

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



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

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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](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](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 waives tuition and eligible fees for B.C students who are current or former youth in care studying full- or part-time at the undergraduate level at a B.C. public post-secondary institution, the Native Education College, or one of the approved union-based trades training providers.

### What is available?

If you meet the eligibility requirements below, your tuition and eligible fees charged by your institution could be waived so you do not have to pay them.

Category	Examples	Notes
Mandatory fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration fee</li> <li>• Archiving fee</li> <li>• Student License Fee</li> <li>• Student Association or Alma Mater Society fee</li> </ul>	Costs associated with admissions and enrollment in programs that must be paid by all students at the institution to complete or enroll in a program or course
Assessment fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry Assessment</li> <li>• Prior Learning and Recognition Assessment</li> <li>• English Language Assessment</li> </ul>	Costs associated with assessments that are delivered by the institution to support a student in enrolling or progressing in a program or course
Administrative fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application fee</li> <li>• Transcript Request fee</li> <li>• Criminal Record Check</li> <li>• Verification of Enrollment fees*</li> </ul>	Costs required by the institution to support a student in enrolling in a program or course *Verification of enrollment fees will be covered only when required to access or progress in a program or course
Additional fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program Supply Fee</li> <li>• Medical Insurance Fee**</li> <li>• U-Pass fee**</li> </ul>	<p>Fees that are required by the institution in order for a student to progress or enroll in a program or course.</p> <p>In this category the fee must be charged to all students and billed directly to the student from the institution along with tuition.</p> <p>**Medical insurance and U-Pass fees charged directly to the student by the institution will be covered by PTWP under this category when a student is unable to opt out.</p> <p>Costs that are required for a program but are not billed directly by the institution to the student (e.g. book costs, computer costs) as well as extraordinary costs associated with optional study abroad programs (e.g. accommodations, meals, airfare) are excluded from this category.</p>

All fees listed above must be submitted by the post-secondary institution to StudentAid BC through the formal Provincial Tuition

Waiver Program institution financial reporting process.

### Am I eligible?

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 the B.C. Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) or Indigenous Child and Family Service Agency (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]) at the time you turn(ed) 19 or for at least 24 months (730 days) (consecutive or accumulated in any combination).

### Eligible undergraduate level of study

The Provincial Tuition Waiver Program covers a wide range of undergraduate study options:

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

Masters, PhD or post-graduate courses or programs, or any Adult Basic Education programs and/or fees, are not eligible.

### 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

### For applicants with exceptional circumstances

The Provincial Tuition Waiver Program may on a case-by-case basis approve exceptions to program eligibility through a review of

exceptional circumstances. To request a review, contact the Ministry System Navigator at [tuitionwaiver@gov.bc.ca](mailto:tuitionwaiver@gov.bc.ca).

The System Navigator at the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills consults with partner agencies, post-secondary institutions, students, and stakeholders around tuition waivers for current or former youth in care.

### Categories eligible for review

#### Time in Care/Legal Status

A student can request a review of their individual circumstances in this category when they believe their time in care calculation is incorrect, or their experience in government care is not represented in the legal statuses listed in the program eligibility criteria. The Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills may require specific supporting documentation on a case-by-case basis. All other program eligibility criteria must be met.

#### Location of Study

A student can request a review of their individual circumstances in this category if they were placed in another Canadian province or territory as part of an MCFD or ICFSA permanency plan or interprovincial agreement and they wish to study in the province or territory they were placed in. The Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills may require specific supporting documentation on a case-by-case basis. All other program eligibility criteria must be met.

### Learning for Future Grant

The Learning for Future Grant provides an annual grant of \$3,500 per program year to students who meet the eligibility requirements for the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program to assist with additional education related costs that are not covered by the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program (e.g. textbooks, computers, supplies, etc.). For more information, please see the Learning for Future Grant information below or visit the Learning for Future Grant web page: <https://studentaidbc.ca/explore/grants-scholarships/learning-future-grant>

For more information visit:

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

## **LEARNING FOR FUTURE GRANT (Formerly known as Youth Educational Assistance Fund—YEOF)**

The following changes to the Youth Educational Assistance Fund will be **effective August 1, 2023**.

- StudentAid BC is bringing in a new Learning for Future Grant for former youth in care that expands on and will replace the Youth Educational Assistance Fund.
- The new Learning for Future Grant will be available to eligible Provincial Tuition Waiver recipients effective August 1, 2023.
- Applications for the Youth Educational Assistance Fund will be accepted until **July 31, 2023**.
- **All existing Youth Educational Assistance Fund recipients, as well as those who apply by July 31, 2023, will continue to be supported through the Youth Educational Assistance Fund transition plan.**

For more information, please read the following [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

The Learning for Future Grant is available to full-time or part-time students who meet the eligibility criteria requirements for the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program and are enrolled in a program or course that leads, or will lead, to a credential at the undergraduate level.

### What is available?

The Learning for Future Grant provides an annual grant of \$3,500 per program year (August 1 to July 31) to eligible current or former youth in care students to assist with additional education related costs that are not covered by the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program (e.g. textbooks, computers, supplies, etc.).

### Am I eligible?

To be eligible for the Learning for Future Grant students must:

- Be studying full-time or part-time at a BC public post-secondary institution, the Native Education College, or one of the approved union-based trades training providers.
- Meet the eligibility criteria requirements for the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program and;
- Be enrolled in a program or course that leads, or will lead, to a credential at the undergraduate level.

### **Youth Educational Assistance Fund (YEOF) Transition Plan**

Students who applied for YEOF by July 31, 2023, and were approved, are eligible to receive the YEOF grant amount through the YEOF Transition Plan for the duration of their initial program of study, the 4-year maximum or until they turn 25, whichever comes first. This includes students who were previously approved for YEOF in a program or post-secondary institution that is not eligible for the Learning for Future Grant. Students who are eligible for both the YEOF Transition Plan and the Learning for Future Grant may not receive both YEOF and the Learning for Future Grant in the same program year.

To apply for the YEOF Transition Plan, please complete the YEOF Transition Plan Application Form and the YEOF Transition Plan Confirmation of Enrollment Form.

### **How do I apply?**

Students who have previously verified their eligibility for the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program or the Learning for Future Grant must submit a Learning for Future Grant Declaration Form annually through the Financial Aid Office at their post-secondary institution.

#### Instructions:

1. Download the Learning for Future Grant Declaration form <https://studentaidbc.ca/sites/all/files/form-library/learning-for-future-grant-declaration.pdf>
2. Submit your signed Declaration form to your institution's Financial Aid Office so they can validate your eligibility.
3. If you are eligible, you will receive the \$3,500 Learning for Future Grant for the program year (August 1 – July 31).

First time applicants must submit a Provincial Tuition Waiver Program and Learning for Future Grant Application form to StudentAid BC through the Financial Aid Office at their post-secondary institution.

#### Instructions:

1. Download the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program and Learning for Future Grant Application form and complete Sections 1 and 3. <https://studentaidbc.ca/sites/all/files/form-library/provincial-tuition-waiver-program-application.pdf>
2. Submit your signed application form to your institution's Financial Aid Office so Section 2 can be completed.
3. Your institution will submit your application form to StudentAid BC who will verify your time-in-care with the Ministry of Children and Family Development and/or the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. The verification process can take up to 6 weeks depending on the complexity of your records search.
4. If you are eligible, you will receive the \$3,500 Learning for Future Grant for the program year (August 1 - July 31).

For further information, please review the [Provincial Tuition Waiver Program - Frequently Asked Questions](#) and the [Learning for Future Grant - Frequently Asked Questions](#) or contact the program at [tuitionwaiver@gov.bc.ca](mailto:tuitionwaiver@gov.bc.ca).

For more information visit:

<https://studentaidbc.ca/explore/grants-scholarships/learning-future-grant>

## **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:

- received support services or financial assistance, or both, under section 12.2 of the Act,
- was in the continuing custody of a director, or
- was in the guardianship of a director of adoption or of a director under section 51 of the Infants Act. If you believe you may be eligible for the program, please contact your local Ministry of Children and Family Development office.

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](#).

### Eligible Programs

Location	Program	Organization	Area
Campbell River	Aboriginal Life Skills Program	Laichwilthach Family Life <a href="#">Contact Information</a>	North Vancouver Island
Campbell River	Foundry Campbell River	The John Howard Society of North Island <a href="#">Contact Information</a>	North Vancouver Island
Courtenay	The Station - Supported Independent Living	The John Howard Society of North Island <a href="#">Contact Information</a>	North Vancouver Island
New Westminster	The Link	Aunt Leah's Place	North Fraser
Surrey	Supported Youth Independent Housing Program (SYIH)	Options Community Services <a href="#">Contact Information</a>	South Fraser
North Vancouver	Life Success Program	Hollyburn Family Services Society <a href="#">Contact Information</a>	Coast North Shore
Vancouver	Covenant House	Covenant House Vancouver <a href="#">Contact Information</a>	Vancouver/Richmond
Vancouver	Youth Housing Services	Pacific Community Resources Society <a href="#">Contact Information</a>	Vancouver/Richmond
Vancouver	Strive	YWCA Metro Vancouver <a href="#">Contact Information</a>	Vancouver/Richmond
Whistler	Work 2 Live	<a href="#">Zero Ceiling Society of Canada</a>	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 <a href="#">Contact Information</a>	Thompson, Cariboo, Shuswap
Victoria	Prana Services Inc. Life Skills and Outreach Program	Prana Services Inc.	Vancouver Island

### 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 rent 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 \(YAEF\)](#) 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 to achieve your goals.

### Life Skills programs

An AYA can support you while you take a self-directed or facilitated 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 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.

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

We know that sometimes there may be life circumstances in which you are not able to meet the minimum requirements for example, the course load requirement can be too challenging. If young adults need additional flexibility, the ministry or Indigenous Child and Family Services Agencies (ICFSA) are ready to help.

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](#).

### 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](#).

### Additional financial assistance for First Nations students

The [Canada Student Financial Assistance Program](#) offers grants and loans to full-time and part-time students to help pay for their post-secondary education.

To apply with your province or territory, please visit: [Canada Student Grants and Loans](#).

You might also be interested in learning about other financial assistance that may be available to you:

- Post-secondary education <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033679/1531406248822>
- Student aid <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/student-aid.html>
- Indspire <https://indspire.ca/>
- Indigenous Bursaries Search Tool <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1351687337141/1531406419657>

For more information visit:

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

## **BURSARIES - BELONGING NETWORK**

Belonging Network bursary programs provide funding to assist youth in pursuing post-secondary education. Bursaries can be applied to tuition and related expenses, including living costs while studying.

The **BC Orca Bursary Program** was established by a generous group of philanthropists who want to provide financial and other support to current or former youth in government (foster) care who are pursuing post-secondary studies. **Twenty bursaries will be awarded in 2023.** [Read more about the BC Orca Bursary Program](#).

The **Joy MacPhail Youth Bursary**, established in 2022 with funding from the Face the World Foundation, aims to provide financial support for post-secondary studies to a young person who joined their family by legal adoption or other forms of permanency. **One \$3,000 bursary will be awarded annually from 2022-26.** [Read more about the Joy MacPhail Youth Bursary](#).

The **Vancouver Film Studios Indigenous Bursary Program** was established in 2022 in partnership with [Vancouver Film Studios](#). It is intended to award financial assistance to Indigenous persons who plan to pursue any kind of formal or informal career-related education or training in British Columbia. This includes, but is not limited to, post-secondary education, short or long certification programs, diplomas, skill-building programs, training programs, etc. **There is \$12,000 of funding to be distributed; bursary amounts will vary depending on applicant needs. The maximum amount awarded to one applicant is \$3,000.**

### Applications

Applications are closed for the 2023 BC Orca Bursary Program and the Joy MacPhail Youth Bursary.

Applications are closed for 2022 for the Vancouver Film Studios Indigenous Bursary Program. Check back later for information

about 2023 applications.

#### Guidelines

The following guidelines apply to all three bursary programs. In addition, each bursary has its own eligibility requirements; see the application forms for details.

- 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 may apply for both the BC Orca Bursary Program and the Joy MacPhail Youth Bursary, but can only be chosen for one of these awards per year. Applicants are eligible for the Vancouver Film Studios Indigenous Bursaries program even if they have been selected for another AFABC award.
- Previous AFABC bursary award recipients are permitted to re-apply in a new bursary year.
- All AFABC program clients are permitted to apply for AFABC bursaries.
- Current AFABC staff, board members, committee members, contractors and their respective children are not eligible to apply for AFABC bursaries.

Former AFABC staff, board members, committee members, contractors and their respective children are eligible to apply for AFABC bursaries 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
- **AND 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**

**July 1st** – for the fall and winter semester (September—April)

**November 1st**—For the Winter Semester (January– April)

**March 31st**—for students applying for the summer semester (May-August)

#### **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:

Nathan Ponce

Education Coordinator

Email: [education@bcaafc.com](mailto: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 who request that the funds 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 and Leadership 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. This grant is accessible to any youth aged 19 or over who has been in the care of the Ministry and who intends to further their 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.

**\*NEW as of January 2023** We are expanding the grant to support young people who are pursuing post-secondary education in the field of Human and Social Services, and who want to demonstrate leadership and a commitment to their communities.

### **The William Curtis Memorial Fund Bursary**

The William Curtis Memorial Fund, which is awarded annually, has been established for youth formerly in care who wish to continue their education.

For more information visit:

<https://bcfosterparents.ca/programs-and-services/financial-assistance/>

## **BC SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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

Indigenous Student Awards: \$1000-\$5000 (renewable annually) for students pursuing trades training, apprenticeship, diploma, certificates, degree or post-degree programs.

Application Deadline: The 2023 Indigenous Awards Program is now closed.

Information about 2024 Indigenous Awards will be available in January of 2024.

For more information visit:

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

## **BCIT YOUTH IN CARE SKILLED TRADES TUITION WAIVER**

### **Description**

The BCIT Youth in Care Tuition Waiver Program provides up to \$5,000 to each of five (5) students, who grew up in the BC care system, and are currently enrolled in, or students accepted to enter a full-time BCIT program (excluding Apprenticeship programs). Tuition waivers apply only toward the completion of a first certificate or diploma at BCIT.

### **What Does the Tuition Waiver Cover?**

The tuition waiver will be used to cover costs of program tuition, BCIT student association activity and health & dental fees, other fees and lab, material or certification fees.

### **Who is Eligible?**

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

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

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

In addition, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be in receipt of a BCIT offer of acceptance into program.
- Be in need of financial assistance (priority will be given to students receiving government student loan and/or grant funding through the province of BC).
- Meet with an Advisor in the Student Financial Aid and Awards department.

- Complete and sign this BCIT Youth in Care 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.

If more than five applications are received, tuition waivers will be prioritized and disbursed based on individual financial need.

Contact: Stephanie Williams, phone: 604.456.8136; email: [stephanie\\_williams@bcit.ca](mailto:stephanie_williams@bcit.ca)

For more information visit:

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

## **CANADA POST AWARDS FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS**

### **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**

Bursary awards are available throughout the school year to full- and part-time post-secondary students who meet the eligibility criteria. Bursaries are for a maximum of \$2,000 for full-time students and up to \$200 per course for part-time students.

To be eligible for a bursary, applicants must be:

- A permanent ward, or were a permanent ward of a Child Welfare Agency for at least 12 months, or are/were eligible for a provincial or territorial extended care program, such as Continued Care and Support for Youth (CCSY), or Voluntary Youth

Services Agreement (VYSA)

- Be age 18 or be under the age of 30 when starting or continuing in your program
- Registered at or planning to attend school either full or part time year at an accredited post-secondary school

The Bursary program will next reopen in August for the 2023-24 school year.

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://cafdn.org/for-youth/educational-support/>

## **CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Children's Aid Foundation of Canada awards scholarships ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 once a year through a competitive process. Applications will open in January 2024 for the academic year beginning in September 2024, or January 2025. To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must be:

- A permanent ward, or were a permanent ward of a Child Welfare Agency for at least 12 months, or are/were eligible for a provincial or territorial extended care program, such as Continued Care and Support for Youth (CCSY), or Voluntary Youth Services Agreement (VYSA)
- Be age 18 or be under the age of 30 when starting or continuing in your program
- Are planning to attend a program at a post-secondary institution either full-time or on a reduced schedule due to an accommodation, for a full academic year starting in September or January

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**

Established by Federation members in 2009, the Youth Education Bursary assists young people, ages 30 or younger, that are in 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. Since 2009, the bursary program has awarded \$269,925 in bursaries to 199 students (as of July 2022).

Youth can apply each year they are in school, and, if eligible, may receive funding each year they apply, as we share a long-term interest in their studies and development into social services professionals. The bursary is available up to a maximum of \$2,000 per academic year (two semesters).

### **Eligibility**

In order to be eligible for the Federation 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 Permanent Resident.
3. You are 30 years old or younger in the year of your application.
4. You are currently attending or plan on enrolling into 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 [info@fcssbc.ca](mailto:info@fcssbc.ca).

### **How to Apply**

- 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 funds are given directly to the academic institution for deposit into the student's account.
- Bursary funds must be used within 18 months (for recipients in 2023, funds must be used by the January semester of 2025).
- You can apply for the bursary more than once. This means you can be awarded the bursary multiple years in a row.

If you have any questions about the bursary, please contact [info@fcssbc.ca](mailto:info@fcssbc.ca).

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.

### **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!

### **Dream Fund 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 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

For more information visit:

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

## **INDSPIRE’S BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES: BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS PROGRAM**

Since 1996, Indspire has provided over \$190 million in financial support through more than 59,000 bursaries, scholarships and awards to First Nations, Inuit and Métis students. All Building Brighter Futures donations are matched by the Government of Canada allowing us to be double the impact for students. For a complete listing of Building Brighter Futures Supports, please visit [indspirefunding.ca](http://indspirefunding.ca).

### **Bursaries, Scholarships and Awards for Post-Secondary Education**

#### **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 2023 to August 2024 academic year.

**Deadlines:** August 1, November 1, February 1 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

The Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships and Awards program is made possible thanks to generous supporters and federal and provincial governments. While we work to increase the amount of funding available each year, due to the growth in the number of applications, we’re not able to fund every student that applies.

Bursaries, Scholarships and Awards with unique deadlines

For more information visit:

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

## **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 (ICFSA).

- 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 has been offered as a four (4) year pilot program. Due to the program's success, it has been extended until further notice. The Youth in Care Bursary is intended to assist with educational costs for students who are living or have lived as youth in care in British Columbia. Bursaries are subject to available funds.

#### **Eligibility**

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

- a continuing Custody Order pursuant to sections 41(1)(d), 42.2(4)(d) or (7) or 49(4),(5), or 10(a) of the Act for a minimum of one year
- a Youth Agreement pursuant to section 12.2 of the Act for at least 1 year or on their 19th birthday
- Transfer of Custody Order pursuant to section 54.01 or 54.1 of the Act

If you are not aware whether you meet the above criteria, please contact your former social worker, any Ministry of Children and Family Development office, or any delegated Aboriginal Agency.

- Currently is, or has been accepted as, a Regular Studies student.
- Funding will be targeted to students completing their first academic credential, or first bachelor degree program.
- Is enrolled in, or will be enrolling in, a minimum of a 60% course load (or 40% for students with disabilities)
- Is in Good Standing\*
- If a returning student, holds a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher
- Has demonstrated financial need as per the Langara bursary formula\*\*
- Is 19 years of age or older at the beginning of the study term

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 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 Fund (if eligible) and provide a minimum contribution through government student loans, grants, or other personal funding.**

For more information visit:

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

## **NICOLA VALLEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TUITION WAIVER**

This program is open to both current and prospective NVIT learners, across all programs and courses being delivered at either the NVIT Merritt or Vancouver Campuses who are or have been a youth in care. A NVIT Youth In Care Tuition Waiver request can be submitted to an Academic and Financial Planner. (A youth in care is designated as a individual with: a continuing custody order for a minimum of one year, an agreement with youth, a transfer of custody order.)

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>

## **STORWELL'S FOSTER CHILDREN BURSARY PROGRAM**

The Storwell Self Storage Foster Children Bursary Program has been running for over 10 years in order to support foster children as they pursue post-secondary education.

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. Youth who were involved in kinship care or other alternative living situations can also receive consideration for this award.
- Youth who were part of a Children's Aid Society (CAS) agency or similar program will also be eligible to apply for this award.
- Applicant will be enrolled as a full-time student at a recognized general/ vocational College or post-secondary institution in

Canada or USA by the start of the next school semester.

- Canadian or American Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Applicant must be 24 years of age or less at the time of application
- The bursary application deadline is December 31st of each year.

### 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

We are investing millions in the next generation through Ted Rogers Scholarships. Open to the public for the first time, we are awarding more than 1,000 scholarships in 2023. The program helps connect youth to opportunities, removes barriers to education, and is building a stronger Canada.

2023 Ted Rogers Scholarships include three new streams to meet the varied needs of young students today, with a focus on supporting community leaders, equity-deserving youth and those with financial need.

All recipients will also receive a new phone and Rogers wireless plan to help stay connected to family, friends, and support their studies.

### 1. Ted Rogers Future Leader Scholarship

Valued at \$6,700 per year (up to four years) and awarded to 100 recipients annually for students attending a partner university to cover average tuition. Partner universities include University of British Columbia, University of Calgary, University of Waterloo, Toronto Metropolitan University, Polytechnique Montréal, and the University of New Brunswick.

### 2. Ted Rogers Legacy Scholarship

Valued at \$25,000 per year (up to four years) and awarded to 10 recipients annually for students attending a technology-focused program to cover full tuition at a partner university, living expenses, and other costs.

### 3. Ted Rogers Entrance Scholarship

Valued at \$1,000 and awarded to hundreds of recipients to celebrate their acceptance at any institution and help with educational fees and the cost of books.

For more information visit:

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

## TELUS INTERNET FOR GOOD

TELUS Internet for Good offers subsidized, high-speed Internet to qualified low-income families and seniors, youth aging out of care and people with disabilities in need.\*

**Note:** Internet for Good is provided as a TELUS wireline service only and is not available on our wireless network or for customers accessing TELUS High Speed Internet with a SmartHub.

### Program highlights

- Subsidized high-speed Internet, starting at \$10 per month, with the option to buy a low-cost refurbished computer
- Digital literacy and safety workshops and resources through TELUS Wise®

- No contracts or cancellation fees.

#### **Making an impact**

- 96% of Internet for Good participants said the program allows them to stay connected to the people and resources that matter most.
- 91% said the program helped their children to continue learning remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 87% said the program helped them feel more connected to their community.

#### **What's included in the plans?**

- Option to purchase a low cost refurbished computer through BC Technology for Learning society
- No contract or cancellation fees
- Digital safety workshops and resources through TELUS Wise.

#### **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.
- 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

#### **How to apply**

##### Apply online

- 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 (note that this is the same letter used for the Mobility for Good program).
- Email your Internet for Good Letter of Eligibility to [internetforgood@telus.com](mailto:internetforgood@telus.com)

##### Apply by mail

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

TELUS

Attention: CART - Internet for Good Program

4535 Canada Way

Burnaby, BC

V5G 1J9

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.

#### **Please note**

- Documentation will be used for eligibility validation and then deleted or shredded. TELUS will be recording your name, mailing address, email (if applicable) and last four digits of a unique identifier.
- Individuals are encouraged to enlist the help of a friend, family member or case worker to apply on their behalf if necessary.
- The Internet for Good program is provided as a TELUS Wireline service only and is not available on our wireless network or for customers accessing TELUS High Speed Internet with a SmartHub.

#### **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. If you cannot find the confirmation email in your inbox, please check your spam or junk mail folder.
- 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

For more information visit:

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

## **TELUS MOBILITY FOR GOOD**

Mobility for Good for youth provides a free smartphone and plan to youth aging out of foster care, helping them successfully transition to independence.

### **Program highlights**

- Free smartphones and plans for youth leaving foster care, with the option to buy a discounted device from Mobile Klinik
- Subsidized plans with the option to buy a discounted device from Mobile Klinik for low-income seniors
- Digital literacy and safety workshops and resources through TELUS Wise®

### **Making an impact**

- 97% of participants said the program makes it easier to stay connected to friends, family and support workers.
- 90% said the program helped them foster a personal sense of security.
- 86% said the program helped them find resources in a crisis.

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 for two years
- 3 GB of high-speed data and unlimited data at reduced speeds per month
- Unlimited Canada-wide talk & text smartphone plan

### **What's included in the plans?**

- Bring Your Own Device or redeem a \$75 discount off the purchase of a phone of your choice from Mobile Klinik, or get access to a refurbished smartphone at no cost
- Plans include Call Display, Conference call, Call waiting and Voicemail
- At the end of the two years, the price for your youth plan will change to \$25 per month
- Free SIM card for new customers
- No contract or cancellation fees
- Digital safety workshops and resources through TELUS Wise®

### **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
- 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

### **How to apply**

#### **Apply online**

- 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 (note that this is the same letter used for the Internet for Good program).
- Submit your application via the online portal

**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 1 week (response may be slower for mail in applications)
- If approved, you will be sent a code and information on how to order your phone and plan. If you cannot find the confirmation email in your inbox, please check your spam or junk mail folder.
- The phone and SIM card will be shipped directly to you.

<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 British Columbia and covers the cost of the tuition fees of a first undergraduate degree.

**Eligibility requirements**

Applicants, who are residents of British Columbia and have lived in care with the Ministry of Children and Family Development or a Delegated Aboriginal Agency in BC, are enrolled in full-time studies (60% of a full-time course load or 40% of a full-time course load for those registered with Access & Diversity) and have financial need. To be eligible for this Tuition Award, students must be a resident of British Columbia has previously lived as a youth in care in BC under one of the following conditions for a period of at least 12 months (consecutive or accumulated) and/or at the time the youth turned 19 years old:

- Temporary Custody Order
- Continuing Custody Order
- Youth Agreement
- Adoption
- Extended Family Plan
- Interim Custody Order
- Interim Custody Order (to a person other than a parent)
- Permanent Transfer of Custody (to a person other than a parent)
- Temporary Transfer of Custody Order
- Under Guardianship of Director (Adoptions Act)
- Under Guardianship of Director (Infants Act)
- Voluntary Care Agreement
- Special Needs Agreement
- Child in Home with a Relative Program (CiHR)

**How to apply**

1. Submit your application at least 4 weeks before the end of your study period.
2. Apply for admission to UBC.

3. Download the UBC Post Care Tuition Waiver application (pdf).
4. When you're admitted to UBC, email your completed form to [sabrina.materie@ubc.ca](mailto:sabrina.materie@ubc.ca).

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,
- For continuing students, a minimum GPA of 2.0 in the previous academic session is required; and,
- Have received care [as defined here](#).

If applicants are not sure 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.

Upon student consent, the University will verify each student's eligibility with the Ministry of Child and Family Development or a delegated Aboriginal Child and Family Services agency. If approved, you will be contacted by the University of Victoria to confirm your eligibility and details of funding. The University of Victoria reserves the right to change criteria based on funding availability

### **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#>

## **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/>

## 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><b>Capilano University, North Vancouver</b> Tel: 604-986-1911 Website: <a href="http://www.capilanou.ca">http://www.capilanou.ca</a> Financial Aid: <a href="http://www.capilanou.ca/financial-aid/">http://www.capilanou.ca/financial-aid/</a></p>	<p><b>Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Granville Island</b> Tel: 604-844-3800 Website: <a href="http://www.ecuad.ca/">http://www.ecuad.ca/</a> Financial Aid: <a href="http://www.ecuad.ca/student-services/financial">http://www.ecuad.ca/student-services/financial</a></p>
<p><b>Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey</b> Tel: 604-599-2100 Website: <a href="http://www.kwantlen.bc.ca">http://www.kwantlen.bc.ca</a> Financial Aid: <a href="http://www.kpu.ca/awards">http://www.kpu.ca/awards</a></p>	<p><b>Royal Roads University, Victoria</b> Tel: 250-391-2511 Website: <a href="http://www.royalroads.ca">http://www.royalroads.ca</a> Financial Aid: <a href="https://www.royalroads.ca/admission/financial-aid-awards">https://www.royalroads.ca/admission/financial-aid-awards</a></p>
<p><b>Simon Fraser University, Burnaby</b> Tel: 604-291-3111 Website: <a href="http://www.sfu.ca">http://www.sfu.ca</a> Financial Aid: <a href="https://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid.html">https://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid.html</a></p>	<p><b>Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops</b> Tel: 250-828-5000 Website: <a href="http://www.tru.ca/">http://www.tru.ca/</a> Financial Aid: <a href="http://www.tru.ca/awards.html">http://www.tru.ca/awards.html</a></p>
<p><b>University of British Columbia, Okanagan</b> Tel: 250-807-8000 Website: <a href="https://ok.ubc.ca/">https://ok.ubc.ca/</a> Financial Aid: <a href="http://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/financial-advice">http://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/financial-advice</a></p>	<p><b>University of British Columbia, Vancouver</b> Tel: 604-822-2211 Website: <a href="http://www.ubc.ca">http://www.ubc.ca</a> Financial Aid: <a href="http://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/financial-advice">http://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/financial-advice</a></p>
<p><b>University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford</b> Tel: 604-504-7441 Website: <a href="http://www.ufv.ca">http://www.ufv.ca</a> Financial Aid: <a href="http://www.ufv.ca/fineaid/">http://www.ufv.ca/fineaid/</a></p>	<p><b>University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George</b> Tel: 250-960-6300 Website: <a href="http://www.unbc.ca">http://www.unbc.ca</a> Financial Aid: <a href="http://www.unbc.ca/financial-aid">http://www.unbc.ca/financial-aid</a></p>
<p><b>University of Victoria, Victoria</b> Tel: 250-721-7211 Website: <a href="http://www.uvic.ca">http://www.uvic.ca</a> Financial Aid: <a href="http://www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa/">http://www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa/</a></p>	<p><b>Vancouver Island University, Cowichan</b> Tel: 250-746-3500 Website: <a href="https://cowichan.viu.ca/">https://cowichan.viu.ca/</a> Financial Aid: <a href="http://www2.viu.ca/financialaid/">http://www2.viu.ca/financialaid/</a></p>
<p><b>Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo</b> Tel: 250-753-3245 Website: <a href="http://www.viu.ca">http://www.viu.ca</a> Financial Aid: <a href="http://www2.viu.ca/financialaid/">http://www2.viu.ca/financialaid/</a></p>	
COLLEGES	
<p><b>Coast Mountain College, Terrace</b> Tel: 250-635-6511 Website: <a href="https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/">https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/</a> Financial Aid: <a href="https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/financial-aid">https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/financial-aid</a></p>	<p><b>Camosun College, Victoria</b> Tel: 250-370-3000 Website: <a href="http://www.camosun.bc.ca">http://www.camosun.bc.ca</a> Financial Aid: <a href="https://legacy.camosun.ca/services/financial-aid/index.html">https://legacy.camosun.ca/services/financial-aid/index.html</a></p>
<p><b>College of New Caledonia, Prince George</b> Tel: 250-562-2131 Website: <a href="http://www.cnc.bc.ca">http://www.cnc.bc.ca</a> Financial Aid: <a href="http://www.cnc.bc.ca/exploring/services/student_services/financial_aid.htm">http://www.cnc.bc.ca/exploring/services/student_services/financial_aid.htm</a></p>	<p><b>College of the Rockies, Cranbrook</b> Tel: 250-489-2751 Website: <a href="http://www.cotr.bc.ca">http://www.cotr.bc.ca</a> Financial Aid: <a href="http://www.cotr.bc.ca/financialaid/">http://www.cotr.bc.ca/financialaid/</a></p>
<p><b>Douglas College, New Westminster</b> Tel: 604-527-5400 Website: <a href="http://www.douglas.bc.ca">http://www.douglas.bc.ca</a> Financial Aid: <a href="https://www.douglascollege.ca/current-students/advising-services/financial-planning/financial-aid-information/financial-aid">https://www.douglascollege.ca/current-students/advising-services/financial-planning/financial-aid-information/financial-aid</a></p>	<p><b>Langara College, Vancouver</b> Tel: 604-323-5511 Website: <a href="http://www.langara.bc.ca">http://www.langara.bc.ca</a> Financial Aid: <a href="http://www.langara.bc.ca/student-services/financial-aid/">http://www.langara.bc.ca/student-services/financial-aid/</a></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](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/>

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*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/>