

The Provincial Tuition Waiver Program **waives tuition and eligible fees for BC students who are current or former youth in care studying full-time or part-time** at the undergraduate level at a BC public post-secondary institution, the Native Education College, or one of the approved union-based trades training providers.

**If you meet the eligibility requirements, your tuition AND eligible fees charged by your institution (ex: application fee, registration fee, etc) could be waived so you do not have to pay them.**

**To be eligible, students must be:**

- ✓ Studying full time or part-time at the undergraduate level at a BC public post-secondary institution, the Native Education College, or an approved union-based training provider
- ✓ Adopted through the BC Ministry of Children & Family Development (MCFD) or Indigenous Child and Family Service Agency (ICFSA)
- OR
- ✓ Formerly in the BC Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction Child in Home of Relative Program
- OR
- ✓ Formerly in any BC MCFD or ICFSA Legal Status (either while living in BC or while placed by MCFD or an ICFSA on an Interprovincial Placement Agreement (IPPA) at the time you turned 19 or for at least 24 months (consecutive or accumulated in any combination). \*includes students who are on a Youth Agreement

**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 &/or fees, are not eligible.

**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)

## How do I apply for the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program?

1. Download the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program and Learning for Future Grant Application form. Complete Sections 1 and 3. ( <https://studentaidbc.ca/explore/grants-scholarships/provincial-tuition-waiver-program> )
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, your institution will not collect any tuition fees or registration deposits from you. If you have already paid your fees, your tuition fees will be reimbursed by the institution.
5. If you have also applied for the Learning for Future Grant, and are eligible, you will receive a \$3,500 grant for the program year (Aug 1 – July 31)