

FYiC 19+ Education Resource for:



Celebrating 30 years

Understanding The BC Tuition Waiver

Effective as of September 2017, young people in and from government care have access to free tuition at all 25 post-secondary institutions in BC.

Eligibility:

You must be between the ages of 19 and 26 and have *Been in care of government for a minimum of 2 years – includes: Voluntary Care Agreement, Special Needs Agreements, Temporary Custody Order or a Continuing Custody Order;*

Or

Lived with a family member (other than a parent) or another adult for at least two years, as part of an agreement or custody order with the Ministry of Children and Family Development or a Delegated Aboriginal Agency;

Or

Been on a youth agreement for at least two years.



How do I sign up?

Go to the financial aid office at your school and let them know you might be eligible for tuition waiver as a former youth in care.

They will provide you with a consent form from the Ministry of Children and Family Development to confirm your history as a former youth in care.

At this time, only public post-secondary schools in BC are included. If you are at another school, you may qualify for assistance through the Youth Education Assistance Fund (YEOF), Agreements with Young Adults (AYA), scholarships or bursaries, or student loan programs.

What expenses does a tuition waiver cover?

The waiver covers the tuition fee a university or college charges each student.

Other school-related expenses, such as books or dormitory fees, must be paid by the student.

You may be eligible for additional support through Youth Educational Assistance Fund (YEOF) or Agreements with Young Adults (AYA).
Speak with SEFFY staff - Avis Lam - Program Coordinator - 604-525-1204 Ext. 222
or get in contact with financial aid to find out more.

Can I get a tuition waiver while I am on an AYA or a YEOF?

Yes! Each program has different requirements

Do I have to pay this money back?

No! This is not a loan program.

How long can I receive a tuition waiver?

You can receive a tuition waiver for every semester you are enrolled in a public post-secondary institution until your 27th birthday

What is AYA? (Agreements with Young Adults):

The Agreements with Young Adults Program is for former youth in care.

It provides financial support for you to finish high school, go to college or university, or take a rehabilitation or life skills program.

If you had one of the following care statuses on your 19th birthday & are between 19 - 27 years old - You are eligible to apply for AYA
- Continuing Custody Order (CCO) - Youth Agreement - In the process of adoption - Are finishing high school - Are enrolled in college or university - Are completing a rehabilitation program - Are completing a lifskills program.