

Educational Assistance Fund

2026–2027 bursary application

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Overview

Each year, education bursaries are available through the Public Guardian and Trustee Educational Assistance Fund. The bursaries are intended to help individuals who were formerly in the permanent care of the provincial government reach their educational goals.

To be eligible for the bursary, you need to be:

- A former permanent ward of the Ministry of Social Services or
- Formerly in the continuing custody of the [Ministry of Children and Family Development \(MCFD\)](#) or a [Delegated Aboriginal Agency \(DAA\)/Indigenous Child and Family Service Agency \(ICFSA\)](#)

You must have been a permanent ward or in continuing custody until age 19.

You also need to be:

- At least 19 years old
- A high school graduate or equivalent
- Enrolled or planning to enroll in a post-secondary academic, technical or vocational program

The bursary is not to be your only source of funding. It is intended to cover shortfalls in your funds.

Successful applicants are awarded annual bursaries ranging in value up to a maximum of approximately \$4,500.00 per approved applicant. The amount available varies each year depending upon the interest gained in the trust.

Annual application deadline: April 15, 2026

This bursary is for programs beginning in September 2026.

To apply, send a completed application by mail or email to:

Personal Trust Administrator
Estate and Personal Trust Services
Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia
700 – 808 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V6C 3L3

Email: estates@trustee.bc.ca

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Personal Trust Administrator at 604-240-3673 or the above email address.

Important

Including thorough and detailed information in your application may increase your chances of being awarded a bursary or may increase the amount you receive. Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. If a question does not apply to you, please indicate “not applicable.”

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Information you provide is for the purpose of evaluating an application for a bursary. Information is collected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA) and other applicable legislation. If you have any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of information, contact 604-660-4444 or estates@trustee.bc.ca.

Personal information

Eligibility

Note: This bursary is only available to individuals who were permanent wards of the Ministry of Social Services or in the continuing custody of MCFD or a DAA/ICFSA at the time they turned 19. Individuals with other legal statuses (e.g. Youth Agreement, Temporary Custody Order, Special Needs Agreement, and Voluntary Care Agreement) are not eligible.

Enter the period you were a permanent ward of the Ministry of Social Services or in the continuing custody of MCFD or a DAA/ICFSA (mm/dd/yyyy)

Start date

End date

How did you hear about the program?

About you

Note: If your address changes prior to receiving the bursary, please let us know.

First and Middle name

Last name

Birth name (if different)

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Phone

Email address

Home address

City

Province

Postal code

Mailing address (if different than above)

Do you wish to self-identify as Indigenous?

Yes

No

Unknown

Do you have a financial need?

Yes

No

Have you previously **completed** another academic program?

Yes

No

Academic program

Current or future academic program

Years/semesters/hours required

Start date of program (Month/Year)

Expected end date (Month/Year)

Income and expenses

Income

Do you (or will you) have a student loan?	Yes	No
Are you working during the academic year or between semesters?	Yes	No
Have you been awarded any other bursaries or scholarships?	Yes	No
Have you applied for a bursary under the Youth Futures Education Fund ?	Yes	No
Do you have any other sources of income?	Yes	No

If yes, please tell us about your other sources of income.

Expenses

Enter your period of study during the academic year of September 2026 to August 2027 (Month/Year)

Start date

End date

Enter your spending budget during the academic year by subtracting your anticipated yearly total expenses from your anticipated yearly total income (Income – expenses = difference)

Total income	Total expenses	Difference (your budget)
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Examples of income include salary, bursaries and grants, Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), disability or income assistance, etc. Expenses should include things such as tuition, rent, internet, utilities, food, vehicle and insurance, cell phone, medical expenses, childcare, pet expenses, etc.

Is there any more information you wish to provide to support your application for the bursary? (optional)

Proof of enrolment, transcripts and references

Both proof of enrolment and a transcript of marks may be required. If you are going to be in the 1st year of your studies, please provide proof of enrolment. If you are a returning student (2nd year onwards), please provide your most recent transcript and proof of enrolment.

Have you attached your proof of enrolment and the most recent transcript (if not a first year student) of your marks?

Yes

Will follow (prior to May 15, 2026)

Letters of reference from people who can speak to your commitment to your education and career goals, and/or your need for the bursary are **highly recommended**. References can be attached directly to your application.

Applicant's declaration

Incomplete applications will not be viewed. Please indicate you understand the following:

1. It is my responsibility to make sure the information on this application is true and correct
2. Answers that are not true or are misleading may be considered fraud. Fraud is against the law in Canada
3. All information is subject to audit and verification
4. If I receive money, and it is then discovered that information included as part of my application was not true and accurate, I may be required to repay all or part of the funds I received

I will notify the PGT if I drop a program or course during the drop deadline period.

I understand the information on this application to be all true and accurate as of the date below.

First and Last name

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Contact the Public Guardian and Trustee

Estates and Personal Trust Services

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Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3L3

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Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm