

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 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

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:

- Are a resident of B.C.;
- Are studying full-time or part-time;
- Are attending a B.C. public post-secondary institution, Native Education College or one of 10 approved trades training providers (see below for full list of eligible institutions);
- Are between the ages of 19-26 (inclusive); or
- Are 17 or 18 years of age, have graduated high school and are no longer in care of the Ministry of Children and Family Development or Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction; and
- Were formerly in any Ministry of Children and Family Development Legal status or The Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction's Child in Home of Relative Program for at least 24 months or 730 days (consecutive or accumulated in any combination)

Please read Chapter 5 Section 7 of the StudentAid BC Policy Manual for more information.

https://studentaidbc.ca/sites/all/files/school-officials/policy_manual.pdf

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.

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

How do I Apply?

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

Instructions

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 back to school, or attend rehabilitation, vocational or approved life skills program.

- 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.

Telus Mobility for Good

Eligible youth and young adults that are transitioning from government care are provided with a smartphone and fully subsidised TELUS Mobility voice and data plan for two years. To ensure these young adults are getting the most out of their technology, digital literacy support is available at any of our TELUS Learning Centres, as well as TELUS WISE® resources to help educate on keeping a clean digital footprint and protecting personal information and privacy.

Features include:

- Access to a refurbished smartphone at no cost
- \$0 per month smartphone rate plan (including applicable taxes) for two years
- Unlimited nationwide talk and text
- Up to 3 GB of data per month
- Access to free digital literacy education and online safety material

How do I apply?

In British Columbia, eligible young adults on the Agreement for Young Adults (AYA) program will be notified through mail from the British Columbia Ministry of Children and Family Development. This is a completely voluntary offer and if eligible, there are no obligations to accept it or to contact TELUS.

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)

The program aims to improve the employability of First Nations and eligible Inuit students by providing them with funding to access education and skills development opportunities at the post-secondary level.

Eligible post-secondary levels include:

- community college and CEGEP diploma or certificate programs
- undergraduate programs
- advanced or professional degree programs

The program is administered by the First Nation or the First Nations or Inuit designated organization that determines the funding and selection criteria in accordance with national guidelines. ISC provides funding for this program as part of core funding agreements with Indigenous governments and organizations.

Eligible costs covered by the program may include tuition, books, travel support and living allowances.

The maximum amount payable per full-time student cannot exceed \$50,000 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 \$50,000 up to a maximum of \$85,000. No student is automatically entitled to this amount.

In 2017-2018, ISC invested \$90 million over 2 years in the Post-secondary Student Support Program and the University College Entrance Preparation Program for First Nations and Inuit students. This funding will support over 4,600 students.

Eligibility

Treaty and Status First Nations post-secondary students who have resided in Canada for 12 consecutive months before the date of their application, and Inuit post-secondary students who have resided in Canada for 12 consecutive months before the date of their application, but who reside outside of their territory and are no longer eligible to be funded by their territory.

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

For more information, consult the Post-Secondary Student Support Program and University and College Entrance Preparation Program – National Program Guidelines 2018-2019 or your ISC regional office.

Deadline

Please contact your local band office or the Inuit designated organization for post-secondary education funding for information on deadlines to apply for funding.

How to apply?

First Nations and Inuit students who want to pursue post-secondary studies and access available funding programs should contact their local band office, Inuit designated organization for post-secondary education funding or ISC regional office.

For more information visit:

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

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. Two \$2,000 bursaries will be awarded to directly help balance out the tuition and/or other expenses associated with attending post-secondary programs (rent, textbooks, groceries, etc.). Awards will be announced June 1, 2020 and dispersed in September by Adoptive Families Association of BC (AFABC).

Eligibility

- You have joined your family by legal adoption.
- You are currently a BC resident.
- You are between the ages of 17 and 26 by the application deadline date.

- You are registered, or plan to be registered, in a vocational, trade, or academic postsecondary program at an accredited BC institution

Note: Successful applicants may be required to provide AFABC with proof of any of the above.

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 program aims to improve the employability of First Nations and eligible Inuit students by providing them with funding to access education and skills development opportunities at the post-secondary level.

Eligible post-secondary levels include:

- community college and CEGEP diploma or certificate programs
- undergraduate programs
- advanced or professional degree programs

The program is administered by the First Nation or the First Nations or Inuit designated organization that determines the funding and selection criteria in accordance with national guidelines. ISC provides funding for this program as part of core funding agreements with Indigenous governments and organizations.

Eligible costs covered by the program may include tuition, books, travel support and living allowances.

The maximum amount payable per full-time student cannot exceed \$50,000 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 \$50,000 up to a maximum of \$85,000. No student is automatically entitled to this amount.

For more information visit:

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

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.

JCW Excellence in Writing Grant

Previous BCFFPA 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. This grant is accessible to any youth aged 17-24 who are or has been in the care in the 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.

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 visit:

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

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

The Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards celebrate the hard work and determination of individuals of Aboriginal heritage who have embraced a renewed pursuit of learning. The awards are open to all Aboriginal Canadians who have been out of school for at least one year, who have since decided to return to an educational system, and who have been back at school for at least one full year.

The Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards are granted annually to select applicants from across the country, and recipients are awarded \$2,000 in recognition for their efforts. These awards are just one way Canada Post celebrates diversity and proudly shows its commitment to making a difference in our communities.

For more information visit:

<http://aboriginalstudents.ca/site-sponsors/canada-post/>

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

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:

<https://www.cafdn.org/for-youth/graduation-awards/>

CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility Criteria

Applications open in late December for the following fall semester, and close in mid-February. Decisions are made by the Children's Aid Foundation of Canada's Scholarship Award Committee and are announced in July.

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 an accredited post-secondary institution as a full-time student, or have full time status granted through an accommodation, for at least 2 semesters of the upcoming school year

For more information visit:

<https://www.cafdn.org/for-youth/educational-support#1517323143481-89ba3a41-7174>

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 \$162,000 in bursaries to 144 recipients to help students with the financial costs of tuition, books, and supplies for post-secondary study (as of July 2018). See below for information about contributing to the Bursary Program.

How to Apply

Applications for the 2020 Youth Education Bursary are now open. The application deadline is **Friday, May 8th.**

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 2020, funds must be used by the January semester of 2022).

- 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

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, March 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 provides financial support for youth in and from care attending 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).

Reach for Success Bursary Music lessons, driver's courses, sports and recreation programs can be expensive. The Reach for Success Bursary helps young people achieve their goals through skill-building and extra-curricular activities.

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

Eligibility

- 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.
- You are a Canadian Citizen or a Landed Immigrant.
- You are between the ages of 14 to 24 years old.
- Must have a cumulative total of 1 year in government care.
- (Education Achievement only) 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* or (Reach for Success only) You are currently enrolled or are planning to enroll in a personal or professional development course or activity.

- 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.

For more information visit:

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

HOWARD LEGACY YOUTH FUND

The Howard Legacy Youth Fund awards financial assistance to youth, in or from government care, who plan to pursue a vocational, trade, or academic post-secondary program, at an accredited BC institution. Two \$2,000 bursaries will be awarded to directly help balance out the tuition and/or other expenses associated with attending post-secondary programs (rent, textbooks, groceries, etc.). Awards will be announced June 1, 2020 and dispersed in September by Adoptive Families Association of BC (AFABC).

Eligibility

- You are currently in care or a former youth in care of the BC Ministry of Children & Family Development (MCFD) or Delegated Aboriginal Agency. Either under a Continuing Custody Order (CCO) or Temporary Custody Order (TCO), Voluntary Care Agreement (VCA) or Special Care Agreement, or Youth Agreement in BC.
- You have experienced a min., cumulative total of 12 months in BC government care.
- You are currently a BC resident.
- You are between the ages of 17 and 26 by the application deadline date.
- You are registered, or plan to be registered, in a vocational, trade, or academic program at an accredited BC institution.

Note: Successful applicants may be required to provide AFABC with proof of any of the above.

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/>

HSBC BANK OF CANADA NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

The HSBC Bank Canada National Transformation Project offers financial awards and bursaries to cover a wide range of school-related costs such as tuition, tutoring, upgrading, assessments, training, and supplies, as well as emergency funds for medical/dental, rent, and other expenses.

Program Features

Financial awards and bursaries to cover a wide range of school-related costs such as:

- Post-secondary tuition and fees
- Tutoring for elementary, high school, and college courses
- High school upgrading
- Assessments and applications
- School supplies and equipment
- Emergency funds (medical/dental, rent, food, etc.)

Eligibility

- Ages up to 25 (can be up to 29 years old in exceptional circumstances)
- Current or prospective student
- Current or former youth in care
- Currently or previously on a Youth Agreement (YA) or Agreement with Young Adults (AYA)
- Being served by a child welfare organization
- Demonstration of financial need

For more information visit:

<http://pcrs.ca/our-services/hsbc-national-transformation-project/>

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. September 2019 to August 2020 academic year.

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 planning to study at a BC public post-secondary institution, or an Indigenous-run institution;
- Your course of study will be no less than nine (9) continuous weeks in length
- 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 planning to study at a BC public post-secondary institution, or an Indigenous-run institution;
- Your course of study will be no less than two semesters in length and will commence sometime between the dates of May 1, 2019 and April 30, 2020;
- 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 planning to study at a BC public post-secondary institution, or an Indigenous-run institution;
- Your course of study will be no less than two semesters in length and will commence sometime between the dates of May 1, 2019 and April 30, 2020;
- 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 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 May 1, 2019 and April 30, 2020;
- Recipients completing their programs following one additional term of study that commences after May 1, 2019, are eligible to

apply for partial awards valued at \$2,500;

- 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>

KEN DRYDEN SCHOLARSHIP

PLEASE NOTE: The Ken Dryden Scholarship is currently undergoing revision and new scholarships will not be offered in 2019.

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 visit:

<http://www.youthincare.ca/ken-dryden-scholarship>

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

NNVIT'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):

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

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; 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.

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 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 \$4,415.00 (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>

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 visit:

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/4078514441507/4078514441507>

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 waiver, 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.

Contact the please contact Campus Life Coordinator [Claire Hewson](#) for more information.

For more information visit:

<http://selkirk.ca/financial-info/financial-aid/student-awards-financial-support/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#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, Children's Aid Foundation, Jays Care Foundation, Power to Be. Right to Play, and YMCA.

For more information visit:

<https://about.rogers.com/community-2/tedrogersfund/>

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TUITION WAIVERS FOR FORMER YOUTH IN CARE

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

- Enrol at UBC for your first undergraduate degree, and
- Meet one of the following criteria:
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Under a Youth Agreement at 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.

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?

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
ADOPTIVE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION OF BC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
AGREEMENTS WITH YOUNG ADULTS		✓	✓					✓	✓
BC ASSOCIATION OF ABORIGINAL FRIENDSHIP CENTRES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BC FEDERATION OF FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATIONS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
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	
Capilano University, North Vancouver Tel: 604-986-1911 Website: http://www.capilano.ca Financial Aid: http://www.capilano.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, Okanagan Tel: 250-807-8000 Website: https://ok.ubc.ca/ Financial Aid: http://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/financial-advice	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, Cowichan Tel: 250-746-3500 Website: https://cowichan.viu.ca/ Financial Aid: http://www2.viu.ca/financialaid/
Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo Tel: 250-753-3245 Website: http://www.viu.ca Financial Aid: http://www2.viu.ca/financialaid/	
COLLEGES	
Coast Mountain College, Terrace Tel: 250-635-6511 Website: https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/ Financial Aid: https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/financial-aid	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/

COLLEGES CONTINUED...

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/
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: 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	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	

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/>