Tips For Former Foster Youth

For ABE:
You can apply (if you are low income) for adult upgrade grants for textbooks and/or a U-Pass.

Bursaries: There are lots of bursaries available from financial aid, from each institution. There are additional bursaries available from private / online scholarship website:

The best time to apply for bursaries is between January & May (most become available during this time)
Other options are also available during the year, please inquire with SEFFY for more information regarding bursaries.

Tech Programs: TELUS & IBM

TELUS Mobility for Good: The TELUS Mobility for Good program is an innovative collaboration between TELUS and the B.C. Government’s Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) in BC. With this program, eligible youth and young adults that are transitioning from government care are provided with a smartphone and fully subsidised TELUS Mobility voice & data plan for two years. To ensure these young adults are getting the most out of their technology, digital literacy support is available at any of our TELUS Learning Centres, as well as TELUS WISE® resources to help educate on keeping a clean digital footprint and protecting personal information and privacy. Equipped with TELUS smartphones, they will have a reliable connection for prospective employers, post-secondary institutions and landlords, and be able to stay connected with friends and family as they transition to independent living.

Features include:

Access to a Moto G smartphone at no cost
$0 per month smartphone rate plan (including applicable taxes) for two years
Unlimited nationwide talk and text
Up to 3 GB of data per month
Access to free digital literacy education and online safety material

Speak to an AYA worker about the Telus & IBM programs. Connect with SEFFY staff for more information.