

Youth Educational Assistance Fund Transition Plan for Former Youth in Care

APPLICATION FORM

AM I ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible to receive the Youth Educational Assistance Fund amount through the Transition Plan if you are:

- A former recipient of the Youth Educational Assistance Fund who applied by July 31st, 2023 and;
- between the ages of 19 and 24 (inclusive);
- Studying full-time or are a student with a permanent disability, or a persistent or prolonged disability studying at a 40 percent course load and;
- Registered to take post-secondary level courses from a designated post-secondary institution in an eligible program leading to a certificate, diploma or degree that is at least 12 weeks long and;
- Applying to receive the grant for the program of study noted on your Youth Educational Assistance Fund application received by July 31st, 2023 and;
- Have not yet reached the lifetime maximum for receiving the Youth Educational Assistance Fund of four grant payments.

If you do not know if you meet the above criteria, please contact StudentAid BC at dpu.studentfunding@gov.bc.ca.

WHAT DOES THE GRANT COVER?

Grants help with expenses related to your education, and can be provided for up to four years. Grants of up to \$5,500 are available for eligible applicants per program year. Students may receive a maximum of four grants.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- A complete list of designated schools is available at <u>www.StudentAidBC.ca</u>.
- Grant cheques will be issued after you are confirmed as enrolled in eligible studies. This means your cheque may arrive after your studies have started.
- If you have a permanent disability, or a persistent or prolonged disability, need to study at a 40 per cent course load, and have not already been approved to do so through the full-time StudentAid BC program, please contact StudentAid BC for documentation requirements.
- Students are encouraged to send the YEAF Transition Plan application and the completed Confirmation of Enrollment form together to StudentAid BC.

NEED HELP WITH YOUR APPLICATION?

If you are attending a B.C. public post-secondary institution, please see the financial aid office at your school for help completing your application package. If you are attending a private or out of province institution, please contact the StudentAid BC office of the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills for help. See page 3 of this application package for StudentAid BC contact information.



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SECTION 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION				
ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED IN INK.				
(01) STUDENT'S SURNAME NAME (02) SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER				
(03) STUDENT'S FIRST GIVEN NAME (04) STUDENT'S MIDDLE GIVEN NAME (05) STUDENT NUMBER				
(06) MAILING ADDRESS				
(07) CITY OR TOWN (08) PROV / STATE (09) POSTAL/ ZIP CODE				
(10) TELEPHONE (11) E-MAIL ADDRESS				
(12) DATE OF BIRTH(13) GENDER(14) DO YOU HAVE A PERMANENT DISABILITY, OR A PERSISTENT OR PROLONGED DISABILITY?				
Year Month Day Man Woman Non-Binary Prefer not to answer				
(Documentation required if taking a 40% course load)				
SECTION 2 – APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS				
Application form - Please complete and submit pages 2 and 3 of this application package.				
Confirmation of Enrolment, OR				
If applicable, please indicate your current full-time StudentAid BC application number:				
If you are not applying for assistance through the full-time StudentAid BC				
program, you must have your school complete a Confirmation of Enrolment form. Contact the financial aid office at your school.				
Please note: You must be attending a post-secondary institution that has been				
designated for full-time StudentAid BC purposes to be eligible for this funding. A complete list of designated schools is available at <u>www.StudentAidBC.ca.</u> MINISTRY DATE STAMP				

SECTION 3 – DECLARATION (READ AND SIGN IN INK)

I understand that:

- 1) Answers that are not true or are misleading may be considered fraud. Fraud is against the law in Canada.
- 2) It is my responsibility to make sure all the information I have submitted on this application is true and correct.
- 3) All information is subject to audit and verification.
- 4) If I do not provide complete, accurate information, I may not receive assistance under the Youth Educational Assistance Fund Transition Plan.
- 5) I cannot accept grant funding under both the Learning for Future Grant and the Youth Educational Assistance Fund Transition Plan in the same program year (August 1st July 31st).
- 6) Providing false or misleading information on this application may result in a denial of Youth Educational Assistance Fund Transition Plan funding in the future.
- 7) If it is discovered that I have received funding under both the Learning for Future Grant and the Youth Educational Assistance Fund Transition Plan in the same program year (August 1st - July 31st) I will not be permitted to receive funding from either the Learning for Future Grant or the Youth Educational Assistance Plan in the following program year. Eligibility for grant funding may be reconsidered for future program years.
- 8) If I receive funding under the Youth Educational Assistance Fund a T4A will be issued by the Victoria Foundation. I am responsible for any tax implications resulting from my receiving this funding.

I understand that my signature below means that:

- 1) I have answered all questions on the application that pertain to me.
- 2) I certify that all information is complete and accurate.
- 3) I am a registered student and will be attending a designated post-secondary school eligible for Canada Student Loan assistance.
- 4) I am a full-time student, or a student with a permanent disability, or a persistent or prolonged disability studying at a 40 percent courseload.
- 5) I will notify StudentAid BC immediately and in writing of any changes in my address or academic status.

Effective the date I sign this declaration, I consent to collection, use, or disclosure of my information for the following purposes:

 The Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills (or a person delegated by the ministry) will share information related to my eligibility for the Youth Educational Assistance Fund Transition Plan with my school and the Victoria Foundation to confirm eligibility for the Youth Educational Assistance Fund Transition Plan.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

The Youth Educational Assistance Fund Transition Plan does not have to be repaid unless you withdraw from studies (or drop below a 60 per cent course load, 40 per cent for people with disabilities) during your study period.

If you withdraw and the grant cheque has not been cashed, please return the cheque to the Victoria Foundation at #200-703 Broughton St., Victoria, BC V8W 1E2. If you have cashed the grant cheque, the overaward is due and payable at the date of withdrawal and will be deducted from future entitlements from the fund. To make arrangements to pay a grant overaward, please contact StudentAid BC (see contact information below).

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT (IN INK)	PRINT NAME	DATE SIGNED
SIGN HERE	PRINT HERE	YEAR MONTH DAY

Collection and use of information. The information included in this form and authorized above is collected under Sections 26c and 26e of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and under the authority of the *Canada Student Financial Assistance Act*, R.S.C. 1994, Chapter C-28 and StudentAid BC. The information provided will be used to determine eligibility for a benefit through StudentAid BC and for statistical and evaluation purposes. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, contact the Director, StudentAid BC, Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, PO Box 9173, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria B.C., V8W 9H7, telephone 1-800-561-1818 (toll-free in Canada/U.S.) or +1-778-698-1586 from outside North America.

1. Mail your completed application package to:	2. Allow six weeks for processing.	3. Questions?
StudentAid BC Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills	to processing.	Please contact StudentAid BC:
Directed Programs Unit PO Box 9173 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, B.C. V8W 9H7		+1-778-309-4621 (outside North America) or 1-800-561-1818 (toll-free in Canada/US).
OR send it via email to dpu.studentfunding@gov.bc.ca		