Nation or designated First Nation organization that determines the funding and selection criteria in accordance with national guidelines.

First Nation students who want to pursue post-secondary studies and access available funding programs should contact their local band office.

Self-governing First Nation members in the Yukon that have not yet assumed responsibility for post-secondary education through a Programs and Services Transfer Agreement are eligible for funding under this program.

Eligible Inuit Students

Eligible Inuit students seeking more information on how to apply for available funding for post-secondary education should contact the designated organizations or the AANDC regional office in the province where they have resided for the past 12 consecutive months.

For more information, and to access the application visit: <https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033682/1100100033683>

ADOPTIVE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION OF BC YOUTH BURSARY APPLICATION

The AFABC Youth Bursary awards financial assistance to youth who have joined their families by legal adoption, and plan to pursue a vocational, trade or academic post-secondary program at an accredited BC institution. This fund will award two \$1,000 bursaries on an annual basis, intended to directly offset tuition and/or other expenses associated with educational programs. Awards will be announced and paid through the Adoptive Families Association of BC.

Eligibility

- You have joined your family by legal adoption.
- You are currently a BC resident.
- You are over 17, and under 25 years of age, on the date of the bursary application deadline.
- You are registered in a vocational, trade or academic post-secondary program at an accredited BC institution.

Disbursement of Funds

The Howard Legacy Youth Fund (see page 15) and the AFABC Youth Fund both allow for annual scholarships that will be awarded once per year, to two individuals for each bursary, at \$1,000 each.

Guidelines

All approved applications, (completed, meeting all eligibility requirements and submitted on time) will be forwarded for an initial screening process. The strongest applicants will be presented to the selection committee.

- Bursary applicants can apply for either AFABC bursary fund, but may only be chosen for one award per year.
- Previous AFABC bursary award recipients are permitted to re-apply in a new bursary year.

- All AFABC program clients are permitted to apply for either AFABC bursary.
- Current AFABC staff, board members, committee members, contractors and their respective children are not eligible to apply for either AFABC bursary.

Former AFABC staff, board members, committee members, contractors and their respective children are eligible to apply for either AFABC bursary, 12 months after their organizational role has concluded.

Contact

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Tanika at scholarships@bcadoption.com or 604-320-7330 ext 135.

Application Form: https://www.bcadoption.com/sites/default/files/ayb_application_2017_fillable_1.pdf

BC FEDERATION OF FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION BURSARIES

The General Scholarship Fund

BCFFPA occasionally receives funds from donors that they request to be put toward scholarships for children and youth who were formerly in care. The Board of Directors has outlined a General Scholarship Fund into which we can place donations from these generous donors. Unless directed to do otherwise, scholarships will be distributed under the name of the donor(s) until the funds are expended. One bursary will be distributed annually to any youth who is or has been in the care of the Ministry and wants to pursue further education.

The Maurice Graydon Bursaries

The Maurice Graydon Bursaries, which are awarded annually, have been established for youth currently and formerly in care who wish to continue their education.

The William Curtis Memorial Fund Bursary

The William Curtis Memorial Fund, which is awarded annually, has been established for youth currently and formerly in care who wish to continue their education. Applications are accepted in May of each year.

For more information, and to access the applications visit:

<http://bcfosterparents.ca/children-youth-bursaries/education-bursaries/>

or contact the BCFFPA Office at 1-800-663-9999

BCIT YOUTH IN CARE SKILLED TRADES TUITION WAIVER

The BCIT Youth in Care Skilled Trades Tuition Waiver Program will provide up to five (5) students, who grew up in the BC care system, and are currently enrolled in, or students accepted to enter BCIT, in one of the top 10 skilled trades programs offered by BCIT with tuition waivers. Tuition waivers apply only towards the completion of a first certificate or diploma at BCIT.

What Does the Tuition Waiver Cover?

The Tuition waiver covers the costs of program tuition, BCIT student association activity and health and dental fees, other fees and lab, material or certification fees.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the BCIT Youth in Care Skilled Trades Tuition Waiver Program individuals must be a resident of BC who is living, or has lived a significant part of their life, as a youth in care in BC as defined by the Child, Family and Community Service Act (CFCSA):

- A Continuing Custody Order pursuant to sections 41 (1) (d), 42.2 (4) (d) or (7) or 49 (4), (5) or 10 (a) for a minimum of one year
- An Agreement with Youth pursuant to section 12.2 of the Act,

- A Transfer of Custody Order pursuant to section 54.1 of the Act.

If applicants are unsure whether they meet any of the above criteria, they should contact their former social worker, any Ministry of Children and Family Development office or any delegated Aboriginal agency for clarification.

In addition, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be in receipt of a BCIT offer of acceptance into program.
- Be in need of financial assistance (priority will be given to students receiving government student loan and/or grant funding through the province of BC).
- Meet with an Advisor in the Student Financial Aid and Awards department.
- Complete and sign this BCIT Youth in Care Skilled Trades Tuition Waiver Program Application form including the Declaration and Release of Information Consent form.

Upon applicant consent, BCIT will verify the applicant's eligibility with the Ministry of Children and Family Development office or any delegated Aboriginal agency.

For more information, and to access the application visit: <http://www.bcit.ca/files/finaid/pdf/youthincarewaiver.pdf>

or contact the Stephanie Williams at 604-456-8136 or stephanie_williams@bcit.ca.

For information on Financial Aid at the British Columbia Institute of Technology visit: <http://www.bcit.ca/finaid/>

CANADA POST ABORIGINAL EDUCATION INCENTIVE AWARDS

This unique awards program is part of Canada Post's Progressive Aboriginal Relations Program. It's just one way Canada Post proudly shows its commitment to making a difference in our communities and giving back to Aboriginal Canadians. Aboriginal Link will manage candidates' applications to the Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards.

For more information visit: <https://www.canadapost.ca/web/en/pages/aboutus/details.page?article=aboriginaleducation>

CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION BURSARIES

Eligibility Criteria

Funding is available to students demonstrating both financial need and the potential to succeed in their program of study. To meet the eligibility criteria, a student must be:

- A current Crown (permanent) Ward, or have been a Crown (permanent) Ward (or BC equivalent) for at least one year, including those who were adopted; OR youth eligible for Renewed Youth Support or Continued Care and Support for Youth
- Under 26 years of age at the start of their current school program, or under 30 if the student has received CAF funding for the same program in previous years
- Registered at or planning to attend a recognized post-secondary institution
- Are attending school part-time **OR**
- Are attending school for less than two semesters in any school year **OR**
- Did not apply for a scholarship before the application deadline

Students who submit a complete scholarship application will automatically be considered for a bursary if they are not awarded a scholarship.

When Do I Apply?

Bursary applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. There is no deadline, but it may take three weeks to review your application, and an additional three weeks to process your first payment, so it is best to apply as early as possible. We cannot accept applications for semesters that you have already completed.

Application Checklist

To apply for a bursary, students must submit the following documents:

1. Bursary application form
2. Recent transcript (sent directly from your school to the Foundation)
3. Child protection worker reference (Foundation staff will contact your worker directly once you have submitted the online application form)

For more information visit: <http://www.cafdn.org/bursaries/>

CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION GRADUATION AWARDS

Graduation Awards are \$500 for each year that it would take a full-time student to complete your program (for example, \$1,500 for a three-year degree)

Who Can Apply? Students who have completed a post-secondary program for which they received scholarship or bursary support from the Children's Aid Foundation who are under the age of 30 at the time of their submission.

When Do I Apply? Graduation Award applications are reviewed every July. These awards are presented at our annual Recognition Night event.

For more information visit: <http://www.cafdn.org/graduation-awards/>

CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility Criteria

Funding is available to students demonstrating both financial need and the potential to succeed in their program of study. To meet the eligibility criteria, a student must be:

- A current Crown (permanent) Ward, or have been a Crown (permanent) Ward for at least one year, including those who were adopted; OR youth eligible for Renewed Youth Support or Continued Care and Support for Youth
- Under 26 years of age at the start of their current school program, or under 30 if the student has received CAF funding for the same program in previous years
- Attending a recognized post-secondary institution full-time for two semesters within one academic year (i.e. September 2018-April 2019 or January-August 2019).

Who Can Apply? Student meeting the eligibility criteria, and who will be attending school full-time for two semesters within one academic year (September-August).

When Do I Apply? Online scholarship application forms are generally due at the end of February for September admission. Successful applicants will be notified in late June or July, and scholarships are presented at our annual Recognition Night event.

For more information visit: <http://www.cafdn.org/for-youth/help-with-higher-education/>

FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES OF BC

YOUTH EDUCATION BURSARY

The Youth Education Bursary assists young people that are or have been in care and want to pursue a career in social, health or education services. Bursaries support students with the financial costs of tuition, books, and supplies for post-secondary academic, technical or vocational training or academic upgrading.

The Youth Education Bursary was established by Federation members in 2009, as a way to help address recruitment and retention issues in the sector, and to encourage and support young people to develop a career in our sector. The bursary program supports young people 25 or younger who either are or have been in care and who want to pursue post-secondary education towards a career in the social services, health or education fields. Students are welcome to apply over multiple years as we share a long-term interest in their studies and development into social service professionals.

In its first year, the bursary program supported five young people with financial support for tuition, books and supplies as well as several computers. In 2010, the program grew to support 23 youth who received financial awards ranging from \$250 to \$2000! This program is possible because of the generosity of Federation members and agencies, and people like you who believe in the value of post-secondary education.

Eligibility

1. You are currently in care or you are a former youth in care in the province of BC. This includes being under a continuing custody order (CCO); temporary custody order (TCO, Voluntary Agreement or Special Needs Agreement); or a Youth Agreement under British Columbia's Child, Family and Community Services Act.
2. You are a Canadian Citizen or a Landed Immigrant.
3. You are 25 years old or younger in the year of your application.
4. You are currently attending or planning to enroll in a post-secondary academic program in recognized public post-secondary institution. If you are unsure whether your school is a recognized Public institution, consult the list of Public Institutions on the BC Ministry of Advanced Education website.
5. Your education plans relate to a career in the field of Human and Social Services. Examples include Social Work, Counselling, Child & Youth Care, Psychology, Community, Family & Child Studies, Gerontology & Social Work, Mental Health & Addictions, Pre-Social Work.

For more information, and to access the application visit: <http://fcssbc.ca/youth-bursary/> or email info@fcssbc.ca.

FEDERATION OF YOUTH IN CARE NETWORKS OF BC DREAM FUND

The Dream Fund bursaries offers financial support to young people interested in career training and/or education opportunities. We distribute the Dream Fund to successful applicants three times a year.

Education Achievement Bursary provides young people with up to \$2500 in funding for post-secondary school per academic year. What makes this bursary unique is young people can use this for all accredited schools, not just the usual designated post-secondary schools.

Eligibility

1. You are currently in care or a former youth in care either under a continuing custody order (CCO) or temporary custody order (TCO, Voluntary Care Agreement or Special Care Agreement) or Youth Agreement in BC under the Child, Family and Community Services Act.
2. You are a Canadian Citizen or a Landed Immigrant.
3. You are 14 and over and under the age of 25.

4. You are currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a secondary, post-secondary academic, technical or vocational program, a recognized public post-secondary institution, or a registered private post-secondary institution.

****Note: A list of registered private post-secondary institutions in BC can be found on The Private Career Training Institutions Agency (PCTIA) website: www.pctia.bc.ca.)**

5. Must have a cumulative total of 1 year in government care.

Reach for Success Bursary is \$500 per year and can be used for a variety of workshops, courses and other skill building activities. Examples of this include driver's lessons, music lessons, food safe, fork lift certificate, sports and recreation fees etc. This bursary is not for post-secondary courses or programs.

Eligibility

1. You are currently in care or a former youth in care either under a continuing custody order (CCO) or temporary custody order (TCO, Voluntary Care Agreement or Special Care Agreement) or Youth Agreement in BC under the Child, Family and Community Services Act.
2. You are a Canadian Citizen or a Landed Immigrant.
3. You are 14 and over and under the age of 25.
4. You are currently enrolled or are planning to enroll in a personal or professional development course or activity.
5. Must have a cumulative total of one year in government care.

For more information, and to access the application visit: <http://fbcyicn.ca/sites/default/files/Dream%20Fund%20Reach%20for%20Success%20-%20fillable%20ex.pdf> or contact the Sam Pothier at 1-800-565-8055 or sam_pothier@fbcyicn.ca

HOWARD LEGACY YOUTH FUND

The Howard Legacy Youth Fund awards financial assistance to youth in or from government care who plan to pursue trade, vocational, or academic programs. If you know of a youth who might benefit from this bursary, or if you would like to apply yourself, please review the eligibility requirements below to see if this opportunity is right for you. The fund awards two \$1000 bursaries per year.

Bursary Structure

- Applications will be accepted January 1st to March 31st,
- Bursary deadline is March 31st
- Selection Committee will review applications April 1st to June 1st
- Recipients will be notified and awarded by June 15th

Eligibility

- You are a current or former youth in care of the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) or Delegated Aboriginal Agency
- You were formerly or are currently under a Continuing Custody Order (CCO) or Temporary Custody Order (TCO, Voluntary Care Agreement or Special Care Agreement) or Youth Agreement in BC under the Child, Family and Community Services Act
- You have experienced a minimum cumulative total of 1 year in government care
- You are a BC resident
- You are under 25 years of age

- You are currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a trade, vocational, or academic program at an accredited BC institution
- You have met the program entry requirements

Guidelines for Applicants

Confirmation of program registration will be required from award recipients prior to release of Bursary funds. If award candidate does not show confirmation of program registration within 18 months of bursary award notification, then the award is forfeited.

AFABC staff, board, and their family members are not eligible to apply for this Bursary. This restriction applies to AFABC contractors and committee members as well. Former staff and board are eligible to apply 12 months after their organizational role has concluded.

For more information, and to access the application visit: <https://www.bcadoption.com/node/68856/>

or contact Yvonne at scholarships@bcadoption.com

Justice Institute of British Columbia Youth in Care Tuition Bursary

JIBC is interested in supporting former youth in care to access post-secondary education with a tuition bursary program.

The tuition bursary program is administered through the student financial aid and awards office in cooperation with the relevant program area.

Prospective students for this program must:

- Submit a complete and signed Application for the Youth In Care Tuition Bursary and Authorization for Release of Information to the Student Financial Aid and Awards Office;
- Be at least 18 years of age during the academic year of study;
- Demonstrate a need for financial assistance as outlined on the application;
- Be accepted into a JIBC certificate, diploma or degree for the upcoming semester OR be a continuing student and maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.00 each semester and registered in a program leading to the completion of a certificate, diploma or degree;
- Provide evidence from a current or former agency worker, of eligibility for the Youth in Care Tuition waiver as a current or former youth in care in the Province of British Columbia. Within the Authorization for Release of Information, JIBC will verify each student's eligibility with the Ministry of Child and Family Development or a delegated Aboriginal Child and Family services agency.
- Have exhausted or be ineligible for the [Youth Education Assistance Fund](#).

Limitations

- The bursary is not applicable for tuition in professional training courses.
- The bursary applies only to the tuition fees for the course; any other expenses necessary for participation in the course such as books, supplies, equipment rental, etc., must be paid by the student.
- This bursary is part of the general bursary fund and will be adjudicated within the constraints of the annual budget allocation.
- As a minimum number of tuition-paying students are required in each course to enable it to be offered, the Institute reserves the right to limit the number of bursaries admitted to a course and/or to apply the regular course fees in high cost courses.
- The bursary is intended to provide tuition support for JIBC programs and will be awarded to a maximum of \$2000 annually per student.

The bursary will be adjudicated three times in the year; February, May and October.

For more information go to Justice Institute of British Columbia: <http://www.jibc.ca/procedure/3211-001>

KEN DRYDEN SCHOLARSHIP

Ken Dryden Scholarships are awarded to select young people, currently or formerly in the care of the Canadian child welfare system, who demonstrate great achievement and promise. Each scholarship covers up to \$3,000 or 80% of the cost of tuition and fees, whichever is less, and is renewable annually, based on reasonable progress toward the completion of a first undergraduate diploma or certificate from an accredited trade school program.

For more information, and to access the application visit: <http://www.youthincare.ca/ken-dryden-scholarship>

KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR FORMER YOUTH IN CARE

The *Support Program for Former Youth-in-Care* extends financial and other supports to youth who are transitioning from government care to adulthood and who are pursuing post-secondary studies. The program provides funding for tuition and student fees for a full academic year (Fall and Spring semesters) for up to 5 students. Eligible students must be residents of British Columbia who are living or who have lived as youth-in-care under one of the following conditions as defined by the *Child, Family and Community Service Act (CFCSA)*:

- A Continuing Custody Order pursuant to sections 41 (1) (d), 42.2 (4) (d) or (7) or 49 (4), (5) or 10 (a) of the Act for a minimum of one year, or
- An Agreement with Youth pursuant to section 12.2 of the Act, or
- A Transfer of Custody Order pursuant to section 54.1 of the Act

Students must apply annually to be considered for funding with eligible students selected by a committee.

The *Support Program for Former Youth-in-Care* serves to complement other funding sources such as student loans and grants, and the Youth Education Assistance Fund (YEAFF) available from the Government of BC's student assistance program. More information on these programs can be found online at: <https://studentaidbc.ca/>.

For more information visit: <http://www.kpu.ca/fyic>

LANGARA COLLEGE YOUTH IN CARE BURSARY

Starting in Fall 2014, the Youth in Care bursary Pilot Program will be offered as a four (4) year pilot program. The Youth in Care Bursary is intended to assist with education costs for students who are living or have lived as youth in care in British Columbia. Bursaries are subject to available funds.

Eligibility

Is a resident of British Columbia who has received care from the Ministry of Children and Family Development or a Designated Aboriginal Agency in one of the following ways through the Child, Family, and Community Service Act (CFCSA):

- a continuing Custody Order pursuant to sections 41(1)(d), 42.2(4)(d) or (7) or 49(4),(5), or 10(a) of the Act for a minimum of one year
- a Youth Agreement pursuant to section 12.2 of the Act
- a Transfer of Custody Order pursuant to section 54.01 or 54.1 of the Act
- If you are not aware whether you meet the above criteria, please contact your former social worker, any Ministry of Children and Family Development office, or any delegated Aboriginal Agency.
- Currently is, or has been accepted as, a Regular Studies student.

- Funding will be targeted to students completing their first academic credential, or first bachelor degree program.
- Is enrolled in, or will be enrolling in, a minimum of a 60% course load (or 40% for students with disabilities)
- Is in Good Standing*
- If a returning student, holds a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher
- Has demonstrated financial need as per the Langara bursary formula**

*For the purpose of this bursary, the Registrar defines a 'student in good standing' as a person who:

- I. is not on academic suspension or required to withdraw from all courses;
- II. has not been suspended or expelled from the College for any reason.

**** Students are required to apply for the Youth Education Assistance**

If approved, the Youth in Care Bursary will cover up to the total of tuition fees, Material/Lab Fees, and the Capital Building Legacy Fees for the semester approved. Langara reserves the right to prorate the bursary based on financial need of the applicant and available funding.

For more information, and to access the application visit:

<http://www.langara.bc.ca/student-services/financial-aid/bursaries/youth-in-care.html>

For more information on Financial Aid at Langara College visit: <http://www.langara.bc.ca/student-services/financial-aid/>

NICOLA VALLEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TUITION WAIVER

NVIT's Youth in Care Tuition Waiver Program is open to both current and prospective NVIT learners, across all programs/courses being delivered at either the NVIT Merritt or NVIT Vancouver Campus. For the purpose of the program, a youth in care is defined as an individual who is a resident of British Columbia and is living or has lived as a youth in care in British Columbia under one of the following conditions as defined by the Child, Family, and Community Service Act (CFCSA):

- a **Continuing Custody Order** for a minimum of one year [pursuant to sections 41(1)(d), 42.2(4)(d) or (7) or 49(4), (5) or 10(a)];
- an **Agreement with Youth** [pursuant to section 12.2]; or
- a **Transfer of Custody Order** [pursuant to section 54.1]

If students are unsure whether they meet any of the above criteria, they should contact their former social worker, any Ministry of Children and Family Development office, or a delegated Aboriginal Child and Family services agency for help.

Eligibility

In addition to the above, current and prospective learners will be eligible if they meet the following criteria:

- submit a complete and signed Application for the Youth In Care Tuition Waiver and an Authorization for Release of Information to the Enrolment Services Office;
- be at least 18 years of age during the academic year of study;
- demonstrate need for financial assistance;
- have an offer of admission to NVIT for the upcoming semester in a program leading to the completion of a certificate, diploma or undergraduate degree, OR be a continuing student maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.00 each semester and registered in a program leading to the completion of a certificate, diploma or undergraduate degree;
- Students are required to meet with an NVIT Academic Planner to review educational goals and preparedness. To book an appointment or for more information call NVIT Merritt campus at 250-378-3300, NVIT Vancouver campus at 604-602-9555, or toll-free at 1-877-682-3300.

Terms of the Youth In Care Tuition Waiver include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- the waiver is not applicable to tuition for Community Education or Continuing Studies courses;
- the waiver applies only to the tuition fees for the course; any other expenses necessary for participation in the course such as books, supplies, Student Society fees, lab fees, UPASS BC fees, theatre tickets, equipment rental, etc., must be paid by the student;
- as a minimum number of tuition-paying students are required in each course to enable it to be offered, NVIT reserves the right to limit the number of waivers admitted to a course under this policy and/or to apply the regular course fees in high cost courses;
- all refunds are subject to the Refund of Fees Policy – C.3.12.

If approved, NVIT will contact you to confirm your eligibility and details of funding. NVIT reserves the right to change criteria based on funding availability.

For more information, and to access the application visit:

<http://www.nvit.ca/financialaidtuitionpaymentplansforstudentswithstudentloans.htm>

For information on Financial Aid at the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology visit:

<http://www.nvit.ca/financialaiddocumentnew.htm>

PUBLIC GUARDIAN AND TRUSTEE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FUND

History

The Public Guardian and Trustee Educational Assistance Fund was established in June 1989. The Fund was derived from the generous donations of three private benefactors. The charitable intention of all three benefactors was to financially assist British Columbians in pursuing educational development for their future careers. In establishing the Fund, the government of British Columbia has attempted to reflect the charitable intentions of the original benefactors. Since 1989, the Fund has provided annual bursaries to individuals who meet the requirements of the terms of the trust document and demonstrate a strong desire to develop a future career path through their educational goals.

Purpose

The purpose of the Fund, as set out in the trust document is, "to assist any beneficiary selected under the provisions of the Trust to further his or her educational goals, whether academic or vocational, provided that the bursary shall not be used as a sole means of support but rather as a supplement to existing funding to cover shortfalls in fees, books, maintenance and/or transportation which might otherwise cause the individual affected to terminate his or her studies prematurely."

In accordance with the trust document, annual bursaries are awarded to individuals "who are over the age of 19 years, and have been permanent wards of the Superintendent of Family and Child Service in the Ministry of Social Services and Housing (or its successors), and who meet the criteria deemed appropriate by the Trustee."

Bursaries

Successful applicants are awarded annual bursaries ranging in value up to a maximum of approximately \$3,300.00 (amount is indexed annually with the cost of living).

Eligibility

Applications are evaluated on the following criteria:

1. General Eligibility

An applicant must:

- be a former permanent ward of the Ministry of Social Services of British Columbia, its predecessor or successor, or have been in

continuing custody of the British Columbia Ministry for Children and Family Development under the Child, Family and Community Services Act or predecessor laws;

- be at least 19 years of age as of the date studies commence;
- be a high school graduate or equivalent currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a post-secondary academic, technical or vocational program;
- submit a completed current year application form;
- provide transcripts from the last year of school attended; and
- have other sources of funding for the educational year; the bursary shall not be the sole means of support.

(Note: Permanent ward or continuing custody means a child, who by court order, was placed in the permanent or continuing custody of the Province of British Columbia. The custody order terminated when the child attained the age of 19 years, was married prior to attaining the age of 19 years, or the court cancelled the order prior to the child attaining the age of 19 years.)

2. Financial Need

An applicant must:

- demonstrate a financial shortfall which might cause the individual to be unable to pursue their studies;
- demonstrate some means of financial support;
- demonstrate an inability to access additional means of financial support to make up the shortfall; and
- provide an estimated descriptive budget for the upcoming academic year based on reasonable expenses and reasonable means of financial support.

3. Post Academic Performance

An applicant must demonstrate:

- an academic, technical or vocational ability to pursue the intended educational goal; and
- an academic, technical or vocational commitment to obtaining the educational goal.

4. Career Goals

An applicant must demonstrate:

- a clear career goal;
- a direct relationship between the educational goal and the career goal;
- a personal commitment to the career goal (e.g., related education to date, related volunteer experience, related work experience, or references from educators, counsellors or field workers); and
- personal suitability to the chosen career (e.g., references from educators, career counselors, or field workers).

For more information, and to access the application visit:

<http://www.trustee.bc.ca/services/estate-and-personal-trust-services/Pages/pgt-educational-assistance-fund.aspx>

RBC ABORIGINAL STUDENT AWARDS PROGRAM

The RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program was launched in 1992 to assist Aboriginal students to complete post-secondary education, and provide an opportunity for RBC to strengthen its relationship with the Aboriginal community. Selected students are awarded up to \$4,000 each academic year for two to four years to use towards tuition, textbooks, supplies and living expenses.

RBC awards 10 scholarships in two categories:

- For students majoring in disciplines related to the financial services industry

- For students majoring in disciplines unrelated to the financial services industry

We also consider scholarship recipients who are interested in careers in financial services for summer and post-graduate employment

Eligibility

You are eligible to apply to the RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program if you are a Status Indian*, a Non-status Indian, Inuit or Métis and meet these criteria:

- You are a permanent resident or citizen of Canada
- You have applied or are currently attending an accredited post-secondary institution in Canada
- You maintain a full course load that leads to a recognized degree, certificate or diploma
- You have at least two years remaining in post-secondary academic program as of September
- You require financial assistance to pursue your education

If you are already receiving partial funding from other sources, you may still apply to the RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program to cover additional educational and living expenses.

****Indian as defined in Section 2(1) of the Indian Act**

How it Works

Applications and supporting documents are to be received by RBC by 11:59 pm EST on February 28th, of each year. If selected, the applicant must provide proof of her/his acceptance to university or college and eligible status by July 31st.

You will receive up to \$4,000 per academic year for educational and living expenses for two to four years.

How Award Recipients are Selected

A committee of Aboriginal academics and RBC representatives review all completed applications and makes the final selection of the award recipients primarily based on personal and academic achievements and individual financial need. Successful applicants are notified of the committee's decision by May 30th of each year. All decisions of the committee are final.

For more information, and to access the application visit: <https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/4078514441507/4078514441507>

ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY FORMER YOUTH IN CARE BURSARY

Starting in 2015, Royal Roads University will offer a Former Youth in Care Bursary up to the value of the cost of tuition. The aim of this bursary is to reduce the financial barrier to education for former Youth in Care and assist the Canadian Council of Provincial Child and Youth Advocates further the voice, rights and dignity of children. It will be offered for three years as a pilot program and reviewed after the Fall of 2017 to determine its potential continuance.

The value of the supplement will be equal to the cost of tuition for one (or up to three) students for academic years 3 and 4 of the below-listed undergraduate program at RRU. There is a maximum of \$20,000 each year in this pool of funding and awarded on a first-come-first-served basis to qualified candidates. Funding applies only to RRU-delivered courses. Ancillary fees and other fees, textbooks, and normal cost of living will be the responsibility of the recipient. Qualified programs are:

BA in Global Tourism Management	BA in Interdisciplinary Studies	BA in International Hotel Management
BA in Justice Studies	BA in Professional Communication	Bachelor or Business Administration
BCom in Entrepreneurial Management	BSc in Environmental Management	BSc in Environmental Science

Eligibility

- have received care through the child welfare/protection system through the Ministry of Children & Family Development

within the past five years

- be accepted into an RRU undergraduate degree program through an established transfer agreement
- be studying towards obtaining his or her first degree
- demonstrate financial need
- be a current resident of BC

Application deadlines

- February 1st
- May 1st
- August 1st
- November 1st

For more information visit

<http://www.royalroads.ca/prospective-students/entrance-awards>

SELKIRK COLLEGE CURRENT AND FORMER YOUTH IN CARE (FYC) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Selkirk College's Current and Former Youth in Care (FYC) Financial Assistance Program, is an initiative aimed at making post-secondary education more accessible for youth in care, by waiving tuition for eligible students.

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for this Program, students must be a resident of British Columbia who is living or has lived as a youth in care in British Columbia under one of the following conditions as defined by the Child, Family and Community Service Act (CFCSA):

- A **Continuing Custody Order** pursuant to sections 41 (1) (d), 42.2 (4) (d) or (7) or 49 (4), (5) or 10 (a) of the Act for a minimum of one year
- An **Agreement with Youth** pursuant to section 12.2 of the Act
- A **Transfer of Custody Order** pursuant to section 54.1 of the Act

If students are not aware whether they meet any of the above criteria, they should contact their former social worker or any Ministry of Children and Family Development office or any delegated Aboriginal agency for help.

In addition, students should meet the following criteria (please check all that apply):

- You are 19 years of age or older (If you are under 19 check with your social worker or any Ministry of Children and Family Development office to access funding available)
- You are working towards completing your first certificate or diploma program
- You are in need of financial assistance (first consideration will be given to students receiving government student loan and/or grant funding, through the province of British Columbia)
- You have obtained an offer of admission from Selkirk College
- You have attached an "Authorization for Release of Information" available at <http://selkirk.ca/student-experience/studentconnection/current-student-info> under Information and Forms tab.

- You have included your most recent social worker's name on the last page of this application
- You have met with a Selkirk College Counsellor to review educational goals and preparedness. To book an appointment and for more information please call Selkirk College at 250-365-1273.

*If you do not meet any of the criteria outlined above you may provide an explanation under "Extenuating Circumstances" in "Section 3 – Additional Information" of this application.

What Does the Selkirk College Former Youth in Care Financial Assistance Program Cover?

If approved, the financial assistance program will provide up to \$_____ towards your first certificate or diploma program at Selkirk College. Financial Aid will review the funding needs (tuition or other costs) of participating students each semester and determine whether other sources of funds are available.

Application deadlines are August 15 (fall and/or winter semester) and October 31 (spring and/or summer semester) If approved, you will be contacted by Selkirk College to confirm your eligibility and details of funding. Selkirk College reserves the right to change criteria based on funding availability.

For more information, and to access the application visit:

<http://www.selkirk.ca/financial-information/financial-aid/scholarships-awards-bursaries/youth-care-financial-assistance-program>

STORWELL'S FOSTER CHILDREN BURSARY PROGRAM

Storwell offers an annual bursary of \$2,000 in support of foster children to help them attend post-secondary schools and to offer a hand up as they make their way forward in life.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must have been a foster child with an official Canadian or American foster care program and agrees to having the above organization verify the same.
- Will be enrolled as a full-time student at a recognized general/ vocational College or post-secondary institution in Canada or USA as of September.
- Canadian or American Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Applicant must be 24 years of age or less at the time of application
- Winner agrees to having his/her name, photo and post secondary institution displayed on the Storwell website.

Application Process:

Fill out their application by December to be considered. All information submitted on the form is strictly confidential

For more information, and to access the application visit:

<https://www.storwell.com/bursary-application#bursary-application>

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY YOUTH IN CARE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Amount Awarded: Equivalent of tuition and mandatory fees

If you are currently living as a youth in care or have lived as a youth in care (as defined below) in BC for at least one year, you may be eligible to receive an award up to the equivalent of tuition and mandatory fees towards the completion of your first undergraduate degree. If eligible, awards may be renewable for up to a maximum of 10 terms or the completion of your first

undergraduate degree, whichever comes first.

*****A maximum of five awards are available each academic year to students entering Simon Fraser University.***

Definition of Youth in Care

- In the continuing custody of the director, under the Child, Family and Community Service Act of a delegated Aboriginal agency
- In the permanent custody of the Superintendent of Family and Child Service (under former Family Child Service Act) or
- Under the guardianship of a director as referred to in the Family Law Act or Were in the temporary custody of the director under the Child, Family and Community service Act or a delegated Aboriginal agency, or under a Youth Agreement at your 19th birthday or
- Were in the temporary care of the director under the Child, Family and Community Service Act, or a delegated Aboriginal agency, for a minimum period of three years between the ages of 12 and 19

Eligibility

To apply for the Youth in Care Tuition Assistance Program, you must:

- be currently living in care, or have lived as a youth in care (as defined above) in BC for at least one year
- be a resident of BC
- have been admitted to SFU
- must have started your post-secondary education within five years of being in care
- must start classes at SFU within five years of initiating your post-secondary education
- must be enrolled full-time (i.e., in nine or more units for the term)

In addition to the above, if you are selected for this program, you must meet the following criteria:

- In collaboration with SFU Financial Aid and Awards, establish a financial plan to address your other costs related to post-secondary education, such as books and living expenses
- meet with an SFU Academic Advisor to review your educational goals and preparedness, and course selection

Renewal Criteria

To maintain your award, you must:

- be enrolled full-time (i.e., in nine or more units); have a CGPA of 2.00 and be in good academic standing
- meet with an SFU Academic Advisor to review your course selection each term
- meet with SFU Financial Aid and Awards to review your financial plan each term
- maintain continued contact with the University and authority officials satisfactory to facilitate the administration of the program

For more information, and to access the application visit:

<http://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid/youth-in-care/assistance-program.html>

For information on Financial Aid at Simon Fraser University visit: <https://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid.html>

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TUITION WAIVERS FOR FORMER YOUTH IN CARE

The Youth in Care Tuition Waiver covers the cost of tuition for eligible students' undergraduate studies. The purpose of this waiver is to reduce the financial cost of post-secondary education for youth ageing out of care who might not otherwise be able to attend university. Effective September 2014, the waiver will cover full tuition for residents of BC who are currently living in care or who

have lived as a Youth in Care in BC.

Definition of Youth in Care

As defined by the Child, Family and Community Service Act, youth in care is someone who is or currently has been one of the following:

- Is in the continuing custody of the director under the Child, Family and Community Service Act or a delegated Aboriginal agency for at least one year;
- In the permanent custody of the Superintendent of Family and Child Service (under the former Family and Child Service Act) for at least one year;

Eligible programs: Vancouver campus

Bachelor of Applied Science
 Bachelor of Arts
 Bachelor of Business in Real Estate*
 Bachelor of Commerce*
 Bachelor of Dental Science (Dental Hygiene)
 Bachelor of Environmental Design
 Bachelor of Fine Arts
 Bachelor of International Economics*
 Bachelor of Kinesiology
 Bachelor of Media Studies
 Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences
 Bachelor of Music
 Bachelor of Midwifery
 Bachelor of Science
 Bachelor of Science in Forestry

Bachelor of Science in Forestry Sciences
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing
 Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy*
 Bachelor of Science in Agroecology
 Bachelor of Science in Applied Biology
 Bachelor of Science in Wood Products Processing
 Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Conservation
 Bachelor of Science in Food, Nutrition and Health
 Bachelor of Science in Global Resource Systems
 Bachelor of Social Work
 *indicates a program with differentiated tuition

Eligible programs: Okanagan campus

Bachelor of Applied Science
 Bachelor of Arts
 Bachelor of Fine Arts
 Bachelor of Human Kinetics
 Bachelor of Management
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing
 Bachelor of Science

- Under the guardianship of a director as referred to in the Family Law Act for at least one year;
- Under a Youth Agreement at their 19th birthday; or
- In the temporary care of the director under the Child, Family and Community Service Act or a delegated Aboriginal agency for a minimum period of three years between the ages of 12 and 19

Eligibility

Applicants for the waiver must have started post-secondary education within five years of being in care, and enroll in their first undergraduate degree at UBC within an additional five years.

You must be admitted to an eligible undergraduate degree program.

For more information, and to access the application visit: <https://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/awards-scholarships-bursaries/tuition-waivers-former-youth-care>

For information on Financial Aid at the University of British Columbia visit:

<http://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/financial-advice>

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

UNBC has created a New Youth in Care Tuition Waiver for undergraduate students who are a resident of BC and who are currently living in care or have lived as a Youth In Care in BC for at least one year and are enrolled in full-time studies at UNBC

The new Youth in Care Tuition Waiver will cover the full tuition cost of a first undergraduate degree or certificate for a young person who has spent time as a youth in care under the provincial Child, Family and Community Services Act.

Application Forms should be returned to the UNBC Office of the Registrar, Attn: Awards & Financial Aid, 3333 University Way, Prince George, BC V2N 4Z9.

Eligibility

In order to qualify for the tuition waiver, prospective students must be residents of British Columbia, currently live or recently have lived as a youth in care, and meet all the admission requirements for the program they wish to enter. The waiver is renewable each year the student maintains satisfactory academic standing until the student completes a first undergraduate degree or certificate program.

For more information visit

<http://www.unbc.ca/releases/35411/unbc-offers-full-tuition-waiver-youth-care#sthash.d10ZIV30.dpuf>

Or to download an application go to [http://www.unbc.ca/sites/default/files/news/35148/new-youth-care-tuition-waiver/youth in care tuition waiver application.pdf](http://www.unbc.ca/sites/default/files/news/35148/new-youth-care-tuition-waiver/youth%20in%20care%20tuition%20waiver%20application.pdf)

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA YOUTH IN CARE TUITION AWARD

Up to five awards are given to students in their first undergraduate degree program. To be eligible for this award, students must demonstrate financial need and be a resident of British Columbia, who is living or has lived as a youth in care in British Columbia under one of the following conditions as defined by the Child, Family and Community Service Act (CFCSA):

- a Continuing Custody Order pursuant to sections 41 (1) (d), 42.2 (4) (d) or (7) or 49 (4), (5) or 10 (a) of the Act for a minimum of one year
- an Agreement with Youth pursuant to section 12.2 of the Act
- a Transfer of Custody Order pursuant to section 54.1 of the Act

The award covers up to eight terms of funding or the terms required for completion of a first degree, whichever comes first, to cover actual tuition costs (excluding mandatory fees). Students who transfer to UVic from a university or college to complete their first undergraduate degree and meet all eligibility criteria will be considered for the award. Applicants must submit the application form, including the Release of Information consent form required to confirm eligibility, to Student Awards and Financial Aid by the application deadline of June 30th.

For more information, and to access the application visit: <http://www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa/bursaries/index.php>

For information on Financial Aid at the University of Victoria visit: <http://www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa/>

VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY YOUTH IN CARE TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM

Vancouver Island University (VIU) offers the Youth in Care Tuition Waiver Program to eligible students who have grown up in the care system in British Columbia.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this Program, students must be a resident of British Columbia, who is living or has lived as a youth in care in British Columbia under one of the following conditions as defined by the Child, Family and Community Service Act (CFCSA):

- a Continuing Custody Order pursuant to sections 41 (1) (d), 42.2 (4) (d) or (7) or 49 (4), (5) or 10 (a) of the Act for a minimum of one year
- an Agreement with Youth pursuant to section 12.2 of the Act
- a Transfer of Custody Order pursuant to section 54.1 of the Act

If students are not aware whether they meet any of the above criteria, they should contact their former social worker or any Ministry of Children and Family Development office or any delegated Aboriginal agency for help.

**** Students must complete and sign the "Release of Information" consent form, and submit with their completed application.**

For more information, and to access the application visit: <http://www2.viu.ca/financialaid/applications.asp#TuitionWaiver>

For information on Financial Aid at Vancouver Island University visit: <http://www2.viu.ca/financialaid/>

AWARD	CCO < 19 YRS	CCO 19-24 YRS	CCO 24+ YRS	TCO < 19 YRS	TCO 19-24 YRS	TCO 24+ YRS	YA < 19 YRS	YA 19-24 YRS	YA 24+ YRS
AGREEMENTS WITH YOUNG ADULTS			<26yrs						<26 yrs
BC FEDERATION OF FOSTER PARENTS ASSOCIATIONS	✓	✓	✓						
DREAM FUND	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES	✓**	✓**	✓**	✓**	✓**	✓**	✓**	✓**	✓**
PUBLIC GUARDIAN AND TRUSTEE		✓	✓						
YOUTH EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FUND	✓*	✓	✓*						
YOUTH IN CARE CANADA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Must Appeal

** Must be enrolled in a program that will lead to a career in Social Service, Health, or Education

PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

British Columbia offers a wide range of post-secondary options so students in this province can have the best possible education with more choices and more access, closer to home. There are other sources of financial support that you may qualify for at the educational institute nearest you. Give them a call!

UNIVERSITIES	
Capilano University, North Vancouver Tel: 604-986-1911 Website: http://www.capilanou.ca Financial Aid: http://www.capilanou.ca/financial-aid/	Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Granville Island Tel: 604-844-3800 Website: http://www.ecuad.ca/ Financial Aid: http://www.ecuad.ca/student-services/financial
Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey Tel: 604-599-2100 Website: http://www.kwantlen.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.kpu.ca/awards	Royal Roads University, Victoria Tel: 250-391-2511 Website: http://www.royalroads.ca Financial Aid: http://www.royalroads.ca/prospective-students/prospective-students/financial-aid
Simon Fraser University, Burnaby Tel: 604-291-3111 Website: http://www.sfu.ca Financial Aid: https://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid.html	Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops Tel: 250-828-5000 Website: http://www.tru.ca/ Financial Aid: http://www.tru.ca/awards.html
University of British Columbia, Vancouver Tel: 604-822-2211 Website: http://www.ubc.ca Financial Aid: http://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/financial-advice	University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford Tel: 604-504-7441 Website: http://www.ufv.ca Financial Aid: http://www.ufv.ca/fineaid/
University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George Tel: 250-960-6300 Website: http://www.unbc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.unbc.ca/financial-aid	University of Victoria, Victoria Tel: 250-721-7211 Website: http://www.uvic.ca Financial Aid: http://www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa/
Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo Tel: 250-753-3245 Website: http://www.viu.ca Financial Aid: http://www2.viu.ca/financialaid/	
COLLEGES	
Camosun College, Victoria Tel: 250-370-3000 Website: http://www.camosun.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://camosun.ca/services/financialaid/	College of New Caledonia, Prince George Tel: 250-562-2131 Website: http://www.cnc.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.cnc.bc.ca/exploring/services/student_services/financial_aid.htm
College of the Rockies, Cranbrook Tel: 250-489-2751 Website: http://www.cotr.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.cotr.bc.ca/financialaid/	Douglas College, New Westminster Tel: 604-527-5400 Website: http://www.douglas.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.douglascollege.ca/student-services/financial/financial-aid
Langara College, Vancouver Tel: 604-323-5511 Website: http://www.langara.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.langara.bc.ca/student-services/financial-aid/	North Island College, Courtenay Tel: 250-334-5000 Website: http://www.nic.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.nic.bc.ca/services/educationplanning/financialaid.aspx
Northern Lights College, Dawson Creek Tel: 250-782-5251 Website: http://www.nlc.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.nlc.bc.ca/admissions/financialassistance.aspx	Northwest Community College, Terrace Tel: 250-635-6511 Website: http://www.nwcc.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.nwcc.bc.ca/financial-aid
Okanagan College, Kelowna Tel: 250-762-5445 Website: http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/ Financial Aid: http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Student_Services/students/financialaid.html	Selkirk College, Castlegar Tel: 250-365-7292 Website: http://www.selkirk.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://selkirk.ca/financial-information/financial-aid/financial-aid-support
Vancouver Community College, Vancouver Tel: 604-871-7000 Website: http://www.vcc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.vcc.ca/applying/registration-services/financial-aid/	
INSTITUTES	
British Columbia Institute of Technology, Burnaby Tel: 604-434-5734 Website: http://www.bcit.ca Financial Aid Information: http://www.bcit.ca/finaid/	Justice Institute of British Columbia, New Westminster Tel: 604-525-5422 Website: http://www.jibc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.jibc.ca/student-services/financial-aid-awards
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, Merritt Tel: 250-378-3300 Website: http://www.nvit.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.nvit.ca/financialaiddocumentnew.htm	



*View A Guide to: Scholarships, Bursaries, Tuition Waivers & Awards Available to Children
in and from Government Care in British Columbia online at:*

<http://fpsss.com/resources/tuition-guide/>