StudentAid BC has two programs that offer funding to help former youth in care in B.C. pay for post-secondary education. Both are grants that you do not have to repay.

1. The Provincial Tuition Waiver Program
You could be eligible if you were adopted through the B.C. Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) or an Indigenous Child and Family Service Agency (ICFSA), formerly in the B.C. Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction Child in Home of Relative Program or formerly in any B.C. MCFD or ICFSA Legal Status (either while living in B.C. or while placed by MCFD or an ICFSA on an Interprovincial Placement Agreement [IPPA]) for at least 24 months (730 days) (consecutive or accumulated in any combination), and are between the ages of 19-26 (inclusive).

You could also be eligible if you are 17 or 18 years old, and are no longer receiving educational supports through the B.C. MCFD or an ICFSA.

How do I apply?
Visit your financial aid office at your school to access and fill out an application form.

2. The Youth Educational Assistance Fund
If you are a former B.C youth in continuing custody, are a full-time student or a student with a permanent disability, or a persistent or prolonged disability studying at a 40% course load, and are between the ages of 19-24, you could be eligible to receive an annual grant of $5,500 for 4 years.

How do I apply?
Complete the application form available on the StudentAid BC website and attach a letter from any Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) office or an Indigenous Child and Family Service Agency (ICFSA) stating that you are a former youth in care.

Learn more at: www.gov.bc.ca/tuitionwaiver and www.studentaidbc.ca/explore/grants-scholarships
Find additional resources at: https://agedout.com

Have a question? Email tuitionwaiver@gov.bc.ca

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