

Educational Assistance Fund

2025–2026 bursary application

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Overview

Each year, education bursaries are available through the Public Guardian and Trustee Educational Assistance Fund. The bursaries are intended to help individuals who were formerly in the permanent care of the provincial government reach their educational goals.

To be eligible for the bursary, you need to be:

- A former permanent ward of the Ministry of Social Services or
- Formerly in the continuing custody of the [Ministry of Children and Family Development \(MCFD\)](#) or a [Delegated Aboriginal Agency \(DAA\)/ Indigenous Child and Family Service Agency \(ICFSA\)](#)

You must have been a permanent ward or in continuing custody until age 19.

You also need to be:

- At least 19 years old
- A high school graduate or equivalent
- Enrolled or planning to enroll in a post-secondary academic, technical or vocational program

The bursary is not to be your only source of funding. It is intended to cover shortfalls in your funds.

Successful applicants are awarded annual bursaries ranging in value up to a maximum of approximately \$4,500.00.

Annual application deadline: April 15, 2025

To apply, send a completed application by mail or email to:

Personal Trust Administrator
Estate and Personal Trust Services
Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia
700 – 808 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V6C 3L3

Email: estates@trustee.bc.ca

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Personal Trust Administrator at 604-240-3673 or the above email address.

Important

Including thorough and detailed information in your application may increase your chances of being awarded a bursary or may increase the amount you receive. Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. If a question does not apply to you, please indicate “not applicable.”

Incomplete applications may not be considered.

Information you provide is for the purpose of evaluating an application for a bursary. Information is collected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA) and other applicable legislation. If you have any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of information, contact the PGT’s Information and Privacy Officer at 604-660-4444 or mail@trustee.bc.ca

Personal information

Eligibility

Note: This bursary is only available to individuals who were permanent wards of the Ministry of Social Services or in the continuing custody of MCFD or a DAA/ICFSA at the time they turned 19. Individuals with other legal statuses (e.g. Youth Agreement, Temporary Custody Order, Special Needs Agreement, and Voluntary Care Agreement) are not eligible.

Enter the period you were a permanent ward of the Ministry of Social Services or in the continuing custody of MCFD or a DAA/ICFSA (mm/dd/yyyy)

Start date End date

About you

Note: If you change your address any time prior to receiving the bursary, please let us know.

Last name First name Middle name

Birth name (if different) Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Phone

Email address Home address (City, Province, Postal code)

Mailing address (if different than above)

Do you wish to self-identify as Indigenous? Yes No Unknown

Do you have a financial need? Yes No

Current or intended program of study Name of institution, college or university Years/semesters/hours required for completion

Income and expenses

Income

Do you (or will you) have a student loan? Yes No

Are you working? Yes No

Have you been awarded any other bursaries or scholarships? Yes No

Do you have any other sources of income? Yes No

If so, please tell us about your other sources of income

Have you applied for a bursary under the Youth Futures Education Fund? Yes No

For more information, please visit www.youthfutures.ca

Expenses

Enter your period of study during the academic year of September 2024 to August 2025 (Month/Year)

Start date End date

Will you be working during this time period? Yes No

Enter your spending budget for the year by subtracting your anticipated yearly total expenses from your anticipated yearly total income (Income – expenses = difference)

Total income	Total expenses	Difference (your budget)
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Examples of income include salary, bursaries and grants, Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), disability or income assistance, etc. Expenses should include things such as tuition, rent, internet, utilities, food, vehicle and insurance, cell phone, medical expenses, childcare, pet expenses, etc.

Is there any more information you wish to provide to support your application for the bursary? (optional)

Proof of enrolment, transcripts and references

Either proof of enrolment or a transcript of marks is required. If you are going to be in the 1st year of your studies, please provide proof of enrolment. If you are a returning student (2nd year onwards), please provide your most recent transcript.

Have you attached your proof of enrolment or the most recent transcript of your marks?

Yes

Will follow (prior to May 15, 2025)

Letters of reference from people who can speak to your commitment to your education and career goals, and/or you need for the bursary are **highly recommended**. References can be attached directly to your application.

Applicant's declaration

Your signature is required. Incomplete applications may not be viewed.

I understand that:

1. It is my responsibility to make sure the information on this application is true and correct
2. Answers that are not true or are misleading may be considered fraud. Fraud is against the law in Canada
3. All information is subject to audit and verification
4. If I receive money, and it is then discovered that information included as part of my application was not true and accurate, I may be required to repay all or part of the funds I received

I will notify the Public Guardian and Trustee if I do not complete my proposed course of study or training during the period stated.

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Signature

Contact the Public Guardian and Trustee

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PGT hours of operation

Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm