

TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM

Bursary program for current and former youth-in-care



11 colleges and universities in **Manitoba** offer a limited amount of **renewable** Tuition Waivers for **current and former youth-in-care**.

Awarded bursaries may cover **up to** the full cost of **tuition** for a **certificate, diploma or undergraduate degree** program at a participating institution.

Tuition Waiver students are also eligible for Living Supports through *Training & Employment Services* to sponsor books, supplies and a **bi-weekly living allowance**.



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

Important Notes:

- Applicants **must** apply to their institution of choice, pay the corresponding application fee, receive a letter/email of acceptance and, where applicable, pay a program deposit fee of up to \$400
- Tuition Waivers are **not guaranteed** - limited funding is available per institution, so applicants **must have a backup plan** in case they are not selected for a Tuition Waiver.
- Campus dorms and Student Residence fees are **not covered by the Tuition Waiver program**; alternative funding **must** be found if students need these fees covered by an external funder.

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 deadline**** (for the following school year)
 - Application forms are available mid-January at:
<https://futuresforward.ca/education/paying-for-post-secondary-school/>



University of Manitoba

Tuition Waiver Application

Eleven 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. 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 Training & Employment Services (TES) 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, 2026.

Deadline for the 2026-2027 Tuition Waiver Applications: **March 31, 2026**

Section 1: Personal Information

First Name:	Last Name:	Chosen Name:
<p>Please list any previous first or last names that may appear on your CFS records: (for CFS care history verification purposes only)</p>		
Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD):	How did you hear about the Tuition Waiver program?	
Street Address:	City:	Postal Code:
Email:	Phone Number:	Are you able to receive text messages?
Gender Identity:		Gender Pronouns:
<input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Transgender <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Two-Spirited <input type="radio"/> Non-Binary/Non-Conforming <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer		<input type="radio"/> She/Her <input type="radio"/> They/Them <input type="radio"/> He/Him <input type="radio"/> Other:
Indigenous Status:		Residency Status:
<input type="radio"/> First Nations <input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Unknown Status <input type="radio"/> Metis <input type="radio"/> Non-Status		<input type="radio"/> Canadian Citizen <input type="radio"/> Work Visa <input type="radio"/> Permanent Resident <input type="radio"/> Refugee Claimant <input type="radio"/> Student Visa
Are you a member of a visible minority? (Non-Indigenous applicants only)		If Permanent Resident or Refugee only: Landing Year:
Do you have any dependents? If 'yes', how many dependents do you care for?	Would you like to receive updates and communications in relation to Futures Forward updates, programming, and events? <small>You may opt out at any time.</small>	

Section 2: CFS Care History Information

CFS Status:	CFS Agency:
<input type="radio"/> I am a current youth-in-care <input type="radio"/> I am on an Agreement with Young Adults (AYA) <input type="radio"/> I am a former youth-in-care	CFS Authority:
Complete this next section if you selected In-Care or on an Agreement with Young Adults (AYA) :	
Name of Social Worker:	Social Worker Phone Number:
Social Worker Email:	

Section 3: Previous Education Information

Schooling/Training	Name of Institution	Name of Program (if applicable)	Calendar Year Completed	Certificate Received?
High School		<i>High School Diploma</i>		
College				
University				

Do you have any disabilities that may impact your education? Yes No Prefer Not To Answer

Section 4: Post-Secondary Education Information

Current Student Status:	New Student	Returning Student
Intended program or area of study:		
Total expected length/duration of the program:		
Complete this next section if you are a current student returning to your studies for another year:		
Student Number:		
What year of studies are you beginning in the Fall?		

Section 5: Career Goals Essay [INSTRUCTIONS]

Write and attach on a separate document, a 500-word essay that responds to the following prompts:

- 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?

Reminder:

- Please be mindful of the wordcount and attempt to keep your essay within the 500-word range.
- Essays can be submitted as Word docs or PDF files; if you choose to handwrite your essay, you may submit a photo.
- Please DO NOT submit links to Google Docs or Sharepoint folders; ensure you are downloading and attaching an electronic file (.doc, .pdf, .jpg, etc.) to your application for submission.

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 Training & Employment Services (TES).

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 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

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit applications to: tuitionwaiver@yesmb.ca

1. Ensure your Tuition Waiver Application forms are **complete** and that you've included **all signatures**.
2. Save your Career Goals Essay as a PDF file, Word doc, or JPEG image.
3. Attach both the application forms and your Career Goals Essay **in one email** to be sent to tuitionwaiver@yesmb.ca.
4. Please **clearly state** your first & last name within the email.

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



Youth-In-Care Tuition Grant Application

The University of Manitoba

The University of Manitoba has established a fund in support of the Youth-In-Care Tuition Grants. The purpose of the grants is to provide the opportunity for youth who are or who have been in the care of Child and Family Services in Manitoba to attend post-secondary education. The grants will support the costs of undergraduate tuition, by awarding \$5,000 per year for a maximum of 4 years for each recipient.

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

- will be or are enrolled full-time (over both fall and winter sessions with a minimum 60% course load) in any undergraduate degree or diploma program at the University of Manitoba in the year in which the award is tenable;
- must have a record of satisfactory academic achievement which is defined as follows:
 - ❖ for first year students, a minimum entering average of 70 percent on those courses used for admission;
 - ❖ for continuing students, a minimum degree grade point average of 2.0;
- are currently or formerly a youth in care of the Manitoba Child Welfare System;
- have demonstrated financial need on the Youth-In-Care Tuition Grant application form.

Renewal Requirements: *You are eligible to renew your tuition grant for an additional three years as long as you maintain the following:*

- remain enrolled full-time (minimum 60% course load) in any undergraduate degree or diploma program at the University of Manitoba;
- continue to maintain a minimum degree grade point average of 2.0;
- continue to demonstrate financial need on Youth-In-Care Tuition Grant application form.

DEADLINE: March 31st

(in years where March 31st falls on a weekend, applications will be due the first business day of April)

Please submit your completed form to:

Post-Secondary Education Advisor
Youth Employment Services
614-294 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg MB, R3C 0B9

APPLICANT DETAILS	
Name	
Student Number (if known)	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
Number of credit hours you plan on enrolling in for Fall/Winter	

Status Criteria:

I am a current youth-in-care
 I am a former youth-in-care currently on an extension of care
 I am a former youth-in-care without an extension of care

Marital Status: Single Married/Common-Law Single Parent

Is your spouse a part-time or full-time student, _____ employed or unemployed? _____

Do you have children? Yes No (If yes, you must complete the *Applicant's dependent information* on page 2)**BUDGET FOR THE FULL ACADEMIC YEAR**

(your 'totals' should reflect the period of September 5 to April 30)

Expenses (costs while in school)	Total \$	Resources (income while in school)	Total \$	
Rent/Mortgage		Your current employment & all other income (<i>do not include amounts already included in the following fields</i>)		
Telephone (<i>cell & land lines</i>)		Spousal/Partner income		
Heating & Electricity		Parents/Family Members (Foster Family) income		
Groceries		Trust Funds / Bonds / RESP/RRSP		
Clothing		Government Income (<i>Family allowance, Child Tax Benefits, Orphan's benefit, etc.</i>)		
Transportation (<i>buss pass; gas for vehicle; parking for vehicle</i>)		Savings on date of application (for school)		
Car Payments		Student Loans		
Insurance (<i>indicate what this is for</i>)		Band Sponsorship		
Entertainment		Other awards		
Laundry				
Daycare Costs				
Other (Please list)				
Total	\$		Total	\$

Your Deficit (expenses minus resources) \$ _____

Do you own/lease a vehicle? NO YES Make/Model: _____
 Year: _____

Applicant's dependent information (please complete the box below ONLY if you have children)

Age	Name of school or daycare	Amount of fees paid by applicant	Other support child receives
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

Other Dependents of Parent / Foster Parents(s) [your siblings]		
Relationship	Age	Name of School / University / Day Care

On a separate sheet, please outline any **exceptional** circumstances that highlight your need for this grant. Your comments here can be very helpful in assessing eligibility or special needs.

READ THIS BEFORE YOU SIGN BELOW: I hereby declare that all the above information is complete and true in every respect; all information provided is mine alone. If not, my application and any award money received, if applicable, is forfeit. I submit my application with an understanding that financial assistance is critical for me to continue my education. I also consent to full access to my University of Manitoba student and government loan records. I authorize the University of Manitoba to verify eligibility with the Province of Manitoba for the purposes of an award offer.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____