



TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM INFORMATION

Bursary program for current and former youth-in-care

- Ten colleges and universities in Manitoba offer a limited amount of Tuition Waivers for current and former youth-in-care
- Bursary may cover the tuition of a **certificate, diploma or undergraduate program***
- Tuition Waiver students are also eligible for *Living Supports* through Workforce Training & Employment (WTE) to sponsor books, supplies and a biweekly living allowance

Participating Institutions



ELIGIBILITY:

*Student fees and program deposits may not be covered

- ✓ Must be a current or former youth-in-care in Manitoba (**no age requirement**)
- ✓ Meet the program admission requirements and have applied directly to the participating college or university
- ✓ Be applying for full-time studies (at least 18 credit hours term year or 60% course load)
- ✓ Individuals with a verified permanent disability may be eligible to have part-time studies covered
- ✓ UM, UW, USB, CMU and Booth UC applicants - must demonstrate financial need

RENEWAL:

- ✓ Maintain a 2.0 GPA (Grade level C)
- ✓ Maintain full-time student status (at least 18 credit hours/term or 60% course load)
- ✓ UM, UW, USB, and CMU students – continue to demonstrate financial need
- ✓ Reconnect with Futures Forward, post-secondary institution, and Career Development Consultant (CDC)

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Applicants who were a **previous youth-in-care** may need to submit a letter from their CFS agency to verify eligibility
- Please note that in order to receive a Tuition Waiver, applicants **MUST** apply to the chosen institution, receive a letter/email of acceptance and where applicable, pay the necessary program deposit fee of up to \$400.
- A 500-Word essay is also needed to compete the Tuition Waiver application, more details on the application

HOW TO APPLY:

- 1. Research various post-secondary program options**
 - Review program websites, attend information sessions, open houses, and/or tours
 - Review admission requirements, prerequisites, and deadlines
 - Meet with Futures Forward & post-secondary recruitment staff
- 2. Apply directly to the school of your choice**
 - Submit application fee and necessary transcripts/documentation
 - Pay program deposit, if applicable
- 3. Apply for a Tuition Waiver before the **March 31st, 2024 deadline** (for the 2024-2025 school year)**
 - Application forms and information about other funding options such as band sponsorship, Manitoba Student Aid, and other bursaries and scholarships, are available online at: <https://futuresforward.ca/education/paying-for-post-secondary-school/>
 - Download the [application form to your computer before filling it out.](#)

For more information and to access transitional supports to post-secondary, contact:

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University of Winnipeg

Tuition Waiver Application

Ten post-secondary institutions in Manitoba have established a fund to support **current and former youth in Child and Family Services (CFS) care** to attend post-secondary education. Each institution have their own admission and renewal requirements that you must meet in order to maintain eligibility for this bursary program. As well, Futures Forward helps administer the Tuition Waiver program but each post-secondary institution is in charge of their own admissions and acceptance process. Tuition Waiver students may also be eligible for living supports through Workforce Training & Employment (WTE) to cover the cost of books, supplies and a bi-weekly living allowance. **You must apply for admission to one of the participating institutions in order to qualify for a Tuition Waiver and its associated funding.**

We recommend you apply for admission to the post-secondary institution by March 1

Deadline for 2024/2025 Tuition Waiver Applications: **March 31, 2024**

Personal Information

How did you hear about the Tuition Waiver Program?		
Do you have a Social Insurance Number?	Yes No	Date:
Last Name:	First Name:	Chosen Name:
Address:	Phone Number:	
City:	Alternative Number:	
Postal Code:	Email:	
Date of Birth:	Alternative form of contact (FB, IG, etc.):	
Do you have any Dependents?	Yes No	Gender Identity:
Number of Dependents:	Gender Pronouns:	
Are you a member of a Visible Minority? Yes No	Visible Minority: This category includes persons who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour and who do not report being Indigenous	I am a current youth-in-care I am on an Agreement with Young Adults (AYA) I am a former youth-in-care
Indigenous Status:	None Unknown	Residency Status:
First Nations Status	Metis Non-Status	<small>If Permanent Resident or Refugee ONLY</small> Landing Year:
CFS Authority you were involved with?	Unknown	Metis Child and Family Services
First Nations of Northern Manitoba	Southern First Nations Network of Care	General Child and Family Services

Current Education

Highest Level of Education:	Year Completed:
School:	
Do you have any disabilities that may impact your education?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer

Program Information

What is your intended program or area of study?	
Anticipated Start Date:	Student Number (if applicable):

Futures Forward Services

Please check off any of the other Futures Forward services you're interested in obtaining (Optional)			
Educational Planning and help	Indigenous Cultural Programming	Income Tax Assistance	
Resume, Cover Letters, Job Search Assistance	Service Navigation (situations, Government Processes, Acquiring, ID, SIN, etc.)	Housing Support	
Training (CPR/First Aid, Food Handlers, etc.)	Mental Health Counselling	Skills or Support Groups	
Financial Counselling	Financial Information/Navigation		
Source of Income:	Self-Employed	Provincial Assistance (EIA)	Employment Insurance (EI)
Other:		Employed	None

Career Goals Essay

<p>Write and attach on a separate document, a 500-word essay including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tell us about yourself and your life experience What are your educational goals and how did you arrive at them? Is there anything that might keep you from being successful? What supports do you have in your studies? What are your plans for after you graduate? <p>Reminder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please keep all essays under 500 words - It can be a word document, PDF or hand-written essay - A photo can be taken of the hand-written essay and attached with the application

Deadline for 2024/2025 School Year Applications: March 31, 2024

Please note that late and/or incomplete applications may not be considered

Futures Forward and the Tuition Waiver Program **Privacy, Consent and Release of Information**

Futures Forward is a collaborative program across three separate organizations (Youth Employment Services Manitoba, Canadian Mental Health Association, and Community Financial Services). In order to receive and access services, all participants must read and consent to the following use of their information.

Privacy

Purpose:

1. Information is collected in order to:
 - Determine eligibility for Futures Forward services
 - Monitor and record services received
 - Administer and advertise Futures Forward services
 - Help direct you to relevant Futures Forward services
 - For research, planning, reporting, monitoring, evaluation, and accountability purposes.
2. Who the information is shared with:
 - Information is shared between the three partner agencies in order to help provide wrap around services to clients. Information is stored on a secure server and only accessed in order to provide services, contact participants, make referrals, and report to funders.
 - Any demographic information is kept for reporting purposes, and will not include specific client identities when being used.
3. Who I contact with concerns:
 - For concerns about the collection, use, or disclosure of your personal information you can contact Futures Forward at futuresforward@yesmb.ca

Consent

As part of our funding agreement, we require the following privacy and consent forms to be signed. Please note Futures Forward is compliant with all FIPPA and PIPEDA laws.

I agree to provide the following personal information to Futures Forward. I understand the information collected is necessary to receive services from Futures Forward.

- Full name, address, and contact information
- Birth date
- Gender identity
- Demographics information
- In care status and contact information to relevant agencies and social workers
- Detailed information pertaining to specific services (i.e. additional intake information regarding supports, employment, etc.)

I acknowledge I have given this information freely in order to receive Futures Forward services.

I understand that case notes related to services received will be recorded by the Futures Forward staff and kept in a secure location. Information will only be accessed in relation to the services I receive.

I understand and consent for my information to be shared with relevant parties pertaining to the services I am receiving.

I understand that Futures Forward keeps client files each year to track intake information, however I may withdraw my consent at any time in writing to Futures Forward. I also understand that if I withdraw my consent at any time, I may no longer be eligible for Futures Forward services and the Tuition Waiver Program

Consent and Release of Information

In order to support Tuition Waiver students, Futures Forwards must verify information and care status with appropriate Child and Family Services (CFS) authorities. Information regarding application status will be made available to the appropriate social worker, and it is the responsibility of the student to update the Futures Forward team on any changes in care status or social worker contact information.

Furthermore, in order to set up living supports through the Tuition Waiver program, relevant information such as contact information, social worker contact information, and application status will be shared with Workforce Development and Training (WTE).

I hereby authorize the exchange of information between the Province of Manitoba, Child and Family Services, Futures Forward, and recognized post-secondary institutions, in Manitoba, as it relates to the Tuition Waivers, including but not limited to:

- Verification of school acceptance;
- End-of-term reports including credit hours and grades as it relates to my studies;
- General comments about my progress, attendance, and any financial information related to my student loan, grants or waiver

By signing this application form, I hereby verify that the information that I have provided is true. I also consent to Futures Forward verifying that I have been in the care of the CFS authorities and that I am registered as a full-time student at a recognized post-secondary educational institution in Manitoba.

Participant Signature

Date

Media Consent

I give Futures Forward the permission to take photographs of their services that I may be taking part of. I understand that specific photos of myself I will be asked for further consent, but also that existing in the spaces of Futures Forward activities may cause my likeness to be captured. **(voluntary)**

Participant Signature

Date

Please submit this form **ELECTRONICALLY by clicking the submit button below:**

If the submit button does not work, please send the form via email to:

Chelsey Finney – Post Secondary Education Advisor	
204-987-8661 ext. 672	tuitionwaiver@yesmb.ca

All applicants will receive a confirmation email that the application has been received

If your email or phone number changes, please notify us at tuitionwaiver@yesmb.ca, as we will need to contact you throughout the year



2024-25 Opportunity Fund: Youth-In-Care Tuition Waiver Application Form

Since 2012, the University of Winnipeg has provided tuition waivers to current and former youth-in-care as one of the key priorities of UWinnipeg's Opportunity Fund. Each academic year, the University provides 30 tuition waivers to new and continuing undergraduate students. The UWinnipeg Awards and Financial Aid Office administers tuition waiver applications.

Eligibility: You may be considered for a tuition waiver if you:

- Are a current or former youth-in-care;
- Have already applied or intend to apply for admission to the University of Winnipeg, or have received admission for the upcoming Fall term;
- Are over the age of 18, or will be turning 18 by December 31 of the next academic year;
- Demonstrate financial need as determined by UWinnipeg and/or Futures Forward;
- Register for a minimum 18 credit hours (9 Fall/9 Winter) per academic year.

Renewal Requirements: Tuition waivers are renewable for a total of 5 years as long as you:

- Achieve a minimum 2.00 (C) grade point average in the previous academic year;
- Complete a minimum 18 credit hours each academic year;
- Continue to demonstrate financial need;
- Actively participate in student advising and support services offered by the university and Futures Forward as needed, or when required.

Tuition Waiver Amount: Up to \$5500 toward UWinnipeg tuition per academic year for a maximum of 5 consecutive years. The CFS Authority and/or the Province of Manitoba cover living expenses, books and supplies up to a maximum amount; refer to Futures Forward for more information.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2024

Selection Process: A UWinnipeg selection committee reviews all new and continuing waiver applications following the application deadline. The awards office will notify students as soon as possible, typically in June/July. Waiver recipients will be required to meet with a student advisor at least once before the start of each term of study.

APPLICANT DETAILS

Name	
UW Student Number (if known)	

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

Please check off as many criteria that apply to you:

- Low income
- Recent immigrant or refugee
- Student with a disability
- First member of your family to attend university or college
- Adult Learner/Mature Student
- Other (please specify) _____

EXPENSE CATEGORY

What situation best describes you? Please choose **one** of the following:

- I am a single student paying rent
- I am a single student not paying rent
- I am a single parent; number of dependents _____
- I am married/common law with a spouse/partner
- I am married/common law with a spouse/partner and dependents; number of dependents _____

ACADEMIC AND FUTURE GOALS

Please outline your academic, professional, and future goals: What do you plan on studying at university? Do you have a specific major in mind? What kind of job or career are you interested in?
Attach a separate page as needed.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Provide your estimated/anticipated resources while studying from September to April. Complete all three sections and do not leave any answers blank – enter a 0 (zero) if the question does not apply to you.

Part 1 - Monthly Resources (each month from September to April)

Social Assistance or Employment Insurance? If yes, provide the <i>monthly</i> amount?	\$ _____/month
Child Tax Benefit? If yes, provide the <i>monthly</i> amount?	\$ _____/month
Sponsorship? Includes: Band Council/Indian Affairs, Employment and Training Serves (ETS), or employer support. If yes, provide the <i>monthly</i> amount?	\$ _____/month
Do you plan on having a part-time or full-time job? If yes, estimate your average <i>monthly</i> earnings after taxes.	\$ _____/month
Other resources not listed above? If yes, provide the <i>monthly</i> amount.	\$ _____/month
Total monthly resources	\$ _____/month

Part 2 – Personal Resources (total amount from September to April)

Personal savings	\$ _____
Family members or caregivers	\$ _____
Spouse/partner	\$ _____
Other awards, scholarships, or bursaries <u>excluding</u> those from the UW	\$ _____
RESP, RRSP, RHOSP, bonds, etc.	\$ _____
Total sessional resources	\$ _____

Part 3 - Student Loans, Grants, Bursaries, Lines of Credit

Do you plan on applying to **Manitoba Student Aid** for student loans, grants and bursaries? Yes No

If "No" please provide more info: _____

Do you plan on applying to a **bank or private lender** for a student loan or line of credit? Yes No

If "Yes", what is the loan/credit amount you expect to need or be approved for? \$ _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES (OPTIONAL)

Please provide any additional relevant information regarding your financial situation and personal plan while studying. This may include statements of support from a counselor, advisor, or parent/caregiver.

MANITOBA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

Applicants must consent to the use of their personal information. If you have questions concerning the retention, use, or disclosure of personal information, you may wish to visit www.uwinnipeg.ca/privacy

DECLARATION AND CONSENT

I hereby declare that all the information on this application is complete and true in every respect. I understand that my personal information will be collected and may be used and disclosed for the purposes as outlined in the Manitoba Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).

Personal information collected on this form may also be used and disclosed by The University of Winnipeg for award eligibility purposes, alumni services (i.e. events, publications, media stories, alumni membership tracking), donor reports, and/or research (i.e. internal and external award reporting, analysis of programs, institutional statistics) done at the University. If I am a successful recipient, I understand that the name of the award, the amount received, my name, degree/major, year level and email address will be disclosed to The University of Winnipeg Foundation for purposes of fund-raising activities and to be released to the donor(s) of my award.

Student Signature

Date (YYYYMMDD)



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I _____ **(Name)** _____ **(Birth Date)**
hereby authorize the exchange of information between the Province of Manitoba and The University of Winnipeg as it relates to the Tuition Waiver Program including but not limited to:

- Educational information including student records submitted to the University as part of the Tuition Waiver intake process;
- End-of-term reports including credit hours and grades as it relates to my studies at the University;
- General comments about my progress, attendance, and any financial information related to my student loan, grants or waiver; and
- Notification if I am a recipient of a Tuition Waiver from the University.

The University exchanges information to determine initial and on-going eligibility for The University of Winnipeg Tuition Waiver program, as well to determine further financial, academic and miscellaneous supports.

Applicant Signature

Date

The University of Winnipeg

Date