

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Youth Who Need Support:

- Nearly 8,000 children and youth are in care of the B.C. government or on Youth Agreements that support them to live independently.
- Almost half of the 700 youth who will turn 19 and age out of care this year will go on income assistance within six months of the day they leave care.
- About 40 per cent of B.C.'s homeless population were in government care at some point in their lives.
- More than 100 students formerly in B.C. government care are pursuing post-secondary schooling on a tuition waiver or bursary.
- Basic living expenses for students – including rent, phone, internet and transit – are estimated at more than \$12,000.

We know education is a key driver to creating brighter, more successful futures. Collectively, we can help the dream of post-secondary education become more of a reality for youth who have been in care in B.C.

To date, 11 B.C. post-secondary institutions have answered the call to waive tuition for former youth in care.* This is a huge step in helping these students overcome the financial burden of further education, but that is not the only issue they face. Living expenses while attending school are significant and challenging.

Please join business, private donors and government to build the Youth Futures Education Fund. Together, we can be part of a solution that gives former youth in care the opportunity to succeed alongside their peers and enables them to fully contribute to their communities.

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*Some institutions do this in the form of a bursary

B.C. Post-Secondary Institutions Youth in Care Tuition Program

	B.C. Post-Secondary Institutions that waive tuition for former youth in care*
1	British Columbia Institute of Technology
2	Camosun College
3	Justice Institute of British Columbia
4	Kwantlen Polytechnic University
5	Langara College
6	Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
7	Simon Fraser University
8	University of British Columbia (and UBCO)
9	University of Northern British Columbia
10	University of Victoria
11	Vancouver Island University

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