

2011-2012 Youth Educational Assistance Fund for Former Youth in Care

AM I ELIGIBLE?

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

➤ You must be a former B.C. youth in care who was:

- (i) In the continuing custody of a director designated under Section 91 of the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* pursuant to that act;
- (ii) In the permanent custody of the superintendent of family and child service designated under the former *Family and Child Service Act* pursuant to that act; or,
- (iii) Under the guardianship of a director referred to in paragraph (i) or the superintendent referred to in paragraph (ii) pursuant to Section 29(3) of the *Family Relations Act* until you turned 19 years of age, or you were adopted, or your custody was transferred to someone other than a parent.

OR you must be a former B.C. youth in care who was under the guardianship of:

- (i) a director of adoption pursuant to the *Adoption Act*;
- (ii) the director of adoption under the former *Adoption Act*; or,
- (ii) the Superintendent of Family and Child Service designated under the former *Family and Child Service Act* pursuant to the former *Adoption Act* until you turned 19 years of age or for at least five years immediately prior to your adoption.

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

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

- A full-time student or a student with a permanent disability studying at a reduced course load.
- Registered to take post-secondary level courses from a designated post-secondary institution in a program leading to a certificate, diploma or degree that is at least 12 weeks long.
- Between 19 and 23 years old.

WHAT DOES THE GRANT COVER?

Grants help with expenses related to your education, and can be provided for up to four years. For the 2011-12 program year (Aug. 1, 2011 – July 31, 2012), the grant is \$5,500.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- A complete list of designated schools is available at www.StudentAidBC.ca.
- Grant cheques will be issued after you are confirmed as enrolled in eligible studies. This means your cheque may arrive after your studies have started.
- If you are unable to find your former social worker and are unable to obtain a confirmation of eligibility letter from your local Ministry of Children and Family Development office, please contact StudentAid BC for help.
- If you have a permanent disability, need to study at a reduced course load, and have not already been approved to do so through the full-time StudentAid BC program, please contact StudentAid BC for documentation requirements.

NEED HELP WITH YOUR APPLICATION?

If you are attending a B.C. public post-secondary institution, please see the financial aid office at your school for help completing your application package. If you are attending a private or out-of-province institution, please contact the StudentAid BC office of the Ministry of Advanced Education for help. See page 3 of this application package for StudentAid BC contact information.



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SECTION 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION

ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED IN INK.

(01) STUDENT'S SURNAME

(02) STUDENT'S FIRST GIVEN NAME

(03) STUDENT'S MIDDLE GIVEN NAME

(04) SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER

(05) PERSONAL EDUCATION NUMBER (OPTIONAL)

(06) MAILING ADDRESS

(07) CITY OR TOWN

(08) PROV/STATE

(09) POSTAL/ZIP CODE

(10) TELEPHONE

(11) E-MAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL)

(12) DATE OF BIRTH

Year	Month	Day
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

(13) SEX

Male Female

(14) DO YOU HAVE A PERMANENT DISABILITY?

(Documentation required if taking a 40% course load)

YES NO

MINISTRY DATE STAMP

SECTION 2 – APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Application form - Please complete and submit pages 2 and 3 of this application package.

Confirmation of enrolment, **OR**

If applicable, please indicate your current full-time StudentAid BC application number:

If you are not applying for assistance through the full-time StudentAid BC program, you must have your school complete a confirmation of enrolment form. This form is available at www.StudentAidBC.ca and click on Find a Form from the left-hand navigation bar, or from the financial aid office at your school.

Please note: You must be attending a post-secondary institution that has been designated for full-time StudentAid BC purposes to be eligible for this funding. A complete list of designated schools is available at www.StudentAidBC.ca. Please click on Search for Designated Schools in the left-hand navigation bar.

Confirmation of eligibility

Are you a first-time applicant?..... Yes No

If Yes, you must submit an original signed letter from any Ministry of Children and Family Development office/or delegated Aboriginal agency stating you are a former B.C. youth in care who meets one of the legal eligibility criteria.

If No, and you have previously been approved for a grant under the Youth Educational Assistance Fund, you do not need to submit a letter confirming eligibility as we already have one on file.

SECTION 3 – DECLARATION (READ AND SIGN IN INK)

I understand that:

- 1) Answers that are not true or that are misleading may be considered fraud. Fraud is against the law in Canada.
- 2) It is my responsibility to make sure the information on this application is true and correct.
- 3) All information is subject to audit and verification.
- 4) If I do not provide complete, accurate information, I may not receive assistance under the Youth Educational Assistance Fund.
- 5) If I receive money, and it is then discovered that my application, or documents included with it, are not accurate, I may be required immediately to repay all or part of the funds I received. I may be required to do this regardless of whether the school, StudentAid BC or I made the mistake. I may also be required to repay any overpayment due to a change in my status.
- 6) If I receive funding under this program a T4A will be issued by StudentAid BC, I must refer to Canada Revenue Agency to confirm whether the funds are taxable.


I understand that my signature below means that:

- 1) I have answered all questions on the application that pertain to me.
- 2) I certify that all the information is complete and accurate.
- 3) I am a registered student and will be attending a designated post-secondary school eligible for Canada Student Loan assistance.
- 4) I will notify StudentAid BC in writing of any changes in my address or academic status.
- 5) I consent to the Ministry of Advanced Education (or a person delegated by the ministry) exchanging information about me with my school, the Ministry of Children and Family Development and the Victoria Foundation.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

The Youth Educational Assistance Fund for Former Youth in Care grant does not have to be repaid unless you withdraw from studies (or drop below a 60 per cent course load, 40 per cent for people with disabilities) during your study period.

If you withdraw and the grant cheque has not been cashed, please return the cheque to the Victoria Foundation at 109-645 Fort St., Victoria, B.C. V8W 1G2. If you have cashed the grant cheque, the overaward is due and payable at the date of withdrawal and will be deducted from future entitlements from the fund. To make arrangements to pay a grant overaward, please contact StudentAid BC (see contact information below).

 <p>SIGNATURE OF STUDENT (IN INK)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SIGN HERE</p>	<p>PRINT NAME</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRINT HERE</p>	<p>DATE SIGNED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YEAR MONTH DAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> </p>
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Authority to collect: The information included in this form and authorized herein is collected for the purpose of determining eligibility for a benefit under the Youth Educational Assistance Fund for Former Youth in Care. Any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of this information should be directed to the Executive Director, StudentAid BC, Ministry of Advanced Education, PO Box 9173, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, B.C. V8W 9H7. Telephone 250 387-6100, 604 660-2610 (in the B.C. Lower Mainland), or 1 800 561-1818 (toll-free in Canada/U.S.).

1. Mail your completed application package to:

StudentAid BC
 Ministry of Advanced Education
 PO Box 9173 Stn Prov Govt
 Victoria, B.C. V8W 9H7

Faxed copies are not acceptable.

2. Allow six weeks for processing.

3. Questions?

Please contact StudentAid BC:
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