

2026 KEITH COOPER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

INTRODUCTION

In 2002, the Board and staff of Winnipeg Child and Family Services (WCFS) announced the creation of the Keith Cooper Scholarship Fund for children in and from care who wish to pursue post-secondary education. The fund acknowledges the late Keith Cooper, former WCFS Chief Executive Officer and educator, and his commitment to the education of children in Agency care.

The scholarship program draws on funds from the Winnipeg Foundation Gilroy/Acheson account, which has been designated for use by children in care. Formerly a scholarship for WCFS, the Keith Cooper Scholarship Fund is now available to all four Child and Family Services Authorities and Peguis Child and Family Services. The scholarship committee includes representatives from each of the CFS Authorities, VOICES: Manitoba's Youth in Care Network, Peguis Child and Family Services, and Futures Forward. Several scholarships of \$1,000 are awarded annually. **There are no age restrictions to apply.** Scholarship recipients are also able to re-apply for the scholarship each year of study in order to complete a university degree, diploma, technical or vocational program.

To be eligible applicants must:

1. Be currently or formerly in the care of agencies or regional offices delivering child welfare services under the four Manitoba CFS Authorities, Peguis Child and Family Services, or the child welfare agencies that preceded them.
2. Be pursuing their first post-secondary degree, diploma or certificate program.
3. Have applied to, been accepted to, or currently enrolled in a certificate, diploma, or degree program at a recognized post-secondary institution for the 2026-2027 academic year.

The Panel will then award scholarship(s) based upon:

1. Financial need, including the availability of other financial resources.
2. Grades, academic achievement and participation in extra-curricular activities to date.
3. Having an available support system.
4. Submitting the application on or before **Monday, July 13 at 9:00 am.**

Scholarship recipients will be announced by mid-August 2026

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete the attached application package. Your completed package should include:

- Pages 3 – 9 of this application
- A copy of your latest school transcript*
- One **current** letter of reference**
- Letter of Acceptance (for new students)
- Current or upcoming class schedule (for returning students)

*Unofficial academic transcripts and class schedules from your student account are acceptable.

**A current letter of reference for the purpose of obtaining a scholarship in 2026-2027.

Applicants should complete the entire application and return it to the:

General Child and Family Services Authority

Attention: Keith Cooper Scholarship Selection Committee

Email: generalauthority@gov.mb.ca

Only emailed submissions are accepted. Please include ‘**Keith Cooper Scholarship Application**’ in the subject line. Send your application, along with **all attachments**, as **one complete email**. Clear photographs of the required attachments will be accepted if you do not have access to a scanner.

If you need help completing the form please contact:

Jade Richardson

Post-Secondary Education Advisor

Futures Forward

Email: jrichardson@yesmb.ca

Phone: 204-987-8661 ext. 672

**All completed application packages must be received by
Monday, July 13, 2026, at 9:00 am.**

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Keith Cooper Scholarship Fund Application Form

2026-2027

1. General Information

Name:	
Mailing Address:	
City, Prov., Postal Code:	
Home Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
E-Mail Address:	
Date of Birth:	

2. Child Welfare History

Name of CFS Agency:	
How many years or months were you in Agency care?	
Agency Contact (optional)	
Name:	
Phone #:	

3. Education

Last grade completed /date:	
Last school attended:	
Year of Graduation (if applicable):	

4. Educational Plans

Name of academic institution you've been accepted to attend:	
Student Identification Number: (If known)	
For new students, have you received a Letter of Acceptance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, please attach acceptance letter with your application)
What program do you plan to enter or what degree do you hope to pursue?	
Will your studies be full-time or part-time?	

How many months/years will it take to complete the program?	
What date does the program start?	
Please explain what it is about this area of study that interests you?	

5. Financial Information

Have you applied for other financial assistance? (tuition waiver, bursaries, student loans, scholarships, band funding)

Yes

No

If yes, please list the financial assistance resources you have applied for:

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Will you be receiving financial assistance?

Yes, this funding has been confirmed

I have applied but funding has not been confirmed

No, I have not applied for any other financial assistance

Please list all of the financial assistance you will be receiving and the amount for each:

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Do you have an Agreement with Young Adults (aka Extension of Care)?

Yes No

Are you receiving agency funding through the Supports for Young Adults grant?

Yes No

Did you receive a Tuition Waiver for the 2025-2026 academic year?

Yes No

Will you receive a Tuition Waiver for the 2026-2027 academic year?

Yes No Unsure

Please estimate your cost of living in the school year (September to June):

Tuition	\$		\$
Books	\$		\$
Rent Hydro Water	\$	per month x nine months	\$
Parking	\$	per month x nine months	\$
Food/Toiletries	\$	per month x nine months	\$
Transportation	\$	per month x nine months	\$
Phone/Internet	\$	per month x nine months	\$
Entertainment	\$	per month x nine months	\$
Childcare	\$	per month x nine months	\$
Auto Insurance	\$	per month x nine months	\$
Gas	\$	per month x nine months	\$
Other, specify below:	\$	per month x nine months	\$
Other, specify below:	\$	per month x nine months	\$

TOTAL \$

Are there extracurricular activities you would like to pursue in the future? If yes, please describe.

8. Personal Information

Please tell us more about yourself by responding to the following questions:

- a) What would you like the selection committee to know about you?

b) What are your short and long-term academic goals?

c) What steps are you taking to reach your goals?

d) Who are the people in your life that support you emotionally and are willing to continue supporting you while you attend school? Are there other forms of support you think you will need? (For example, health and wellness support, academic support, counselling support)

9. Agreement and Signature

By checking this box and submitting the application, I certify that the facts set forth on this form are true and complete.

Full Name (printed) :

Date :