

Other Useful Resources

BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres

The **First Citizens Fund** student bursary program is funded by the Province of British Columbia and delivered by the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres. This program provides financial assistance to Aboriginal students enrolled in post-secondary education. The level of assistance will be determined by need and will reflect the amount of assistance received from other sources. The maximum level of assistance is \$700/year students funded by their Nation and \$2,000/year for non-funded students.

For more information visit: www.bcaafc.com

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF)

NAAF is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to raising funds to assist Aboriginal people achieve brighter futures. The bursary and scholarship program provides awards to students in these main areas; the fine arts, health careers and other post-secondary fields of study. The purpose of this program is to meet the increasing needs of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students for financial support and to assist them in the pursuit of excellence in every discipline. The annual deadline for applications are; May 1- Fine Arts, June 1- Health Careers and Post-Secondary.

For more information visit: www.naaf.ca

Student Awards*

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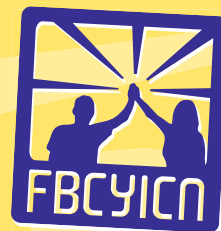
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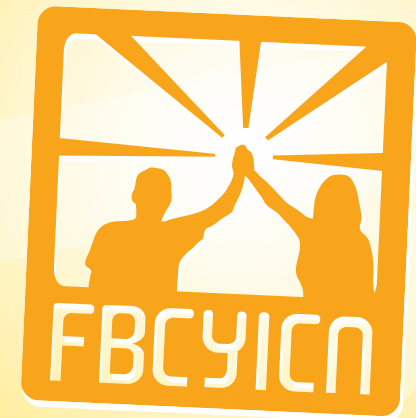
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Dream Fund Bursary

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Internal Scholarships

Dream Fund

The **Dream Fund** is an education fund that was established in 1999 by young people involved with the Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks (FBCYICN) in response to funding cuts that greatly impacted the ability of young people in and from care to pursue their educational and vocational goals.

In an attempt to meet some of this need and to alleviate some of the financial burden associated with post-secondary education, upgrading and training, the FBCYICN created the Dream Fund, two distinct bursaries that assist with costs associated with educational, career and personal development. Eligible applicants are those young people in and from both permanent and temporary care who have been significantly impacted by their involvement with the child welfare system.

Education Achievement Bursary

Education Achievement Bursary was established by a donation from the Pacific Children's Shelter Society for young people in and from care who wish to pursue their education at the post-secondary level. This bursary assists young people who have been or are currently on continuing or temporary care orders or youth agreements. It provides funding for tuition, books and supplies if they are enrolled in a designated post-secondary institution. This bursary is worth up to \$2,500 per academic year (two semesters).

Reach for Success Bursary

Reach for Success bursary offers financial assistance to those who want to pursue educational, personal or career development goals. This bursary assists young people in and from care with the financial costs associated with workshops, tutoring, attendance at conferences, or participation in other skill building activities that require a registration or tuition fee. Applicants can apply for up to \$500 once per year.

For more information and to apply visit
www.fbcyicn.ca/dreamfund

External Scholarships and Funding

Agreements with Young Adults

Agreements with Young Adults (AYA) program for young adults who until their 19th birthday were in permanent care or on a Youth Agreement and who want to finish their education, get job training or take part in a rehabilitation program.

For more information visit:
www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/youth/aya.htm

Youth Educational Assistance Fund

The **Youth Educational Assistance Fund (YEAF)** provides grants to eligible young people who are 19 years of age up to 24 years of age and who were in MCFD permanent care or an Aboriginal Agency's permanent care until 19 years of age or whose guardianship was transferred per CFCSA Section 54.1. Former permanent youth in care who were adopted may also be eligible for YEAF. The YEAF grant is \$5,500 per academic year.

For more information visit:
www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/other_services/yeaf/index.htm

Public Guardian and Trustee

The **Public Guardian and Trustee Educational Assistance Fund** provides bursaries for former permanent youth in care planning to study at a post-secondary level in an academic, technical or vocational program. This bursary is for youth aged 19 and older and has no upper age limit. The goal is to help as many former permanent youth in care as possible. Successful applicants are award annual bursaries ranging in value up to a maximum of \$3,300.

For more information visit
www.trustee.bc.ca/services/estate/edu_assistance.html

Youth In Care Canada

(also known as National Youth In Care Network)

The **Ken Dryden Scholarships** are awarded to young people currently or formerly in the care of Canadian child welfare systems, who demonstrate great achievement and promise. Each scholarship covers up to \$3,000 or 80% of the cost of tuition and fees based on reasonable progress toward the completion of an undergraduate degree or diploma.

For more information visit:
www.youthincare.ca/work/scholarship.html

British Columbia Federation of Foster Parents Associations

The BCFPPA administers the William Curtis and Merv Davis bursaries for former youth in care who are 19-30 and who were in MCFD permanent care. Bursaries range up to \$500.

For more information visit: www.bcfosterparents.ca

Federation of Community Social Services of BC

FCSS bursaries assist young people in and from care who wish to pursue a career in social, health or education services with the financial costs of tuition, books, and supplies for post-secondary academic, technical or vocational training or academic upgrading. This post-secondary bursary is available to a maximum of \$1,000 per academic year (two semesters).

For more information visit:
www.fcfs.bc.ca/youth-in-care-scholarship.php