



TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM

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 up to the cost the tuition of a certificate, diploma or undergraduate program***
- Tuition Waiver students are also eligible for *Living Supports* through the Government of Manitoba to sponsor books, supplies and a biweekly living allowance

*Some student fees and program deposits may not be covered

Participating Institutions:



ELIGIBILITY:

- ✓ Must be a current or former youth-in-care in Manitoba
- ✓ Meet the program admission requirements and have applied directly to the college or university
- ✓ Be applying for full-time studies (at least 18 credit hours per year or 60% course load)
(Students with a registered disability may apply for funding for part-time studies)
- ✓ UM, UW, USB, CMU, and Booth UC applicants - must demonstrate financial need

RENEWAL:

- ✓ Maintain a 2.0 GPA (Grade level C) & full-time student status (at least 18 credit hours/year or 60% course load)
- ✓ UM, UW, USB, CMU, and Booth UC students – continue to demonstrate financial need
- ✓ Maintain continued contact with Futures Forward, your post-secondary institution, and your 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, 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
- ✓ Tuition Waivers are **not** guaranteed – limited funding opportunities are available per institution so applicants need a back up plan
- ✓ A 500-word essay is also needed to complete the Tuition Waiver application; more details may be found on the application
- ✓ On campus residence costs are not covered by the Tuition Waiver, so it is encouraged that alternate funding is found for this

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 31, 2025 deadline** (for the 2025-2026 school year)

- Application forms are available mid-January at: <https://futuresforward.ca/education/paying-for-post-secondary-school/>

For more information about the youth in care Tuition Waiver program, and to connect to other funding opportunities, please visit

<https://futuresforward.ca/education/> or contact tuitionwaiver@yesmb.ca

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 has 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 2025/2026 Tuition Waiver Applications: **March 31, 2025**

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 2025/2026 School Year Applications: March 31, 2025

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 Forward 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:

Jade Richardson – 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



**2025-26
Youth-In-Care Tuition Waiver
Opportunity Fund Application Form**

The University of Winnipeg is committed to breaking down the barriers to university education for students who are under-represented in postsecondary education. The Youth-In-Care Tuition Waiver Program is a part of the Opportunity Fund, and it is intended to cover undergraduate tuition fees. Opportunity Fund Tuition Waivers are awarded by the University's Awards and Financial Aid office.

Eligibility: You may be eligible for this tuition waiver if you are a current or former youth in care and meet the following criteria:

- Have applied to the University, are in the process of applying to the University, have received an offer of admission to the University for the upcoming Fall, or are a returning UWinnipeg student
- Over the age of 18 or turning 18 in the 2025-26 academic year
- Demonstrate financial need as determined by the University.
- Enroll in a minimum of 18 credit hours per academic year (over Fall and Winter)

Renewal Requirements: You are eligible to renew your Tuition Waiver for up to five years as long as you maintain the following:

- Achieve a minimum 2.00 (C) grade point average in the prior year
- Complete 18 credit hours or more in the prior academic year
- Continue to demonstrate financial need as determined by the University
- Are actively working towards an undergraduate credential and have not studied beyond the advertised length of your program + 1 year (some exceptions may apply)
- Maintain continued contact with University, Authority or Provincial officials to facilitate monitoring and administration.

Value: These waivers cover the full cost of tuition at The University of Winnipeg for up to 30 credit hours per academic year. Additional funding for Spring and Summer courses will be assessed on a case by case basis. The CFS Authority and/or Province of Manitoba cover some living expenses, books and supplies.

Deadline: March 31, 2025

Selection Process: Futures Forward provides copies of the applications to the University for final selection. The University will notify you if you were selected for the program in June/July.

APPLICANT DETAILS	
Name	

UW Student Number (if known)	
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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 enroll in post-secondary education
- 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. Please list the number of dependents you have _____
- I am a married/common law student with a spouse/partner
- I am a married/common law student with a spouse/partner and dependents. Please list the number of dependents you have _____

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

Report your estimated and anticipated resources while in studies 2025-26 Fall/Winter (September to April). Please fill out all three parts. Do not leave any answers blank, enter a 0 (zero) if the question does not apply to you.

Part 1 - Monthly Resources while in studies

Will you be a recipient of Social Assistance or Employment Insurance? If yes, what is your <i>monthly</i> amount?	\$ _____/month
Will you be receiving a Child Tax Benefit? If yes, what is your <i>monthly</i> amount?	\$ _____/month
Will you be receiving sponsorship? Sponsors may include Band Council/Indian Affairs support, Employment and Training Serves (ETS), or employer support. If yes, what is your monthly amount?	\$ _____/month
Do you plan on having a part-time or full-time job? If yes, what is your estimated average <i>monthly</i> salary (after taxes)?	\$ _____/month
Please list the estimated <i>monthly</i> total of any other resources that you may receive that were not listed above	\$ _____/month
Total monthly resources	\$ _____/month

Part 2 – Term Resources

How much of your personal savings have you set aside?	\$ _____
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Are any family members or caregivers providing financial support (i.e., helping pay rent, bills, etc.) during your studies? If so, please enter estimated amount of support you will receive.	\$ _____
Is your spouse/partner providing financial support (i.e., helping pay rent, bills, etc.) during your studies? If so, please enter estimated amount of support you will receive.	\$ _____
What are the total external monetary awards, scholarships, or bursaries you have received or expect to receive?	\$ _____
What are the total assets (RESP, RRSP, RHOSP, bonds, etc.) you will be using?	\$ _____
Total sessional resources	\$ _____

Part 3 - Student Loans & Lines of Credit

Do you plan on applying for Manitoba Student Aid (MSA) funds? Yes No

If no, briefly explain why not _____

If you have or plan on using a line of credit or bank loan, please enter the amount you will be using while in studies. Enter 0 if not using one or you don't have a balance available to use.

\$ _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES (OPTIONAL)

Please outline any additional circumstances that might explain your need for financial assistance. You may also attach statements of support from a counselor, advisor or other.

MANITOBA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

Applicants are required to consent to the use of their personal information. If there are questions concerning the retention, use, or disclosure of personal information, applicants 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 purpose of exchanging information is to determine initial and on-going eligibility for The University of Winnipeg Tuition Waiver program, as well as for further financial, academic and other supports to be determined.

Signature

Date

The University of Winnipeg Signature

Date