

STUDENTS IN AND FROM CARE – FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Goal

In response to your request for financial support, we've compiled a list of resources to help you.

- This list focuses on financial supports specifically for students **currently in care or with experience in care**.
- Resources include programs offered by government, as well as organizations in both the **non-profit** and **private sectors**.
- You are encouraged to contact the designated person or follow the listed method for each resource to get more information.
- **Check these sites regularly for updates throughout 2025–2026**, as details may change.

Guide to Scholarships, Awards and Applications

A personal look at best practices for finding and applying for awards.

<https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/News/9/1420/A-guide-to-scholarships,-awards-and-applications>

Scholarship Application Tips

<https://universitystudy.ca/scholarship-application-tips-2/>

1. Apply, apply, apply! Many students underestimate their chances, and some scholarships remain unawarded each year because there are few or no applicants.
2. Be informed.
3. Respect deadlines.
4. Review your documents.
5. Think of it as a job.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Catholic Children's Aid Foundation (CCAF)

<https://www.ccafdn.ca/program/scholarships/>

FAQ

<https://www.ccafdn.ca/for-youth/scholarship-faq/>

Name	Application Window	Amount	Eligibility
CCAF Scholarship	June 30 annually	Maximum of 5 years	Under 25 are given priority
Graduation Grant	After graduation	\$1000	
University of Toronto		Full scholarship potential	

For application, go to “How do I apply for a scholarship?”

I will be graduating. Do you offer any graduation grants?

Apply for Scholarships – Useful Links

https://www.ccafdn.ca/for-youth_trashed/apply-for-scholarships/

Children's Aid Foundation of Canada (CAFC)

<https://cafdn.org/for-youth/educational-support/>

Financial Support for Your Education Journey

Go to ... Main Page, For Youth, Educational Support

Name	Application Window	Amount	Eligibility
Foundation Scholarship	Jan - Feb	\$5000 each academic year	Under 30 / Over 30
Bursary Awards	On-going	\$2000 (full-time), \$200 per course (Part-time)	Under 30 / Over 30
Graduation Award	Jan		Graduate under 30

Contact for Foundation Scholarship, Bursary, and Graduation Award

Post-Secondary Education Team at grants@cafdn.org

Name	Application Window	Amount	Eligibility
Youth Opportunity Fund	Check website	Individual grants for youth	No age indicated

<https://cafdn.org/for-youth/educational-support/career-and-academic-funding/>

The Youth Opportunity Fund provides individual grants to youth who were in permanent care in Canada or who are (or were) eligible for their provincial or territorial extended care program. Grants can be used for courses, programs, and other activities that will assist them in securing employment and achieving success in their careers.

Contact for Career and Academic Funding

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Main Page, For Youth, Youth Digital Resource

Free Digital Resource for Canada's Youth In and From Care

<https://cafdn.org/for-youth/youth-digital-resource/>

Fostering Community (Across Canada)

<https://www.fosteringcommunity.ca/>

This free online platform features resources and interesting opportunities such as scholarships, employment programs, budgeting tips and much more. You can also access #ByteLearning - learning bytes are free, short courses that are designed to be easy to digest and there are a variety of topics: from how to find housing to how to practice self-care.

Information Links to Explore: Bursary, Education, Finance, Scholarships (Please note that there is some repetition.)

Tags: BOLT, Bursary, Scholarships, Student Aid

Go to ... Main Page, Your Impact, Programs and Fund

<https://cafdn.org/your-impact/programs-and-funds/>

Check out these programs ...

Post – Secondary Education Program

<https://cafdn.org/for-youth/educational-support/>

- Post-Secondary Education Program, scroll down to “Learn more about the 2023-2024 Scholarships” PDF for a long list of resources from around the world.

They offer various scholarships and bursaries to help cover the costs of tuition, books, and other educational expenses. Whether you're pursuing post-secondary education or vocational training, they have options to support your academic journey.

TELUS Program Is Open to Post-Secondary Students

<https://cafdn.org/for-youth/telus-mobility-for-good-program>

TELUS is working with Children's Aid Foundation of Canada to support young people in their transition out of care by providing free cell phone packages over a two-year period.

Children's Aid Society of Toronto

<https://www.torontocas.ca/children-youth-supports/former-youth-in-care/>

Former Youth in Care

Scroll down for important links.

Child Welfare Political Action Committee Canada (Child Welfare PAC)

<https://www.childwelfarepac.com/>

Child Welfare PAC has partnered with colleges, universities, and non-profits to create and highlight 640+ tuition assistance opportunities at 50 schools in 8 provinces. They are aiming to help create post-secondary opportunities for former youth in care from coast to coast.

Go to Programs, Pathways to Education: Study with Tuition Assistance, Ontario, View Eligibility

Clark Bursary Award Program (Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies)

<https://www.oacas.org/programs-and-resources/youth-programs-resources/clark-bursary-award-program/>

Young people 16-30 years old, who are pursuing post-secondary education, employment, or skills development programs (College or University degree, diploma or certificates, trade and apprenticeships, or professional certifications) and require financial assistance are eligible for the Clark Bursary Program.

Name	Application Window	Amount	Eligibility
Clark Bursary Award	July 15 – August 31	\$2000	Under 30

Collective of Child Welfare Survivors

List of Scholarships / Bursaries – Application Assistance

<https://collectiveofcws.ca/scholarships-bursaries/>

- They offer support with the scholarship/bursary application process through their Individual Advocacy Program
- Awards for Black and Indigenous students
- For more information, please email info@collectiveofcws.ca or call (647)-675-9789

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/support-youth-child-welfare-system>

Ready, Set, Go Program – 18 to 22 – Launched in April 2023

Scroll down or go to, <https://www.torontocas.ca/children-youth-supports/ready-set-go-program/>

Financial support per month

- Age 18 - \$1,800
- Age 19 - \$1,500
- Age 20 - \$1,000
- Age 21 - \$1,000 per month.
- Age 22 - \$500 per month.
- You can also work up to 40 hours per week at Ontario's minimum wage without affecting their financial supports
- Those pursuing a post-secondary program or training in skilled trades and apprenticeships, will receive an additional \$500 per month starting at age 20

*** Contact your Worker regarding this program.

Postsecondary and Employment Training

RESP

Children's aid societies are required to set up a [registered education savings plan](#) for eligible children and youth in care, in customary care or for youth in a voluntary youth services agreement. You can use this money to pay for expenses related to an eligible

postsecondary education or vocational training programs.

Contact the Canada Education savings Program, https://contact-esdc-edsc.service.canada.ca/en/contact/index.html?id=esdc_cesp

Ontario Education Championship Teams

<https://oect.ca/>

Getting Money for School

- Disability Awards (largest database)
- Government of Canada Education Planning and Student Aid
 - Student Aid
 - Student loans and grants: apply, manage, and repay
 - Apply for student grants and loans
 - Canada Student Grants and Loans - What student grants and loans offer
 - List of federal student grants

Go back to this page and scroll down ...

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/student-aid.html>

- Other student aid
 - Explore these links: Apprentice loans and grants, Scholarships, Indigenous learning, Aid for reservists, Aid of protected persons, and Aid for athletes

Go back to ... <https://oect.ca/getting-money-for-school/>

Explore these links ...

- Major Canadian Scholarships to Fund Your Post-Secondary Education (See list)
- Paying for School: How to Find Student Grants and Loans in Canada
- Scholarships Canada (Search Engine)
- The Complete List of Entrance Scholarship at Canadian Colleges and Universities

Ontario Postsecondary Application Fee Reimbursement Program

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-postsecondary-application-fee-reimbursement-program>

If you are, or were, an Ontario child in extended society care (formerly an Ontario Crown ward) who wants to go to college or university, you can be **reimbursed for the cost of applying** to college or university programs.

OSAP for Under-represented Learners

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-for-under-represented-learners>

Individuals in or formerly in society care (previously known as Crown wards) Living and Learning Grant (LLG):

- Individuals 23 to 26 years old who left the care of an Ontario Children's Aid Society and received Ready Set Go program financial support may be eligible for a Living and Learning Grant.
- This grant provides financial aid for a maximum of four years to youth who are engaged in post-secondary education and training between the ages of 18-24 who left care in Ontario or were a Crown ward adopted on or after August 1st, 2013.
- Youth can receive up to \$2,000 per semester during the school year to help with their living costs.
- Students are automatically considered for the LLG when they submit a full-time OSAP application.
- Investigate students with disabilities grants and loans. Complete form and ask your doctor to complete it for you.

Contact Humber's Financial Aid Office:

In-person services with Financial Aid are currently being offered by appointment only from Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students are required to call Financial Aid at 416.675.3111 to request an appointment.

If you have any questions, you can also call us or email finaid@humber.ca. As a reminder, you must include your Humber student number (e.g. N00123456) on all correspondence.

Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

North Campus – LRC, Level 1 Office of the Registrar

- P: 416.675.3111
- F: 416.675.1002

Lakeshore Campus - WEL106 Office of the Registrar

- P: 416.675.3111
- F: 416.252.3198

PARC – Pape Adolescence Resource Centre (Children's Aid Society of Toronto)

<https://www.torontocas.ca/parc/>

The Pape Adolescent Resource Centre (PARC) provides programming, supports and access to resources to assist youth ages 16-29 years of age transitioning to

independent living.

Storwell Self Storage Foster Children Bursary Fund

<https://www.storwell.com/bursary-application>

Name	Application Window	Amount	Eligibility
Storewell	Deadline is December 31	Not disclosed	24 yrs. or less Canadian citizen Enrolled in full-time studies

Ted Rogers Scholarships

<https://about.rogers.com/our-impact/ted-rogers-scholarships/>

Ted Rogers Scholarship Fund, for Canadian youth with government care experience starting their first post-secondary program.

Youth in Care Canada: Resource Portal

<https://youthincare.ca/resources/>

Post-Secondary Resources, Click Ontario, Post-secondary Supports, Ontario

- Ontario Associations of Residences Treating Youth, Education
 - Ontario Access Grants for Crown Wards (Not functional)
- OSAP Living and Learning Grant
- OSAP 100% Tuition Aid for Youth Learning Care