

A Guide to:
Scholarships, Bursaries, Tuition Waivers & Awards
Available to Children in and from Government Care on Vancouver Island



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If anyone knows of other scholarships, bursaries, tuition waivers or awards available to children in and from government care on Vancouver Island that should be included in this guide, please contact FPSS Foster Parent Support Services Society at admin@fpss.com or 1-888-922-8437

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BC FEDERATION OF FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION BURSARIES

The General Scholarship Fund

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

The Maurice Graydon Bursaries

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

The William Curtis Memorial Fund Bursary

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

Applications are accepted in May of each year.

For more information, and to access the applications visit: <http://bcfosterparents.ca/bursaries/>
or contact the BCFFPA Office at 1-800-663-9999

YOUTH EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FUND (YEOF)

The Youth Education Assistance Fund (YEOF) 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

BCIT YOUTH IN CARE SKILLED TRADES TUITION WAIVER

Description

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 (see Appendix 1) 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 & dental fees, other fees and lab,

material or certification fees.

Who is Eligible?

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

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

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

In addition, applicants must meet the following criteria:

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

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

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

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

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

FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES OF BC

YOUTH EDUCATION BURSARY

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

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

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

Bursary Eligibility

1. You are currently in care or a former youth in care in BC. This includes being under a continuing custody order (CCO), temporary custody order (TCO, Voluntary Care Agreement or Special Needs Agreement), or Youth Agreement under British Columbia's Child, Family and Community Services Act. Only those who have been in care in BC are eligible to apply.
2. You are a Canadian Citizen or a Landed Immigrant.
3. You are 25 years of age or under at the time of application.
4. You are currently planning to enroll in a post-secondary academic, technical or vocational program in a recognized public post-secondary institution.

5. Your education will lead to a career in Social Services, Health, Education or Social Justice.

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

CANADA POST ABORIGINAL EDUCATION INCENTIVE AWARDS

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

For more information, and to access the application visit: <http://www.canadapost.ca/cpo/mc/aboutus/community/aboriginaleducation/>

FEDERATION OF YOUTH IN CARE NETWORKS OF BC DREAM FUND

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

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

Eligibility:

1. You are currently in care or a former youth in care either under a continuing custody order (CCO) or temporary custody order (TCO, Voluntary Care Agreement or Special Care Agreement) or Youth Agreement in B.C. under the Child, Family and Community Services Act.
2. You are a Canadian Citizen or a Landed Immigrant.
3. You are 14 and over and under the age of 25.
4. You are currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a secondary, post-secondary academic, technical or vocational program, a recognized public post-secondary institution, or a registered private post-secondary institution.

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

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

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

Eligibility:

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

For more information, and to access the application visit: <http://fbcyicn.ca/programs/education/dream-fund/>
or contact the Sam Pothier at 1-800-565-8055 or sam_pothier@fbcyicn.ca

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

Who is Eligible?

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 2014
- 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 31.

How it Works

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 30 of each year. All decisions of the committee are final.

For more information, and to access the application visit: http://www.rbc.com/careers/aboriginal_student_awards.html

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA YOUTH IN CARE TUITION AWARD

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

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

The award covers up to 8 terms of funding or the terms required for completion of a first degree, whichever comes first, to cover actual tuition costs (excluding mandatory fees). Students who transfer to UVic from a university or college to complete their first undergraduate degree and meet all eligibility criteria will be considered for the award. Applicants must submit the application form, including the Release of Information consent form required to confirm eligibility, to Student Awards and Financial Aid by the application deadline of June 30.

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

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

VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY YOUTH IN CARE TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM

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

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

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

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

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

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

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

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

AGREEMENTS WITH YOUNG ADULTS (AYA)

Agreements with Young Adults (AYA) is a new \$5-million program supporting young people aged 19 to 24 transitioning out of care and into adulthood.

Make a plan for your future...

AYA provides financial assistance and support services to:

- Finish high school
- Learn job and life skills
- Attend college or university
- Complete a rehabilitation program

Financial assistance includes:

- Living expenses
- Child care
- Tuition fees
- Health care

With support from social workers...

Agreements with Young Adults will be offered in conjunction with an overall written plan taking into account your needs and goals as you approach adulthood. A social worker will be involved throughout the term of your agreement. For more information, go to any Ministry of Children and Family Development office in your area.

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

KEN DRYDEN SCHOLARSHIP

Ken Dryden Scholarships are awarded to select young people, currently or formerly in the care of the Canadian child welfare system, who demonstrate great achievement and promise. Each scholarship covers up to \$3,000 or 80% of the cost of tuition and fees, whichever is less, and is renewable annually.

For more information, and to access the application visit: <http://youthincare.ca/work/>

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TUITION WAIVERS FOR FORMER YOUTH IN CARE

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

Definition of Youth in Care

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

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

Eligibility

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

You must be admitted to an eligible undergraduate degree program.

Eligible programs: Vancouver campus

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

Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy*
Bachelor of Science in Agroecology
Bachelor of Science in Applied Biology
Bachelor of Science in Wood Products Processing
Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Conservation
Bachelor of Science in Food, Nutrition and Health
Bachelor of Science in Global Resource Systems
Bachelor of Social Work

*indicates a program with differentiated tuition

Eligible programs: Okanagan campus

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

For more information, and to access the application visit: <http://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/awards/youth-care>

For information on Financial Aid at the University of British Columbia visit: <http://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/financial-advice>

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY YOUTH IN CARE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Amount Awarded: Equivalent of tuition and mandatory fees

If you are currently living as a youth in care or have lived as a youth in care (as defined below) in BC for at least 1 year, you may be eligible to receive an award up to the equivalent of tuition and mandatory fees towards the completion of your first undergraduate degree. If eligible, awards may be renewable for up to a maximum of 10 terms or the completion of your first undergraduate degree, whichever comes first.

****A maximum 5 awards are available each academic year to students entering Simon Fraser University.**

Definition of Youth in Care

- In the continuing custody of the director, under the Child, Family and Community Service Act of a delegated Aboriginal agency
- In the permanent custody of the Superintendent of Family and Child Service (under former Family Child Service Act) or
- Under the guardianship of a director as referred to in the Family Law Act or Were in the temporary custody of the director under the Child, Family and Community service Act or a delegated Aboriginal agency, or under a Youth Agreement at your 19th birthday or
- Were in the temporary care of the director under the Child, Family and Community Service Act, or a delegated Aboriginal agency, for a minimum period of 3 years between the ages of 12 and 19

Eligibility

- To apply for the Youth in Care Tuition Assistance Program, you must:
- be currently living in care, or have lived as a youth in care (as defined above) in BC for at least 1 year
- be a resident of BC
- have been admitted to SFU
- must have started your post-secondary education within 5 years of being in care
- must start classes at SFU within 5 years of initiating your post-secondary education
- must be enrolled full-time (i.e., in 9 or more units for the term)

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

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

Renewal Criteria

To maintain your award, you must:

- be enrolled full-time (i.e., in 9 or more units)
- have a CGPA of 2.00 and be in good academic standing
- meet with an SFU Academic Advisor to review your course selection each term
- meet with SFU Financial Aid and Awards to review your financial plan each term
- maintain continued contact with the University and authority officials satisfactory to facilitate the administration of the program

For more information, and to access the application visit: <http://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid/youth-in-care/assistance-program.html>

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

NICOLA VALLEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TUITION WAIVER

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

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

If students are unsure whether they meet any of the above criteria, they should contact their former social worker, any Ministry of Children and Family Development office, or a delegated Aboriginal Child and Family services agency for help. In addition to the above, current and prospective learners will be eligible if they meet the following criteria:

- submit a complete and signed Application for the Youth In Care Tuition Waiver and an Authorization for Release of Information to the Enrolment Services Office;
- be at least 18 years of age during the academic year of study;
- demonstrate need for financial assistance;

- have an offer of admission to NVIT for the upcoming semester in a program leading to the completion of a certificate, diploma or undergraduate degree, OR be a continuing student maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.00 each semester and registered in a program leading to the completion of a certificate, diploma or undergraduate degree;
- 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, NVIT will verify each student's eligibility with the Ministry of Child and Family Development or a delegated Aboriginal Child and Family services agency;
- Students are required to meet with an NVIT Academic Planner to review educational goals and preparedness. To book an appointment or for more information call NVIT Merritt campus at 250-378-3300, NVIT Vancouver campus at 604-602-9555, or toll-free at 1-877-682-3300.

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

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

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

For more information, and to access the application visit: <http://www.nvit.ca/financialaidtuitionpaymentplansforstudentswithstudentloans.htm>

For information on Financial Aid at the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology visit: <http://www.nvit.ca/financialaiddocumentnew.htm>

HOWARD LEGACY YOUTH FUND

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

Bursary Structure

- Applications will be accepted January 1 to March 31, 2015
- Bursary deadline is March 31, 2015
- Selection Committee will review applications April 1 to June 1, 2015
- Recipients will be notified and awarded by June 15, 2015

Eligibility Requirements

- You are a current or former youth in care of the BC Ministry of Children & Family Development (MCFD) or Delegated Aboriginal Agency
- You were formerly or are currently under a Continuing Custody Order (CCO) or Temporary Custody Order (TCO, Voluntary Care Agreement or Special Care Agreement) or Youth Agreement in B.C. under the Child, Family and Community Services Act
- You have experienced a minimum cumulative total of 1 year in government care
- You are a BC resident
- You are under 25 years of age
- You are currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a trade, vocational, or academic program at an accredited BC institution
- You have met the program entry requirements

Guidelines for Applicants

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

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

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

or contact Yvonne at scholarships@bcadoption.com

LANGARA COLLEGE YOUTH IN CARE BURSARY

Eligibility Criteria:

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

- a continuing Custody Order pursuant to sections 41(1)(d), 42.2(4)(d) or (7) or 49(4),(5), or 10(a) of the Act for a minimum of one year
- a Youth Agreement pursuant to section 12.2 of the Act
- a Transfer of Custody Order pursuant to section 54.01 or 54.1 of the Act
- If you are not aware whether you meet the above criteria, please contact your former social worker, any Ministry of Children and Family Development office, or any delegated Aboriginal Agency.
- Currently is, or has been accepted as, a Regular Studies student.
- Funding will be targeted to students completing their first academic credential, or first bachelor degree program.
- Is enrolled in, or will be enrolling in, a minimum of a 60% courseload (or 40% for students with disabilities)
- Is in Good Standing*
- If a returning student, holds a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher
- Has demonstrated financial need as per the Langara bursary formula**

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

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

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

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

For more information, and to access the application visit: <http://www.langara.bc.ca/student-services/financial-aid/bursaries/youth-in-care.html>

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

PUBLIC GUARDIAN AND TRUSTEE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FUND

History

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

Purpose

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

cause the individual affected to terminate his or her studies prematurely."

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

Bursaries

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

Applications are evaluated on the following criteria:

1. General Eligibility

An applicant must:

- be a former permanent ward of the Ministry of Social Services of British Columbia, its predecessor or successor, or have been in continuing custody of the British Columbia Ministry for Children and Family Development under the Child, Family and Community Services Act or predecessor laws;
- be at least 19 years of age as of the date studies commence;
- be a high school graduate or equivalent currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a post-secondary academic, technical or vocational program;
- submit a completed current year application form;
- provide transcripts from the last year of school attended; and
- have other sources of funding for the educational year " the bursary shall not be the sole means of support.

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

2. Financial Need

An applicant must:

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

3. Post Academic Performance

An applicant must demonstrate:

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

4. Career Goals

An applicant must demonstrate:

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

For more information, and to access the application visit:

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

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT CANADA

POST-SECONDARY STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM (PSSSP)

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

Am I Eligible?

First Nations

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

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

Inuit

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

What Costs are Covered?

Financial assistance may be provided in the following areas:

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

How to Apply

Eligible Status Indian Students

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

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

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

Eligible Inuit Students

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

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

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.

UNIVERSITIES

<p>Capilano University, North Vancouver Tel: 604-986-1911 Website: http://www.capilanou.ca Financial Aid: http://www.capilanou.ca/financial-aid/</p>	<p>Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Granville Island Tel: 604-844-3800 Website: http://www.ecuad.ca/ Financial Aid: http://www.ecuad.ca/student-services/financial</p>
<p>Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey Tel: 604-599-2100 Website: http://www.kwantlen.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.kpu.ca/awards</p>	<p>Royal Roads University, Victoria Tel: 250-391-2511 Website: http://www.royalroads.ca Financial Aid: http://www.royalroads.ca/prospective-students/prospective-students/financial-aid</p>
<p>Simon Fraser University, Burnaby Tel: 604-291-3111 Website: http://www.sfu.ca Financial Aid: https://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid.html</p>	<p>Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops Tel: 250-828-5000 Website: http://www.tru.ca/ Financial Aid: http://www.tru.ca/awards.html</p>
<p>University of British Columbia, Vancouver Tel: 604-822-2211 Website: http://www.ubc.ca Financial Aid: http://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/financial-advice</p>	<p>University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford Tel: 604-504-7441 Website: http://www.ufv.ca Financial Aid: http://www.ufv.ca/fineaid/</p>
<p>University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George Tel: 250-960-6300 Website: http://www.unbc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.unbc.ca/financial-aid</p>	<p>University of Victoria, Victoria Tel: 250-721-7211 Website: http://www.uvic.ca Financial Aid: http://www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa/</p>
<p>Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo Tel: 250-753-3245 Website: http://www.viu.ca Financial Aid: http://www2.viu.ca/financialaid/</p>	

COLLEGES

<p>Camosun College, Victoria Tel: 250-370-3000 Website: http://www.camosun.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://camosun.ca/services/financialaid/</p>	<p>College of New Caledonia, Prince George Tel: 250-562-2131 Website: http://www.cnc.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.cnc.bc.ca/exploring/services/student_services/financial_aid.htm</p>
<p>College of the Rockies, Cranbrook Tel: 250-489-2751 Website: http://www.cotr.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.cotr.bc.ca/financialaid/</p>	<p>Douglas College, New Westminster Tel: 604-527-5400 Website: http://www.douglas.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.douglascollege.ca/student-services/financial/financial-aid</p>
<p>Langara College, Vancouver Tel: 604-323-5511 Website: http://www.langara.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.langara.bc.ca/student-services/financial-aid/</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Northwest Community College, Terrace Tel: 250-635-6511 Website: http://www.nwcc.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.nwcc.bc.ca/financial-aid</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Vancouver Community College, Vancouver Tel: 604-871-7000 Website: http://www.vcc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.vcc.ca/applying/registration-services/financial-aid/</p>	

INSTITUTES

<p>British Columbia Institute of Technology, Burnaby Tel: 604-434-5734 Website: http://www.bcit.ca Financial Aid Information: http://www.bcit.ca/finaid/</p>	<p>Justice Institute of British Columbia, New Westminster Tel: 604-525-5422 Website: http://www.iibc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.iibc.ca/student-services/financial-aid-awards</p>
<p>Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, Merritt Tel: 250-378-3300 Website: http://www.nvit.bc.ca Financial Aid: http://www.nvit.ca/financialaiddocumentnew.htm</p>	

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