WHAT IS THE PROVINCIAL TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM?

- The program waives tuition and mandatory fees for B.C. students who are former youth in care between the ages of 19 and up to their 27th birthday.
- The program applies to full-time and part-time certificates, diplomas and undergraduate degrees at 25 public post-secondary institutions, Native Education College and 10 Union Institutes.
- Currently, over 800 former youth in care are benefiting compared to about 189 former youth in care in 2016-17.
- Students are enrolled in all types of programs—social work, academic arts, nursing, pre-medical studies, trades, business administration and graphic design.

Quick Facts:

- About 2,200 students in the post-secondary education system may be eligible.
- Launched in fall 2017, to date program has paid roughly $12 million in tuition and mandatory fees for about 1,600 former youth in care studying at B.C. public post-secondary institutions and the Native Education College.

Quotes:

- “People should keep in mind that youth in care come from very traumatizing pasts. Communication is something that a lot of youth in care really struggle with because they are moving around so much or are isolated.” Rose, Selkirk College
- “Overall, it’s been a big stress reliever and allowed me to focus on my studies.” Kyle, SFU
- “Now, my narrative is more than my past. I identify as a university student, professional and activist.” Ruby, VIU

Timeline:

- **Pre-September 2017:** A voluntary patchwork of bursaries and grants at 11 public post-secondary institutions
- **September 1st, 2017:** Expansion to all 25 public post-secondary institutions
- **Budget 2018:** $2 million annually for the provincial tuition waiver program
- **Budget 2018:** Expansion of the Ministry of Children and Family Development’s Agreements with Young Adults
- **June 2018:** Announced $250,000 contribution to the Youth Futures Education fund for additional wrap around supports
- **July 1, 2018:** expanded to 10 union-based training providers

WHAT IS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA?

- from British Columbia;
- aged between 19 to 26 years; and
- have been in care for a minimum total of 24 months.
- attend a B.C. public post-secondary institution, Native Education College or one of 10 union trades training schools.

- Care is defined as:
  - Continuing Custody Order
  - Temporary Custody Order
  - Special Needs Agreement
  - Voluntary Care Agreement
  - Adoption
  - Extended Family Program
  - Permanent Transfer of Custody Order
  - Temporary Transfer of Custody
  - Interim Custody Order
  - Child in Home of Relative

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Want to learn more? Visit [gov.bc.ca/tuitionwaiver](http://gov.bc.ca/tuitionwaiver)
- Got a question? Email [tuitionwaiver@gov.bc.ca](mailto:tuitionwaiver@gov.bc.ca)
- Current students can visit their institution’s financial aid office and complete a consent form to validate their eligibility.
WHERE CAN I STUDY?

25 public post-secondary institutions
10 union institutes *(all Lower Mainland)*

Native Education College

Union Institutes
- Boilermaker Training Centre
- Construction & Specialized Workers D.C. 38 Joint Trade Society
- Electrical Joint Training Committee
- Floorlayers Union IUOE Local 115 Training Association
- Pile Drivers Local 2404
- Piping Industry Apprenticeship Board
- Sheet Metal Workers Training Centre Society
- Trowel Trades Training Association