

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>

Child, Family and Community Service Act

Herein referred to as “The Act”.

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96046_01

Continuing Custody Order (CCO)

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).

Director

A person designated by the minister under section 91 of The Act: http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96046_01#section91

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.

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>

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.

Temporary Custody Order (TCO)

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

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.

Tuition Waiver

A Tuition Waiver is a type of financial award where all tuition fees for post-secondary education are waived.

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 (YAG)

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.

WHERE DO I BEGIN?

If you're reading this guide, you may be considering going back to school and not know where to begin. How do you know which courses to take? Should you attend collage or university? Is your program of interest offered at the nearby campus?

If you need some help knowing how to get started, [AgedOut.com](https://agedout.com) has created an excellent guide for current and former youth in government care in British Columbia.

To view the guide visit:

<https://agedout.com/education/find-education-programs-and-services>

GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM

NOTE: Starting on August 1st, 2023, StudentAid BC is improving the supports for former youth in care by:

- Opening the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program (PTWP) to former youth in care of any age.
- Enhancing eligibility for those on any care status when they turn(ed) 19 regardless of their time in care.
- Introducing the new annual \$3,500 Learning for Future Grant to help students who meet the eligibility requirements for PTWP pay for additional education related costs not covered by PTWP like textbooks and a computer.

For more information about the enhancements to the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program, please read the following Frequently Asked Questions: <https://studentaidbc.ca/sites/all/files/form-library/Tuition-Waiver-FAQ.pdf>

The Provincial Tuition Waiver Program supports B.C. students who are former youth in care who are attending either full-time or part-time studies at a B.C. public post-secondary institution, Native Education College or one of 10 eligible union trades training centres (see full list below).

What is available?

If you meet the eligibility requirements below, your tuition and mandatory fees charged by your institution could be waived so you do not have to pay them. This includes any deposits that an institution may require to secure admission or space in a program or class.

Am I eligible?

You may be eligible if you:

To be eligible for the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program, students must be:

- Studying full- or part-time at the undergraduate level at a B.C. public post-secondary institution; the Native Education College or an approved union based trades training provider (see below for more information on eligible courses and programs and a full list of eligible institutions);
- Adopted through B.C. MCFD or an ICFSA; or
- Formerly in the B.C. Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction Child in Home of Relative Program; or
- Formerly in any B.C. MCFD or ICFSA Legal Status (either while living in B.C. or while placed by MCFD or an ICFSA on an Interprovincial Placement Agreement [IPPA]) for at least 24 months (730 days) (consecutive or accumulated in any combination).

Eligible Programs of Study:

The program covers a wide range of study programs:

- 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
- The program **does not** apply to Masters, PhD or post-graduate courses or programs or any Adult Basic Education programs and/or fees.

How do I Apply?

Students must submit a Provincial Tuition Waiver Program Application form through the financial aid office at their post-secondary institution.

Eligible post-secondary institutions:	
British Columbia Institute of Technology	Thompson Rivers University
Camosun College	University of British Columbia
Capilano University	University of Northern British Columbia
College of New Caledonia	University of the Fraser Valley
College of the Rockies	University of Victoria
Douglas College	Vancouver Community College
Emily Carr University of Art and Design	Vancouver Island University
Justice Institute of British Columbia	Native Education College
Kwantlen Polytechnic University	Boilermaker Training Centre
Langara College	Construction and Specialized Workers
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology	D.C. 38 Joint Trade Society
North Island College	Electrical Joint Training Committee
Northern Lights College	Floorlayers Union
Coast Mountain College	IUOE Local 115 Training Association
Okanagan College	Pile Drivers Local 2404
Royal Roads University	Piping Industry Apprenticeship Board
Selkirk College	Sheet Metal Workers Training Centre Society
Simon Fraser University	Trowel Trades Training Association

Instruction

1. Download the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program Application form and complete Sections 1 and 3.
2. Visit your institution's financial aid office and bring your application form to them so they can validate your eligibility and complete Section 2.
3. Your institution will submit your application form to the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training who verifies your time-in-care with the Ministry of Children and Family Development. The verification process can take up to 6 weeks depending on the complexity of your records search.
4. If you are eligible, your institution will not collect any tuition fees or registration deposits from you. If you have already paid your fees, your tuition fees will be reimbursed by the institution.

For further information, please review the Tuition Waiver Frequently Asked Questions <https://studentaidbc.ca/sites/all/files/form-library/Tuition-Waiver-FAQ.pdf> or contact the System Navigator at tuitionwaiver@gov.bc.ca.

For more information visit:

<https://studentaidbc.ca/explore/grants-scholarships/provincial-tuition-waiver-program>

YOUTH EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FUND (YEAFF)

The Youth Education Assistance Fund (YEAFF) 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.

Grants help with expenses related to your education, and can be provided for up to four years. Grants of up to \$5,500 are available for eligible applicants per program year. Students may receive a maximum of four grants.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this grant you must meet ONE of the following legal criteria:

You must be a former B.C. youth in continuing custody:

(a) Who was:

(i) In the continuing custody of a director designated under Section 91 of the Child, Family and Community Service Act (CFCSA) pursuant to that act; or

(ii) Under the guardianship of a director pursuant to section 51(1)(a) of the Infants Act; or,

(b) Who was under the guardianship of a director of adoption pursuant to the Adoption Act:

until the person turned 19 years of age or for at least five years immediately prior to the youth's adoption or permanent transfer of custody to a person other than a parent under s.54.1 of the CFCSA.

If you don't know if you meet the above legal criteria, please contact your former social worker, any Ministry of Children and Family Development office or any delegated Aboriginal agency for help.

In addition to meeting one of the legal criteria above, you must ALSO be:

- A full-time student or a student with a permanent disability studying at a 40 per cent course load.
- Registered to take post-secondary level courses from a designated post-secondary institution in a program leading to a certificate, diploma or degree that is at least 12 weeks long.
- Between 19 and 24 years old.

For more information visit:

<https://studentaidbc.ca/explore/grants-scholarships/youth-educational-assistance-fund-former-youth-care>

AGREEMENTS WITH YOUNG ADULTS (AYA)

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 to school or do job training, or attend rehabilitation, mental health, or life skills programs.

To apply for an agreement, you must be between 19 and 26 years old, 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

If you believe you may be eligible for the program, please contact your local Ministry of Children and Family Development office.

You can reach your local [Ministry of Children and Family Development office](#) by calling 250-387-7027 or toll-free: 1-877-387-7027.

Or [Apply Now](#).

Money to Help

The AYA program provides up to a maximum of \$1,250 per month to cover living expenses while you go to school or do job training, or attend rehabilitation, mental health, or life skills programs.

These living expenses include things like food and housing for you and your children if you have any.

Education and skills training programs: An AYA can support you while you attend school or job training. Tuition and other expenses are generally covered by the [Youth Education Assistance Fund \(YEAFF\)](#) 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 rehabilitation program such as a mental health, addictions or substance use program, or a cultural healing and wellness 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: An AYA can support you while you take a life skills program. Life skills programs are meant to help you to gain skills and provide hands-on guidance in things like managing your money time management, decision-making and problem solving

Location	Program	Organization	Area
Campbell River	Aboriginal Life Skills Program	Laichwilthach Family Life Contact Information	North Vancouver Island
Campbell River	Foundry Campbell River	The John Howard Society of North Island Contact Information	North Vancouver Island
Courtenay	The Station - Supported Independent Living	The John Howard Society of North Island Contact Information	North Vancouver Island
New Westminster	The Link	Aunt Leah's Place	North Fraser
Surrey	Supported Youth Independent Housing Program (SYIH)	Options Community Services Contact Information	South Fraser
North Vancouver	Life Success Program	Hollyburn Family Services Society Contact Information	Coast North Shore
Vancouver	Covenant House	Covenant House Vancouver Contact Information	Vancouver/Richmond
Vancouver	Youth Housing Services	Pacific Community Resources Society Contact Information	Vancouver/Richmond
Vancouver	Strive	YWCA Metro Vancouver Contact Information	Vancouver/Richmond
Whistler	Work 2 Live	Zero Ceiling Society of Canada	Coast/North Shore
Kelowna	The Essentials Program	New Opportunities for Women Canada Society (NOW)	Okanagan
Prince George	AiMHi	Prince George Community Living Association	North Central
Prince George	Bridging to Employment Program: Life Skills to Success	Carrier Sekani Family Services	North Central
Kamloops	Safe Suites	A Way Home Kamloops Society Contact Information	Thompson, Cariboo, Shuswap
Victoria	Prana Services Inc. Life Skills and Outreach Program	Prana Services Inc.	Vancouver Island

so that you can achieve your goals. A worker can help you to understand the life skills that you want to learn and to develop a plan.

List of available life skills Programs

Apply for an Agreement

Step 1: Four to six weeks before the program you're interested in begins, [complete an application form \(PDF\)](#). 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](#)

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 10 hours a week participation in a rehabilitation program (i.e. mental health or substance use program including cultural healing and wellness)
- Any combination of educational, skills training, life-skills and/or rehabilitation program time that equals at least 10 hours a week
- An approved life skills program
- A minimum of 5 hours a week participation in an individualized life skills program focusing one or more of the following domains: education, health and wellness, financial literacy, social skills, employment, housing, and cultural learning and connection

Length of an Agreement

Through discussion with a worker, the length of your agreement will be worked out based on your needs and the program you are on. You can have more than one agreement, for a total of up to 48 months (4 years) of support.

For example, you could:

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

AYAs do not extend past the day of your 27th birthday.

For more information 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)

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) provides financial assistance to First Nations students who are enrolled in eligible post-secondary programs.

UPDATE:

To ensure that First Nations students have the same opportunities for success as other Canadian students, Budget 2019 is investing \$320 million over 5 years beginning in fiscal year 2019 to 2020, to renew and expand funding for the Post-Secondary Student

Support Program.

About the program

The program aims to improve the socio-economic outcomes for First Nations by supporting First Nations in providing eligible students with funding to access education opportunities at the post-secondary level. This is consistent with the principle of First Nations control of First Nations education.

To be eligible for funding, students must maintain satisfactory academic standing within an eligible post-secondary institution. These include:

- educational institutions affiliated with, or those that deliver post-secondary programs by arrangement with a post-secondary institution
- First Nations-designated and directed institutions

Funding for this program is provided to First Nations or First Nations-designated organizations as part of core funding agreements with Indigenous governments and organizations.

First Nations are responsible for determining the selection criteria and funding allocations in accordance with the provisions of their funding agreement and national program guidelines.

Eligible costs covered by the program may include:

- tuition
- books
- travel support
- living allowances

The maximum amount payable per full time student cannot exceed \$53,000 per year.

On an extraordinary and justified basis, the maximum amount payable per year for a student in an advanced or professional degree program or a masters or doctoral program, may exceed \$53,000 up to a maximum of \$90,000.

No student is automatically entitled to this amount.

Who can apply

Status First Nations post-secondary students who maintain satisfactory academic standing within an eligible post-secondary institution.

Funding is limited and not all students may be funded. Partial funding may be provided. Applications are valid for 1 school year only.

For more information, contact your local band office or [ISC regional office](#).

Inuit students who formerly received funding through PSSSP should apply through the [Inuit Post-Secondary Education Strategy](#).

Deadline

Please contact your local band office or [ISC regional office](#) for information on deadlines to apply for funding.

How to apply

First Nations students who want to pursue post-secondary studies and access available funding programs should contact their local band office or [ISC regional office](#).

For more information, consult [Post-Secondary Student Support Program and University and College Entrance Preparation Program: National Guidelines 2021 to 2022](#).

For more information visit:

<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033682/1531933580211>

ADOPTIVE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION OF BC YOUTH BURSARY APPLICATION

(two \$2,000 bursaries awarded annually) was established in 2014, with funding from the Adoptive Families Association of BC, and accepts applications from youth who have joined their family by legal adoption or other forms of permanency.

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 (or both) 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.

For more information visit:

<https://www.bcadoption.com/bursary>

BC ASSOCIATION OF ABORIGINAL FRIENDSHIP CENTRES

POST-SECONDARY STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) provides eligible First Nations students with funding to access education opportunities at the post-secondary level, including university and college entrance preparation programs.

Who is Eligible?

- First Nation students who are registered Status Indians
- Are affiliated with a BC band OR are on the BC General list
- BC First Nations students who do not have band membership and are thus ineligible to apply for funding through their band (are not currently receiving band funding and have not received band funding in the past)
- Must be a BC resident, who has resided in BC for a minimum of 12 consecutive months

A complete application includes:

Applications for PSSSP must be completed and submitted to the Education Coordinator at BCAAFC by 5:00pm on the application deadline. A complete application includes:

- Application Form – completed and signed
- A copy of your Status Card – front and back
- Proof of Acceptance/Enrollment – from the post-secondary institution you will be attending
- Cost of Tuition, Books, and Fees – for each semester that you are applying for PSSSP funding for
- Verification of any Dependents Claimed – (i.e. birth certificates, marriage certificate if applicable)

Successful applicants must submit the following documents as soon as they are made available:

- Proof of Registration – for the upcoming semester
- Official Transcripts – official transcripts from your most recent schooling

Application Deadlines:

November 15th, 2021 – for the winter semester (January-April 2022)

March 15th, 2022 – for students applying for the summer semester (May-August 2022)

How is Funding Allocated?

This funding is intended to increase access to post-secondary education for eligible students, thus our priority is to cover the costs of tuition, fees, and books for as many applicants as possible. If there are remaining funds, we will then look to provide a living allowance to successful applicants based on financial need. The living allowances are meant to be supplementary, they are not meant to cover all living expenses or to replace a regular full-time employment income.

**Please note: funding is limited, not all students may be funded, and partial funding may be awarded.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please forward all applications, correspondence, and inquiries to the following:

Brooke Shaughnessy
Education Coordinator
Email: education@bcaafc.com
Phone: (250) 388-5522 Ext. 216

Address:

Education
BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres
551 Chatham Street
Victoria, BC V8T 1E1

For more information visit:

<https://bcaafc.com/education/>

BC FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION BURSARIES

The General Scholarship Fund

BCFPA 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 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.

Who Can Apply

Former foster children residing in BC, aged 19 or over, who show an interest in continuing their education. This applies to high school completion, business, vocation or technical school, college or university. High marks, though considered, will not be the only determining factor in awarding this bursary.

Amount of Bursary

One annual bursary of \$500 will be distributed.

When to Apply

Applications will be accepted in MAY of each year. Recipients are limited to the awarding of 1 bursary annually.

For more information visit:

<https://bcfosterparents.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2014-General-Scholarship-Fund-Outline-Application.pdf>

JCW Excellence in Writing Grant

Previous BCFPA President, Russell Pohl and his husband, Darrell Ewasiuk, have generously provided funds to establish a grant in the name of our Executive Director, Jayne (Cotter) Wilson, whose passion is the art of writing.

Who Can Apply

Any youth (17-24) who has been in care of the Ministry who intends to further his/her education in the field of writing – whether it be journalism, screen or play writing, poetry, travel, creative, political or non-fiction, can apply for this grant to cover the cost of courses that will further their skills.

Amount of Bursary

One annual grant of \$2000 will be distributed.

When to Apply

Applications will be accepted in MAY of each year. Recipients are limited to the awarding of 1 grant annually.

For more information visit:

<https://bcfosterparents.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2018-JCW-Excellence-in-Writing-Outline.pdf>

The William Curtis Memorial Fund Bursary

The William Curtis Memorial Fund was established in January 1979 for Foster Children who have reached the age of majority and wish to continue with their education. It is awarded annually. The following criteria was established to set out the requirements to be met in order to make application.

Who Can Apply

Any child in the Care of the Superintendent of Family & Child Service, who resides in British Columbia and has reached the age of 19 years; who shows an interest in extending his/her education, (whether to finish high school, attend business or vocational school, college or university) and where no other funds are available, is eligible to apply for this bursary. The highest marks, **although considered, will not be the only determining factor in the awarding of the bursary.**

Amount of Bursary

The amount awarded is commensurate with the yearly interest accrued on the principle or \$500, whichever is greater.

When to Apply

Applications will be accepted in MAY of each year. Recipients are limited to the awarding of 1 bursary annually.

For more information visit:

<https://bcfosterparents.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2014-William-Curtis-Bursary-Outline-Application.pdf>

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 for a minimum of one year
- An Agreement with Youth
- A Transfer of Custody Order

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 visit:

<http://www.bcit.ca/files/finaid/pdf/youthincarewaiver.pdf>

CANADA POST ABORIGINAL EDUCATION INCENTIVE AWARDS

Apply for an education grant from Canada Post

Canada Post gives \$2,000 grants to Indigenous Peoples who have renewed their educational learning.

Who can apply?

You're eligible to apply if you:

- Are a Canadian and a member of a First Nation, Métis or Inuit community
- Have been out of school for 1 year or more and are returning
- Have already returned to school and completed 1 full year of studies
- Have never received this award in the past (you can apply as many times as you want, but you can only receive the award once)

How to get started

Here's what you need to do to apply:

- Complete the [application form](#)
- Write an essay
- Provide school transcripts or a letter from an academic supporter (photocopies are acceptable)
- Include a photocopy of a community membership card or an official letter from a community member

Important deadlines

- May 1st: Application process begins
- August 31st: Deadline for applications
- December: Decision is communicated to applicants
- January: Public announcement of award recipients

For more information visit:

<https://www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/cpc/en/our-company/giving-back-to-our-communities/canada-post-awards-for-indigenous-students.page>

CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION BURSARIES

Awards range from \$2,000 for full time students to \$200 per class for part time students.

To be eligible for a bursary, applicants must be:

- A current Crown (permanent) Ward, or have been a Crown (permanent) Ward for at least one year, or be eligible for Continued Care and Support for Youth
- Under 26 years of age at the start of their current school program, or under 30 years of age if they have received scholarship or bursary funding from the Children's Aid Foundation of Canada for the same program in previous years
- Registered at or planning to attend school either full or part time year at an accredited post-secondary school

If you have questions about the program, when it will next be open, or would like more information about eligibility, please contact Amanda Ball at aball@cafdn.org.

For more information visit:

<https://www.cafdn.org/for-youth/educational-support/bursary>

CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION GRADUATION AWARDS

If you are under 30 and have graduated from a post-secondary program that you received a Foundation Bursary or Scholarship in support of that program, you are eligible to apply for the Graduation Award.

The award will be paid in two halves, 90% will be paid in a first installment at the time of Stand Up for Kids Night in September and the remaining 10% six months later on the completion of a follow up survey.

For more information visit:

<https://www.cafdn.org/for-youth/educational-support#1501178676203-f7af0bfe-6004>

CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

2021-22 Foundation Scholarship applications are now closed

Scholarships are awarded once a year through a competitive process and decisions are made by the Children Aid Foundation of Canada's Scholarship Award Committee. Scholarships for the 2021-22 school year ranged from \$2,500 to \$5,000. The applications will next open in December for Fall 2022.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must be:

- A current Crown (permanent) Ward, or have been a Crown (permanent) Ward for at least one year, or be eligible for Continued Care and Support for Youth
- Under 26 years of age at the start of their current school program, or under 30 years of age if they have received scholarship or bursary funding from the Children's Aid Foundation of Canada for the same program in previous years
- Registered at or planning to attend school either full time, or on a reduced schedule due to an accommodation, for a full academic year at an accredited post-secondary school

If you have questions about the program, when it will next be open, or would like more information about eligibility, please contact Amanda Ball at aball@cafdn.org

For more information visit:

<https://www.cafdn.org/for-youth/educational-support#1501178116931-d5e77653-0cd3>

FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES OF BC

YOUTH EDUCATION BURSARY

The FCSSBC Youth Education Bursary assists young people that are or have been in care and want to pursue a career in the field of Human and Social Services. Bursaries support students with the financial costs of tuition, books, and supplies for post-secondary academic education, training, or upgrading. The bursary is available to a maximum of \$2,000 per academic year (two semesters).

The bursary was established by Federation members in 2009 to encourage and support young people to develop a career in our sector. The bursary program supports young people 30 or younger who either are or have been in care and who want to pursue post-secondary education towards a career in human social services. Students are welcome to apply over multiple years as we share a long-term interest in their studies and development into social services professionals. Your donations make an impact!

Since 2009, the bursary program has awarded the bursary program has awarded \$237,925 in bursaries to 183 recipients to help students with the financial costs of tuition, books, and supplies for post-secondary study (as of July 2021).

How to Apply

Applications for the 2021 Youth Education Bursary are now closed. *Applications for 2022 will open in January.*

Please note:

- The bursary is available to a maximum of \$2,000 per academic year (two semesters).
- You can still apply for the bursary if you are receiving other bursaries and/or a tuition waiver.
- Bursary award monies are given directly to the academic institution for deposit into the student's account.
- Bursary funds awarded must be used within 18 months (for recipients in 2021, funds must be used by the January semester of 2023).
- You can apply for the bursary more than once.
- If you have any questions about the bursary, please email us at info@fcssbc.ca.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the FCSSBC Youth Education Bursary, you must meet all of the following criteria:

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 30 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 a recognized Canadian public post-secondary institution. If you are unsure whether your school is a recognized Canadian 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.

If you have questions about whether your area of study qualifies, please [contact The Federation office](#).

For more information visit:

<https://fcssbc.ca/programs/youth-education-bursary/>

FEDERATION OF BC YOUTH IN CARE NETWORKS' DREAM FUND

The Dream Fund supports young people in and from care to pursue their careers and achieve their goals through education and

skill building. The Dream Fund includes two different bursaries that are distributed three times a year: in October, February and July.

Education Achievement Bursary

Want to go back to school but wondering if you can afford tuition on top of everything else? The Education Achievement Bursary can provide you with up to \$1500 for tuition at a post-secondary school. Young people can use this bursary for all accredited schools, not just the usual designated post-secondary schools.

The Fed distributes \$5000 among successful Education Achievement applicants per round of Dream Fund (three rounds a year).

Eligibility

1. You are 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 B.C. under the Child, Family and Community Services Act.
2. You are a Canadian Citizen or a Landed Immigrant.
3. You are at least 14 years old and under 25 years old.
4. Must have a cumulative total of 1 year in government care

Reach for Success Bursary

Are you working towards a goal but there's an expense getting in your way? The Reach for Success Bursary can provide you with up to \$500 to overcome barriers you might face in achieving your goals. Reach for Success Bursary winners have used the money to pay for photography lessons, driving lessons, yoga memberships, sports team fees, Canadian citizenship applications, BCIDs, certifications like FoodSafe and Serving it Right, and even dental work. If you need money for anything you don't see listed here, get in touch with us and we'll do what we can to help!

The Fed distributes \$1500 among successful Reach for Success applicants per round of Dream Fund (three rounds a year).

Eligibility

1. You are 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 B.C. under the Child, Family and Community Services Act.
2. You are a Canadian Citizen or a Landed Immigrant.
3. You are at least 14 years old and under 25 years old.
4. Must have a cumulative total of 1 year in government care

For more information visit:

<http://fbcyicn.ca/what-we-offer/programs/dream-fund>

HOWARD LEGACY YOUTH FUND

(two \$2,000 bursaries awarded annually) was established with a donation from Peggy Howard in 2012 and is made available to applicants who are current or former youth in government (foster) care. Read more about the HLYF and Peggy Howard or make a donation to the fund here.

Please note: to be eligible for the Howard Legacy Youth Fund, bursary applicants must have experienced foster care for a minimum of 12 cumulative months

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 (or both) 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.

For more information visit:

<https://www.bcadoption.com/node/68856/>

INDSPIRE'S BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES: BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS PROGRAM

Post-secondary Education Programs

Full and part time studies in college, university, skilled trades, apprenticeships, and technology programs.

There is one application for all of Indspire's bursaries, scholarships, and awards (with a few exceptions that you'll see below). You only need to complete the application once to be considered for all applicable bursaries, scholarships, and awards.

Skilled Trades

Post-Secondary Education Programs: part-time or full-time certificate or diploma programs (1 month to 4 year programs)

For more information visit:

<https://indspire.ca/programs/students/bursaries-scholarships/>

IRVING K BARBER SCHOLARSHIP

The Society offers three Award programs for students pursuing post-secondary education in BC. They are available to students who identify as Indigenous, defined as First Nations (status or Non-Status), Métis or Inuit. All are renewable in order to provide sustained funding over multiple years.

Apprenticeship/Trades Training/Certificates/Diplomas

- You are First Nations (Status or Non-Status), Inuit or Métis;
- You are a resident of British Columbia, defined as having a primary residence in the province for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the date of full-time enrollment in the program for which the award is applied for;
- You are a Canadian citizen, permanent resident (landed immigrant), convention refugee, or protected person living in Canada;
- You are planning to study at a BC public post-secondary institution, or Indigenous post-secondary institution;
- Your course of study will be no less than seven (7) continuous weeks in length and will commence sometime between the dates of [TO BE DETERMINED];
- You will be registered as a full-time student*, as defined by the institution you will be attending (usually 60% or more of a full course load).

**Exceptions may apply to applicants who are prevented from studying full-time for medical reasons or disabilities.*

Undergraduate or Associate Degree/Law or Medical Degree

- You are First Nations (Status or Non-Status), Inuit or Métis;
- You are a resident of British Columbia, defined as having a primary residence in the province for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the date of full-time enrollment in the program for which the award is applied for;
- You are a Canadian citizen, permanent resident (landed immigrant), convention refugee, or protected person living in Canada;
- You are planning to study at a BC public post-secondary institution, or Indigenous post-secondary institution;

- Your course of study will be no less than two semesters in length and will commence sometime between the dates of [TO BE DETERMINED];
- You will be registered as a full-time student*, as defined by the institution you will be attending (usually 60% or more of a full course load).

**Exceptions may apply to applicants who are prevented from studying full-time for medical reasons or disabilities.*

Master's or Doctoral Degree

- You are First Nations (Status or Non-Status), Inuit or Métis;
- You are a resident of British Columbia, defined as having a primary residence in the province for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the date of full-time enrollment in the program for which the award is applied for;
- You are a Canadian citizen, permanent resident (landed immigrant), convention refugee, or protected person living in Canada;
- You are planning to study at a BC public post-secondary institution, or Indigenous post-secondary institution;
- Your course of study will be no less than two semesters in length and will commence sometime between the dates of [TO BE DETERMINED];
- You will be registered as a full-time student*, as defined by the institution you will be attending (usually 60% or more of a full course load).

**Exceptions may apply to applicants who are prevented from studying full-time for medical reasons or disabilities.*

Teacher Education

- You are First Nations (Status or Non-Status), Inuit or Métis;
- You are a resident of British Columbia, defined as having a primary residence in the province for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the date of full-time enrollment in the program for which the award is applied for;
- You are a Canadian citizen, permanent resident (landed immigrant), convention refugee, or protected person living in Canada;
- You are registered in a teacher education program at a BC university, leading directly to certification by the British Columbia Teachers' Council (includes programs leading to a Developmental Standard Term Certificate in First Nations Language and Culture, but does not include "ladder" programs);
- Your course of study will be no less than two semesters in length and will commence sometime between the dates of [TO BE DETERMINED];
- Recipients completing their programs following one additional term of study that commences after [TO BE DETERMINED], are eligible to apply for partial awards valued at half the total award;
- You will be registered as a full-time student*, as defined by the institution you will be attending (usually 60% or more of a full course load).

**Exceptions may apply to applicants who are prevented from studying full-time for medical reasons or disabilities.*

For more information visit:

<https://www.ikbbc.ca/indigenous-awards/about-this-award/>

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 visit:

<http://www.jibc.ca/procedure/3211-001>

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 for a minimum of one year
- a Youth Agreement
- a Transfer of Custody Order

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 visit:

<https://langara.ca/student-services/financial-aid/youth-in-care.html>

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.

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;

*Please note: The Registrar's Office will review the eligibility of continuing students at the end of each semester and will notify the students. **Approved recipients do not need to apply each semester.***

- 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.

For more information visit:

<http://www.nvit.ca/financialaidtuitionpaymentplansforstudentswithstudentloans.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 \$4,530.00 (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;
- have some means of financial support other than the bursary;
- 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 visit:

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

SELKIRK COLLEGE YOUTH IN CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Selkirk College aims to support students who have overcome early lifetime challenges to achieve their goals. Current and former youth in care who have aged out of the foster care system and are entering into post-secondary education may be eligible for tuition waivers and other financial supports, along with individualized and peer support at Selkirk College.

Selkirk College's Current and Former Youth in-Care Financial Assistance Program, is an initiative aimed at making post-secondary education more accessible for youth in care.

Selkirk College offers flexible and meaningful support to encourage success for youth in care students. It is recognized that youth in care come to post-secondary education with considerably more barriers than students with intact and close family ties. In the absence of family, youth in care are often scrambling to find the basics such as dishes, bedding, or a computer to complete their course work.

Through the Healthy Campus Initiative, a considered and holistic approach ensures individual needs are assessed and specific referrals made. A student peer mentor may also be assigned to assist with orientation to campus life.

Under the Youth in Care program, we also welcome current secondary students and their community support workers and/or foster parents to join us on campus through the Student for a Day program, Career Fair, Open House or specially arranged campus tour.

For more information visit:

<https://selkirk.ca/test/financial-aid-streams/youth-care-financial-assistance>

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 visit:

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

TED ROGERS SCHOLARSHIP

The Ted Rogers Scholarship was created in honour of their founder, Ted Rogers. Launching in 2017, the goal of the scholarship is to ensure the success of future generations of Canadians by helping young leaders across the country succeed in their educational aspirations. By focusing on the importance of youth development and education. We are helping to break down barriers that Canadian youth face in order to help our next generation of leaders shine.

Eligibility

- Our scholarships are reserved for students already involved with our community partner organizations. If you're involved with one of our community partners, reach out to them directly for more details on the application process.

Community Partners:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada, Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada, Canada Learning Code, Children's Aid Foundation, Jays Care Foundation, Intégration Jeunesse du Québec, Jean Augustine Centre for Young Women's Empowerment, MLSE Foundation, PFlag Canada, Power to Be, Qmunity, Right to Play Canada, The 519, Toronto Community Housing, True Patriot Love Foundation, and YMCA.

For more information visit:

<https://about.rogers.com/our-impact/ted-rogers-scholarship-fund/>

TELUS INTERNET FOR GOOD

Having access to reliable internet is essential in today's interconnected world. But for low-income families, youth aging out of care and people with disabilities, it can still be a struggle. Our Internet for Good® program helps Canadians in need.

Program details

- Internet connectivity for \$9.95/month (plus applicable taxes) for 24 months; regular pricing thereafter.
- Speeds of up to 25 megabits per second (where available) and unlimited monthly data
- Option to purchase a low cost refurbished computer through [BC Technology for Learning Society](#)
- No long-term contract or cancellation fees
- Digital literacy support available at [TELUS Learning Centres](#)
- Access to free [TELUS Wise](#)® workshops and resources, empowering you to participate safely in our digital world

You can apply if you:

- Have been in the child welfare system and can produce a letter of eligibility completed on your behalf by a ministry/agency representative
- Are between the age of majority in the province in which you currently reside and 26 when you apply.
 - Age 18 in AB
 - Age 19 in BC
- Meet the below province-specific care requirements according to the province in which you were in care
 - British Columbia: Were in permanent or temporary care of Ministry of Children and Family Development/Delegated Aboriginal Agency OR on a youth agreement as of their 19th birthday OR are eligible for the Agreement with Young

Adults Program

- Alberta: Are, or would have been eligible for a Support and Financial Assistance Agreement in Alberta

How to apply

- Download a letter of eligibility specific to the province in which you were in care
 - British Columbia letter of eligibility (PDF, Word)
 - Alberta letter of eligibility (PDF, Word)
- Ask an official representative (worker, employee, volunteer) from a youth agency/organization/Ministry to confirm your care status and complete the letter of eligibility.
- Email your Internet for Good Letter of Eligibility to internetforgood@telus.com

If you do not have access to email, you can mail your documents to:

TELUS

Attention: Internet for Good Program

Mobility CART

4535 Canada Way

Burnaby, BC V5G 4P3

If applying by mail, please include your full name, return address, and contact phone number. If you provide an email address, we can expedite our response to your application.

What to expect after you apply

- We will review and respond to all applications within 1 week
- If approved, you will be sent a code and a TELUS call centre phone number to call to sign up
- The call centre agent can help you sign up for the service or help existing customers who qualify for this program to migrate from their current plan

Frequently asked questions

Can I apply before I reach the age of majority in my province?

- No. The mandatory credit check requires that you have reached the age of majority in the province that you reside in order to apply for the program. However, youth will be approved for a TELUS account regardless of the credit check results.

What happens after 2 years?

- The price will change to the regular in-market price. You can cancel the service at any time prior to when the change occurs without penalty.

Can I get the \$9.95 rate on my existing TELUS Internet plan?

- No. The Internet for Good price is only valid for the Internet for Good plan which includes speeds of up to 25 megabits per second (where available) and unlimited monthly data. Existing TELUS Internet customers who qualify for Internet for Good can migrate to this plan if they would like to take advantage of the \$9.95 price point.

For more information visit:

<https://www.telus.com/en/social-impact/connecting-canada/internet-for-good>

TELUS MOBILITY FOR GOOD

Access to a phone can be a lifeline for youth aging out of foster care and low-income seniors, helping them stay connected to loved ones and vital support networks. Mobility for Good® supports these in-need community members with free or discounted phones and rate plans.

About Mobility for Good®

First launched in 2017 in BC as a youth focused program, Mobility for Good has now grown to support youth nationally, and also extended to seniors in 2020. It offers:

A collaboration between TELUS and Children’s Aid Foundation of Canada (CAFC) and select Centre de Jeunesse Foundations, Mobility for Good® helps youth aging out of care achieve independence by providing them with a free phone and a \$0 plan. This enables them to stay in touch with friends and vital support networks, search for somewhere to live, find education and job opportunities, and build credit.

Program Details

- \$0 per month plan (including applicable taxes) for two years
- Unlimited Canada-wide talk and text
- 3 GB of data per month with Peace of Mind
- Access to a refurbished smartphone at no cost
- No long-term contract or cancellation fees
- Access to free TELUS Wise® digital safety workshops and resources

Eligibility for Mobility for Good

You can apply if you:

- Have lived experience in the child welfare system and can produce a letter of eligibility completed on your behalf by a ministry/ agency representative
- Are between the age of majority in the province where you currently reside (see below) and age 26 at the time of your application
 - Age 18 in AB, MB, ON, PEI, QC, SK
 - Age 19 in BC, NB, NL, NW, NS, NU, YT

Meet the specific requirements of the province where you were in care:

British Columbia:

Were in permanent or temporary care of Ministry of Children and Family Development/Delegated Aboriginal Agency OR on a youth agreement as of your 19th birthday OR are eligible for the Agreement with Young Adults Program

How to apply

- Download a letter of eligibility specific to the province in which you were in care
- Ask an official representative (worker, employee, volunteer) from a youth agency/organization/Ministry to confirm your care status and complete the letter of eligibility
- Submit your application via the online portal [APPLY FOR MOBILITY FOR GOOD](#)

Please note:

If you were in care in one province but have since moved to another province or territory, you are still eligible to apply as long as you are at the age of majority in the province where you currently reside.

What to expect after you apply

- We will review and respond to all applications within 2 weeks
- If approved, you will be sent a code and information on how to order your phone and plan
- The phone and sim card will be shipped directly to you

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I apply before I reach the age of majority in my province?

- No. The mandatory credit check requires that you have reached the age of majority in the province that you reside in to apply for the program. However, youth will be approved for a TELUS account regardless of the credit check results.

What happens at the end of the two years?

At the end of two years, the price for your plan will change to \$35 per month (plus applicable taxes). You can cancel the plan any time prior to when the change occurs without penalty. Any outstanding device balance owing or overage charges will be due upon cancellation.

Can I still take part in the program if I have my own phone?

Yes. You can use your own phone however it needs to be unlocked in order for you to receive service from TELUS.

What happens if I have an existing contract?

If you have an existing contract with another cell phone provider, you can wait until your contract expires before you apply for this program, or you can pay the penalty fee for breaking your contract. Please verify any costs involved with your current cell phone provider prior to applying for this program.

For more information visit:

<https://www.telus.com/en/social-impact/connecting-canada/mobility-for-good>

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM

The UBC Post Care Tuition Waiver is for eligible students who have lived as youth in care in BC and covers the cost of the tuition fees of a first undergraduate degree.

Eligibility

To be eligible, you must first be enrolled at UBC for your first undergraduate degree.

You must then meet one of the following criteria:

- You must be 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 between the ages of 12 and 19.
- You must be in the temporary care of the director under the Child, Family and Community Service Act or a delegated Aboriginal agency for at least three years between the ages of 12 and 19.
- You must be under the guardianship of a director as referred to in the Family Law Act for at least one year between the ages of 12 and 19.
- You must be under a Youth Agreement on your 19 birthday.

For more information visit:

<https://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/awards-scholarships-bursaries/funding-former-youth-care>

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA YOUTH IN CARE TUITION AWARD

The UVic Youth in Care Tuition Award covers the actual cost of tuition and fees for the terms required for the completion of a first undergraduate degree. Students must register in and maintain a minimum 60% course load in each term of study; for students with a permanent disability, the minimum course load is 40%. Eligible applicants may also receive funding to assist with the costs of books, supplies and living expenses. Transfer students are welcome to apply.

Are you eligible?

To be eligible, you must:

- Be admitted to the University of Victoria and entering your first undergraduate degree program;
- Demonstrate financial need;
- Be a resident of British Columbia;
- Have been formerly in care in BC for a total of 12 months or more (consecutive or accumulated) and are 19 years of age or older

(no age cap) can apply; and,

- Have received care [as defined here](#).

How do you apply?

Application deadlines are **March 31st** (summer and fall terms) and **October 31st** (spring and summer terms). Late applications will be considered provided the student is accepted and enrolled in an undergraduate degree program. UVic reserves the right to change the criteria based on funding available.

Please note: Continuing Studies Courses are excluded from UVic Youth in Care Tuition Award funding.

Under the age of 19? Please contact Student Awards and Financial Aid as it's never too early to start planning for your education at UVic.

For more information visit:

<https://www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa/youth-in-care/index.php#>

UVIC AWARDS

Mischa Weisz Foundation Cost of Living Award

One or more awards are given to recipients of the Youth in Care Tuition Award (above) to offset living expenses, such as computers, books, housing, etc. No application required.

Sisters of St Ann University Support Award

One or more awards are given to students in their first undergraduate degree program. To be eligible for these awards, students must demonstrate financial need and be a resident of BC and have received care from the Ministry of Children and Family Development or a Delegated Aboriginal Agency (DAA) through the Child, Family and Community Service Act for a minimum of 12 months (consecutive or accumulated) in any, or a combination of the following categories: Continuing Custody Order, Temporary Custody Order, Special Need Agreement, Voluntary Care Agreement, Youth Agreement, Extended Family Plan, Permanent Transfer of Custody Order, Temporary Custody Order. The Award covers the terms required for completion of a first undergraduate degree. Eligible applicants may also receive funding to assist with the costs of books, supplies and living expenses. 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 May 1st.

Youth in Care Living Expenses Award

One or more awards are given to recipients of the Youth in Care Tuition Award (above) to offset living expenses, such as computers, books, housing, etc. No application required.

For more information visit:

<https://www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa/youth-in-care/index.php#>

VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY POST-CARE TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM

Vancouver Island University (VIU) offers the Post-Care Tuition Waiver Program to eligible students 19 years of age or older (**no age cap**) who are living in or have lived as a youth in care in British Columbia for a total of 12 months or more (consecutive or accumulated) in one or more of the eligible categories.

What is covered?

The VIU Tuition Waiver Program covers tuition and mandatory fees charged by the institution that are required in order for you to successfully complete the program/course you are enrolled in.

This program is not intended to replace existing programs. Students accessing funding through other programs are still eligible for a tuition waiver.

Application Deadlines

VIU Tuition Waiver application deadlines are October 31st and March 31st. Application deadlines are implemented to allow time for course enrollment. Direct late application inquiries to financialaidinfo@viu.ca and indicate "Post-Care Tuition Waiver Program Application" in the subject line.

How do I apply?

- Meet with a VIU Educational Advisor to discuss program options
- Bring your signed Post-Care Tuition Waiver Authorization for Release of Information form to the Financial Aid office
- Bring your completed Post-Care Tuition Waiver Program Application to the Financial Aid office

For more information visit:

<https://services.viu.ca/student-affairs/financial-aid-awards/youth-care-tuition-waiver-program>

YOUTH FUTURES EDUCATION FUND

The Youth Futures Education Fund has been established to provide a grant to recipients of the Former Youth in Care Provincial Tuition Waiver, to assist with supplemental educational funding for expenses such as books, housing, utilities, or emergency situations.

What is available?

The amount of funding will be determined by the information you provide on your Youth Futures Education Fund application and the outcome of the assessment by your institutional official.

Am I eligible?

To be considered for the Youth Futures Education Fund, you must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Be a student attending a public post-secondary institution on a Youth in Care Provincial tuition waiver;
- Be enrolled full-time or part-time in a program;

Demonstrate financial need;

Be in good standing, attending class on a regular basis and progressing satisfactorily. Exceptional circumstances that prevent students from being in good standing or attending will be considered on a case by case basis.

How do I apply?

- Contact the Financial Aid & Awards office at your B.C. public post-secondary institution's campus and ask for an application form.
- Complete application form and submit to the Financial Aid and Awards office at your campus.
- Provide any relevant documentation that supports your request for assistance (e.g. copy of book receipts, rent receipts, utility bills, etc.).

For more information visit:

<https://youthfutures.ca/>

WHAT AM I ELIGIBLE FOR?

AWARDS	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
ADOPTIVE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION OF BC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
AGREEMENTS WITH YOUNG ADULTS		✓	✓					✓	✓
BC ASSOCIATION OF ABORIGINAL FRIENDSHIP CENTRES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BC FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
BC INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION	✓	✓	✓						
FEDERATION OF BC YOUTH IN CARE NETWORKS DREAM FUND	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	
FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES YOUTH EDUCATION BURSARY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
HSBC NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION PROJECT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
INDSPIRE SCHOLARSHIPS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
KEN DRYDEN SCHOLARSHIP		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LANGARA COLLEGE BURSARY PROGRAM	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
NICOLA VALLEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TUITION WAIVER	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
RBC INDIGENOUS STUDENT AWARDS PROGRAM	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
IRVING K BARBER SCHOLARSHIP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PROVINCIAL TUITION WAIVER		✓	<27yrs		✓	<27yrs		✓	<27yrs
PUBLIC GUARDIAN AND TRUSTEE		✓	✓						
UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA		✓	<27yrs		✓	<27yrs		✓	<27yrs
UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY TUITION WAIVER	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
YOUTH EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FUND	✓ *	✓	✓ *						

*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	
<p>Capilano University, North Vancouver Tel: 604-986-1911 Website: http://www.capilanou.ca Financial Aid: http://www.capilanou.ca/financial-aid/</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey Tel: 604-599-2100 Website: http://www.kwantlen.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.kpu.ca/awards</p>	<p>Royal Roads University, Victoria Tel: 250-391-2511 Website: http://www.royalroads.ca Financial Aid: https://www.royalroads.ca/admission/financial-aid-awards</p>
<p>Simon Fraser University, Burnaby Tel: 604-291-3111 Website: http://www.sfu.ca Financial Aid: https://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid.html</p>	<p>Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops Tel: 250-828-5000 Website: http://www.tru.ca/ Financial Aid: http://www.tru.ca/awards.html</p>
<p>University of British Columbia, Okanagan Tel: 250-807-8000 Website: https://ok.ubc.ca/ Financial Aid: http://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/financial-advice</p>	<p>University of British Columbia, Vancouver Tel: 604-822-2211 Website: http://www.ubc.ca Financial Aid: http://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/financial-advice</p>
<p>University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford Tel: 604-504-7441 Website: http://www.ufv.ca Financial Aid: http://www.ufv.ca/fineaid/</p>	<p>University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George Tel: 250-960-6300 Website: http://www.unbc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.unbc.ca/financial-aid</p>
<p>University of Victoria, Victoria Tel: 250-721-7211 Website: http://www.uvic.ca Financial Aid: http://www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa/</p>	<p>Vancouver Island University, Cowichan Tel: 250-746-3500 Website: https://cowichan.viu.ca/ Financial Aid: http://www2.viu.ca/financialaid/</p>
<p>Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo Tel: 250-753-3245 Website: http://www.viu.ca Financial Aid: http://www2.viu.ca/financialaid/</p>	
COLLEGES	
<p>Coast Mountain College, Terrace Tel: 250-635-6511 Website: https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/ Financial Aid: https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/financial-aid</p>	<p>Camosun College, Victoria Tel: 250-370-3000 Website: http://www.camosun.bc.ca Financial Aid: https://legacy.camosun.ca/services/financial-aid/index.html</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>College of the Rockies, Cranbrook Tel: 250-489-2751 Website: http://www.cotr.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.cotr.bc.ca/financialaid/</p>
<p>Douglas College, New Westminster Tel: 604-527-5400 Website: http://www.douglas.bc.ca Financial Aid: https://www.douglascollege.ca/current-students/advising-services/financial-planning/financial-aid-information/financial-aid</p>	<p>Langara College, Vancouver Tel: 604-323-5511 Website: http://www.langara.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.langara.bc.ca/student-services/financial-aid/</p>

COLLEGES CONTINUED...**Native Education College, Vancouver**

Tel: 604-873-3772 Website: <http://www.necvancouver.org/>
 Financial Aid: <http://www.necvancouver.org/admissions/financial-resources>

North Island College, Courtenay

Tel: 250-334-5000 Website: <http://www.nic.bc.ca>
 Financial Aid: <https://www.nic.bc.ca/financial-support/financial-aid/>

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>

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: <https://selkirk.ca/financial-info/financial-aid/student-awards-financial-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>

UNION INSTITUTES**Boilermaker Training Centre**

Tel: 778-369-3590 Website: <https://www.boilermakers359.org/>

Construction & Specialized Workers' Union

Tel: 604-541-1611 Website: <http://cswu1611.org/>

D.C. 38 Joint Trade Society

Tel: 1-800-266-1527 Website: <http://dc38.ca/>

Electrical Joint Training Committee

Tel: 604-571-6540 Website: <http://ejtc.org/>

Floorlayers Union

Tel: 604-524-6900 Website: <https://www.floorlayers1541.ca/>

IUOE Local 115 Training Association

Tel: 1-888-486-3115 Website: <https://www.iuoe115.ca/>

Pile Drivers Local 2404

Tel: 1-800-562-2404 Website: <http://www.piledrivers2404.ca/>

Piping Industry Apprenticeship Board

Tel: 1-877-540-1945 Website: <https://www.uapicbc.ca/>

Sheet Metal Workers Training Centre Society

Tel: 604-882-7680 Website: <http://smwtcs.ca/>

Trowel Trades Training Association

Tel: 604-580-2463 Website: <http://www.ttta.ca/>

NOTES:



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/>