

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

FOR CURRENT & FORMER YOUTH-IN-CARE IN MANITOBA



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INTRODUCTION

Futures Forward is committed to assisting current and former youth-in-care with achieving their post-secondary goals. It is hoped that the Futures Forward Scholarship Guide for Current and Former Youth in CFS Care will provide information and resources to assist youth with financing their education effectively.

Every effort has been made to provide current and up-to-date information within this guide. For current information on bursary/scholarship availability, eligibility requirements, and application deadlines, please contact the educational/training institute directly. In the event there are errors, omissions, or additional programming that may be helpful to include in future editions, please contact: lhildebrand@yesmb.ca

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Futures Forward offers wraparound services to current and former youth-in-care ages 15-29 in Manitoba. We assist youth in areas such as mental health, housing, addictions, employment, education, and finances.

We are unique in that we are three community agencies coming together to offer services designed to help youth reach their goals and fulfill their highest potential.



For more information, contact us at 1-888-395-2135 or please visit: <https://www.futuresforward.ca/>

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SECTION 1: Preparing to Apply for School and Scholarships

Post-secondary education can be more affordable than most students think. There are scholarships and tuition waivers available for a number of students. However, **students lose many funding opportunities because they simply do not apply!** The only way to become a successful applicant to available funding is to do your homework. Seek out available funding opportunities and apply to as many of them as possible. If you are unsure about something related to funding for school, just ask. Also **pay attention to the stated deadline dates and apply on time.** In this section you will find valuable information on ways to access different funding for school, making an application for funding, online resources and more.

Below is a brief definition of terms as they appear in this guide:

- An **Award** usually involves multiple criteria such as academic achievement, demonstrated financial need, and school or community involvement.
- A **Bursary** is usually given to a recipient based on demonstrated financial need and satisfactory academic progress.
- A **Scholarship** is given to a recipient primarily based upon academic achievement.

Four Sources of Money for School

There are four basic sources of money for school:

- 1) **Student Loans** can come from the government or a financial institution, however the loan money has to be paid back. Government Loans (Manitoba and Canada Student Loans) don't have to be paid back until after you graduate and generally have a much lower interest rate. Bank loans have to be paid back regularly and have higher interest rates. Unlike government student loans, bank loans do not have any grants attached to them.
- 2) **Funding** is when you get a regular living allowance, plus tuition and books. Funding comes from an organization. In the case of First Nations students, funding may come from their bands. Métis students may get funding from the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF). Other students may get funding from Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) at: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/eia/index.html> Funding does not have to be paid back. It varies according to student need, financial ability of the organization, and other criteria.
- 3) **Internal Awards** are the scholarships and bursaries that are only available to students at a particular school. For example, if you attend the University of Winnipeg (U of W), you can only apply for U of W awards. There are numerous internal awards to choose from in each educational institution. Go to your school's **website** and search *financial aid and awards*. This will bring you to the awards' site. Read it and find everything you are eligible for. Find your school's **awards office**, browse the brochures, and take the forms you feel you are eligible for. Ask if there is a **booklet of awards**. Take notes, and circle EVERYTHING you are eligible for. And then apply! For all of it!

- 4) **External Awards** are awards that are available outside your college or university. There are many external awards available but it can be tricky to find them. These awards are specific to students, not to schools, although in some cases they will only be for students at certain schools. There will be posters and brochures about external awards in your school awards office. Look for external awards information at your advisor's office, student centres, and related websites (including websites listed at the end of this guide).

Other Ways to Pay for School

Always remember that just because you may not qualify for one type of financial aid, it does not mean you will not qualify for other types. There are many options to obtain money to help you pay for school. Here are some more options to explore:

- **Summer jobs:** Try and save at least 40% of each summer job pay cheque towards school for the upcoming year. Open a bank account specifically for money for school. Make a personal commitment not to use that money for other things.
- **Part-time jobs:** Save as much money as you can throughout the year before entering post-secondary. Once school starts, there may also be opportunities to work on campus (jobs such as student unions, house-keeping, catering services, teaching assistants, etc).
- **Co-op jobs:** Many academic institutions run a co-op program. However, these opportunities are not available in all faculties. Co-op programs allow you to gain on-the-job experience, alternate between work and school, and make some extra money. Find out whether your school or faculty offers co-op programs.
- **Take a year off and work:** Build your funds for a year by working and saving money.

For assistance with finding a job, please contact:

Emily Richard - Employment Facilitator

(204) 987-8661 ext 662 | erichard@yesmb.ca

- **Check for internal awards offered by your high school:** Often high schools award scholarships to top students for academic or extra-curricular achievement. Are you a candidate?

1) Scholarship Application

When applying for a scholarship you will often need to write a letter directly to the administrator to request more information, request an application form, or simply tell them a bit about yourself. This is a great opportunity to show the administrator why you are the best candidate for their scholarship. Take some time to make this letter as clear, concise and informative as possible. Make yourself stand out. Before you start your letter, compile a list of all the activities you have taken an interest in, been involved with, led or have been a member of. The following list will help you develop your ideas and create the most complete listing possible:

- **Awards:** Did you receive any awards as a student such as student of the year, academic achievement, and/or recognition for extracurricular activities?
- **Clubs:** Did you participate in art, drama, journalism, dance, music, chess, science, debate, or any other club?
- **Co-op Jobs:** Did you work for school credits? If so where did you work? What did you do? What did you learn?
- **International Exchanges:** Have you travelled abroad to study or volunteer?
- **Part-time Jobs:** Did you ever babysit, or work as a delivery person, courier, waiter, server, camp staff, telemarketer, painter, construction worker, etc?
- **Projects:** Did you work on any project that you would like to mention?
- **Scholastic Recognition:** Were you on the honour roll? What were your marks? Which subjects do you excel in?
- **Sports:** Were you on a school sports team? What position did you play? Were you a leader? What skills did you learn?
- **Student Government:** Were you a student leader, secretary, treasurer, class representative, or a grade representative?
- **Volunteer Work at School:** Were you a crossing guard, tutor, coaching assistant, office assistant, or library assistant?
- **Volunteer Work Outside of School:** Did you volunteer at a hospital, after-school program, community sports team, daycare, or animal shelter?

After you have compiled your list, think about how your experiences during high school have contributed to your personal growth. Did they help you develop maturity, responsibility, teamwork skills, punctuality, or leadership skills? Introduce your involvement by assigning at least one skill or quality that you gained from the experience to the activity.

2) Sample Letter for a Scholarship Application & Sample Budget for Post-Secondary Studies

A SAMPLE LETTER

Applicants Name
Applicant's address
City, Province
Postal Code

Date (month and year)

Scholarship Administrator
Address
City, Province
Postal Code

Dear Scholarship Coordinator, (Address the letter with a person's name if possible, using Dear Ms. _____ or Dear Mr.)

First Paragraph: This is your chance to make a great first impression. Start by introducing yourself. Mention your current school and your future plans, i.e. "I am currently in my last year at Applewood High School, and am interested in pursuing a career in _____." You may also include how you found out about the scholarship. Finish this paragraph by clearly stating your main objective for writing the letter, i.e. "I would like to receive more information about your _____ award."

Second Paragraph: Here is where you highlight your achievements, interests or activities that make you a great candidate for the scholarship. Mention your experience or future plans that compliment the criteria of the award. Explain how this scholarship will help you pursue your goals.

Third Paragraph: As a last impression, this paragraph is also very important. Mention that you "look forward to receiving a response" or "look forward to hearing from you." Include with your letter a self-addressed, stamped envelope for their convenience and state that it is enclosed. Thank them for their time and remember to sign and stamp the envelope. Good luck!

Sincerely,

Applicant Name and signature

Adapted from: <http://www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca/pdf/scholarships.pdf>

3) Sample Budget For Post-Secondary Studies

Use the budget sheet provided below as you plan towards your post-secondary education.

Expenses		Income	
SCHOOL COSTS		Bursaries	\$
Tuition	\$	Co-op Jobs	\$
Student Fees	\$	Income Tax Refund	\$
Books, etc.	\$	Investments	\$
TOTAL (A):	\$ <input type="text"/>	Loans	\$
		TOTAL (a):	\$ <input type="text"/>
PERSONAL COSTS		Family Contribution	\$
Clothing	\$	Scholarships	\$
Entertainment	\$	Summer Job	\$
Holiday	\$	Work (P/T or F/T)	\$
Insurance	\$	Savings	\$
Medical	\$	Other Income	\$
Personal Items	\$	TOTAL (B):	\$ <input type="text"/>
Other Costs	\$		
<i>Plus Option 1, 2, or 3:</i>		TOTAL INCOME (A + B) =	\$ <input type="text"/>
Option 1: On-Campus Residence			
Residence	\$		
Meal Plan	\$		
Cable	\$		
Telephone	\$		
Transportation	\$		
Other	\$		
TOTAL:	\$ <input type="text"/>		
Option 2: Off-Campus Housing			
Damage Deposit	\$		
Rent	\$		
Food	\$		
Utilities	\$		
Cable	\$		
Telephone	\$		
Transportation	\$		
Other	\$		
TOTAL:	\$ <input type="text"/>		
Option 3: Living at Home			
Board & Room	\$		
Transportation	\$		
Other	\$		
TOTAL (B):	\$ <input type="text"/>		
TOTAL EXPENSES (A + B) =	<input type="text"/>		

TOTAL INCOME	\$
Minus (-)	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$
Equals (=)	
TOTAL BALANCE	\$

Adapted from <http://www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca/pdf/scholarships.pdf>

SECTION 2: Provincial Supports

1) Manitoba Student Aid – Loans, Grants and Bursaries

Manitoba Student Aid provides financial assistance for post-secondary studies in the form of loans, bursaries and grants for eligible applicants. You do not need to pay back your grants and bursaries - only loans are paid back. 6 months after you complete your education, your student loan will begin accumulating interest and you will need to make payments.

When you apply for a student loan in Manitoba, it is the **Manitoba Student Aid** office you will deal with. However, when filling out the application form for Manitoba Student Aid, it is actually 2 separate student loans you are applying for – a **Canada Student Loan** whose funds are disbursed from the National Student Loans Service Centre, and a **Manitoba Student Loan** whose funds are disbursed from Manitoba Student Aid. Therefore, when repaying your student loans, you will be dealing with the two separate organizations. Once you apply and qualify for both the Canada Student Loan and Manitoba Student Loan, you may also qualify for bursaries and grants – which you do not need to pay back. Some of these grants and bursaries include:

- Rural/Northern Bursary
- ACCESS Bursary
- Canada Student Grant for Students with Dependents
- Canada Student Grant for Students from Low-Income Families
- Canada Student Grant for Students from Middle-Income Families
- Aboriginal Education Award
- Aboriginal Medical Student Financial Assistance Program Grant

For more information regarding Manitoba Student Aid, bursaries and the application process, check out:

<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/msa/>

<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/msa/planning-for-your-future/what-are-the-options-for-funding.html>

2) Apprenticeship Manitoba - Financial Supports

Description: The Manitoba Government covers the major portion of tuition fees for apprentices when they attend technical/in-school training. This provides apprentices the opportunity to pay much lower tuition fees in comparison to most other post-secondary options. In some cases, employers may also choose to assist their apprentice with tuition fees and books, which makes an apprenticeship a cost-effective education alternative. Bursaries with Apprenticeship Manitoba include:

- ACCESS to Apprenticeship Bursary, due May 31 each year
- Tim McLean Memorial Fund, due May 30 each year
- High School Apprenticeship Program (HSAP)

For more information and to apply, visit:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/wd/apprenticeship/generalinfo/grantstax.html>

3) Advancing Futures Bursary

Description: The Advancing Futures Bursary is being offered to former youth in care and/or youth on extensions of care who are attending post-secondary education on a full or part time basis. This bursary, coordinated through the Futures Forward program, is intended to assist individuals with education costs to support their training and employment pathway. Bursaries of **up to \$10,000** will be based on demonstrated financial need, academic merit (min 2.0 GPA), length of time in care, and commitment to education and career pathway.

Eligibility: Participants must meet ALL of the following criteria:

1. A resident of Manitoba
2. A Youth in Care or Former Youth in Care that meets one of the following: Have been in the care or custody of Manitoba Child and Family Services, or received extension of care supportive services from a CFS agency, for at least 12 months between the time you were 13 and 21 years of age.
3. Attending post-secondary education for a minimum of one year (*1st year students will also be considered)
4. Current Full-time or Part-Time at an eligible post-secondary educational institution.

Applications are available at <https://www.futuresforward.ca/>

Application deadline: Friday, Feb 23, 2018 (2019 TBD)

3) Manitoba Housing: BUILDINGFoundations Bursary

Description: Manitoba Housing's bursary fund provides **\$1,000** bursaries to post-secondary students living in subsidized rental housing in Manitoba or receiving a rental subsidy funded by Manitoba Housing. Bursaries are awarded based on academic achievement and community participation. At least five of these Bursaries are available to students of Indigenous Ancestry, either First Nations, Inuit or Métis students. One of the ten \$1,000 bursaries is available for a graduate student studying at a Manitoba university.

Eligibility: You must be living in subsidized rental housing or receive a rental subsidy funded by Manitoba Housing, including those living in:

- direct-managed housing
- sponsor-managed housing
- non-profit housing
- co-op housing
- urban native housing

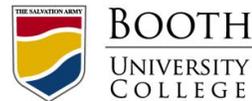
For more information and to apply, visit: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/tenants/bursary.html>

Deadline: Applications are accepted until **September 30th** each year.

SECTION 3: Manitoba Tuition Waiver Program

Established in 2012, nine participating colleges and universities in Manitoba have each established a fund to support current or former Youth-In-Care. The purpose of the fund is to provide the opportunity for youth, who are or who have been in the care of Child and Family Services in Manitoba, to attend post-secondary education. Each of the institutions have their own requirements for entrance, eligibility, renewal, and other procedures that you must meet in order to receive funding. You must be accepted into one of the participating institutions in order to apply for a Tuition Waiver and its associated funding.

Participating Institutions



ELIGIBILITY:

1. Be a current or former youth-in-care in Manitoba
2. Meet the regular program admission requirements and have applied directly to the college or university
3. Be applying for full-time studies (at least 18 credit hours per year)
4. Must demonstrate financial need *for UM, UW and USB applicants only*

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1. Maintain a 2.0 GPA (C)
2. Maintain full-time student status (at least 18 credit hours/year)
3. Continue to demonstrate financial need *for UM, UW and USB applicants only*
4. Maintain continued contact with the college or university

Our Tuition Waiver Coordinator can help you apply to school, choose the right path and program for you, and apply for a Tuition Waiver and other funding to assist you in paying for post-secondary. **For more information and to request an application, please contact:**

Laura-Lynne Hildebrand
Tuition Waiver Coordinator
(204) 987-8661 Ext. 671
lhildebrand@yesmb.ca

All Tuition Waiver Applications **MUST** be submitted to the Tuition Waiver Coordinator in order to be considered. Applications are due April 1 of each year.

SECTION 4: General CFS Authority Scholarship Opportunities

1) Vision Catchers Fund

This fund was established to assist youth (16-21 years old) in the care of a General Authority agency or service region to develop their strengths, maximize their potential and pursue their career aspirations.

Eligibility:

- Attending a recognized university, college, technical or vocational school
- Participating in an art/theatre/music program or spiritual activity; or playing for a sports team
- Age appropriate supervision and positive discipline
- Indicating how the award will facilitate their successful transition into adulthood and assist to maximize their potential, develop strengths and/or enhance their talent/skill to further their career goals

Agencies and service regions determine the selection process and amount to be awarded per successful applicant. **Please contact your worker for more information.**

2) Scotia Capital Stay in School Awards

Under this program, three types of awards are available:

- The Stay in School Awards Program was established to recognize elementary and high school students who are doing exceptionally well in school given their personal circumstances, and to encourage them to complete high school and move on to post-secondary. The award itself is a **\$300 cash** award.
- The Graduation Awards were established to recognize at risk, disadvantaged students for meeting their immediate education goals and successfully graduating from Grade 8 or Grade 12. The awards are **\$50 for graduation from Grade 8 and \$100 for graduation from Grade 12.**
- Leap to Learning Tutoring supports educationally at risk children and youth to meet their academic goals and reach their learning potential through funding for tutoring services.

Agencies and service regions determine the selection process and amount to be awarded per successful applicant. Please contact your worker for more information.

3) Keith Cooper Scholarship

Description: This scholarship acknowledges the late Keith Cooper, former Chief Executive Officer of Winnipeg Child and Family Services and educator, and his commitment to children in Agency care as well as his interest in their further education. The Keith Cooper Scholarship is **now available to all four Child and Family Services Authorities**. Scholarship recipients can reapply for the scholarship for an additional three years so that a student might complete a four year university, technical or vocational program.

Eligibility:

- Currently or formerly in the care of agencies/regional offices delivering child welfare services under any of the four Manitoba Child and Family Services Authorities.
- Has been in care of a child welfare agency/region for more than one year.
- Be thirty years of age or younger before the application deadline.
- Be planning to attend a recognized University, College, Technical or Vocational School.
- Be able to meet the institution's entry requirements.

Application: Applications are available from your CFS worker, or on the VOICES website. Applications are due **in June of each year**.

SECTION 5: Scholarship Opportunities through VOICES: Manitoba's Youth in Care Network

1) Voices Scholarship Program

Description: The VOICES Scholarship program includes three (3) different awards:

- The **Peter D. Curry Memorial Scholarship** is comprised of six (6) **\$2,000** scholarships available to youth in/from care who have lived in the following areas of Winnipeg: St. Vital, St. Boniface, Transcona, Elmwood, North Kildonan, or the North End.
- The **VOICES Bursary** is made possible through the fundraising efforts of VOICES members and staff, and donations from the public. Administered by *The Winnipeg Foundation*, this award of **\$1,000** is given to a youth in or from care from any community in Manitoba, in recognition and celebration of how far the youth has come and where the youth is headed.
- The **Marie Christian Bursary**, also known as the **Lemonade Award**, is a **\$500** award is given to youth in or from care who exhibit a positive attitude and determination to take sour circumstances and create delicious opportunities. The recipient must embody leadership qualities, including integrity, compassion, and creativity. The Lemonade Award is available to any youth in or from care in Manitoba, age 30 and under.

In addition to the financial aspect of these 3 awards, the recipients are invited to attend monthly get-togethers for peer support, encouragement, and dinner.

Application: Applications are available in the **spring of each year** through VOICES. Check out their website: www.voices.mb.ca

2) Ken Dryden Scholarship: National Youth in Care Network

Description: Each year the Ken Dryden Scholarship is awarded to 8 young people, currently or formerly in the care of the Canadian child welfare system, who demonstrate great achievement and promise. Each scholarship covers **up to \$3,000 or 80% of the cost of tuition and fees**, whichever is less, and is renewable annually based on reasonable progress toward the completion of an undergraduate degree or diploma.

Eligibility: New applicants must be 30 years or younger at the start of the application process, be a current or former youth in care, and be attending a recognized post-secondary institution.

Application: Youth can apply directly at: <https://youthincare.ca/ken-dryden-scholarship/>
The deadline to apply is **May 11, 2018**. Any questions about the application process can be sent to: scholarship-bourse@youthincare.ca

SECTION 6: Scholarship Opportunities Through Private Agencies and Organizations

1) Marymound Student Bursary Program

Description: Recognizing that for many young people living in the care of Child and Family Services it can be difficult to plan financially for education or training after high school, the Marymound Bursary Program aims to assist students financially with their education and training goals. Individual bursary awards on average range between **\$500 and \$2,500** depending on available funds in any given year.

Eligibility:

- Presently or in the past have received services for a minimum of six months at any Marymound program
- Provide proof that he/she has been accepted to an education/training program at an accredited learning institution.

Application: In most cases, Marymound bursaries are awarded twice annually. Application deadlines are **June 30** and **November 15 each year**, but exceptions may be made. Applications are available online at: <http://www.marymound.com/main/giving/bursary-fund/>

2) Knowles Centre Arthur E. Prior Scholarship

Description: The Arthur E. Prior Scholarship was established by Knowles Centre in 1987 to assist former students or clients to meet the costs of pursuing further education or training opportunities. Eligible expenses that may be covered by the scholarship include: **tuition, books, student fees, special equipment, clothing, transportation, day care costs, or other costs** incurred as a requirement of the training course or program.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be former students or clients of Knowles Centre's Group Care, Treatment Foster Care, Day Treatment, Sexual Abuse Treatment, or SAIL Programs.
- Applicants must have received services for a minimum of six months in one or a combination of programs.
- Applicants of all ages are welcome to apply regardless of the dates which they received services.
- Clients who first received services as adults, and family members of clients are not eligible.
- Individuals receiving social assistance should speak with a Prior Scholarship committee member before applying.

Application: Interested individuals are requested to submit a completed application form: www.knowlescentre.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=34&Itemid=32

There is no deadline to apply for a scholarship. Individuals may submit up to three applications in any year.

3) Storwell Foster Children Bursary Program

Description: Storwell offers an annual bursary in support of foster children to help them attend post-secondary schools and to offer a hand up as they make their way forward in life. The successful candidate would be an active member of their community, have excellent grades and display financial need. This award is worth **\$2,000**.

Eligibility:

- Have been a foster child with an official Canadian foster care program and agrees to have the above organization verify the same.
- Be enrolled as a full-time student at a recognized post-secondary institution in Canada.
- Be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident.
- Be 24 years of age or younger at the time of application.

Application: For the Storwell application form please click the following link at:

<https://www.storwell.com/bursary-application>

Deadline: December 15, 2017

4) RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program

Description: The RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program was launched in 1992 to assist Aboriginal students to complete post-secondary education, and provide an opportunity for RBC to strengthen its relationship with the Aboriginal community. Selected students will **receive up to \$4000.00 per academic year for educational and living expenses for 2 to 4 years.**

Eligibility: You are eligible to apply to the RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program if you are a Status Indian*, a Non-status Indian, Inuit or Métis and meet these criteria:

- You are a permanent resident or citizen of Canada
- You have applied or are currently attending an accredited post-secondary institution in Canada
- You maintain a full course load that leads to a recognized degree, certificate or diploma
- You have at least two years remaining in post-secondary studies as of September 2018
- You require financial assistance to pursue your education

Eligibility: To apply on-line and for further information regarding eligibility:

<http://aboriginalstudents.ca/site-sponsors/rbc/>

Applications and supporting documents are due **on February 28th of each year.**

5) The Louis Riel Institute

Description: The Louis Riel Institute (LRI) administers several scholarships and bursaries as follows: *Mary Guilbault Métis Bursary* awarded to Métis students who excel in their academics and community; *Manitoba Metis Federation – Vickar Community Chevrolet Métis Student Award*, is available to Métis students attending Red River College who are enrolled in an automotive program; *Audreen Hourie Indigenous Governance Graduate Fellowship* is available to Métis students enrolled in the Masters of Indigenous Governance or Masters of Development Practice in Indigenous Development at the University of Winnipeg.

These scholarships or bursaries are available to Métis students at various post-secondary institutions. The following is a list of participating universities and their application due dates:

- **University of Manitoba** - due date is October 1st annually - contact "Financial Aid & Awards Office - University Centre".
- **University of Winnipeg** - due date is September 14th annually - contact "Student Services - Centennial Hall".
- **Brandon University** - due date is August 16th - contact "Scholarship and Awards Clerk -McKenzie Building".
- **Université de Saint Boniface** - due date is September 30th annually - contact "Registrariat".
- **University College of the North** – due date is March 31st annually - contact "Financial Aid and Awards".

Eligibility:

- The Louis Riel Institute confirms that, as a Métis student, the applicant is eligible for the award and their attendance at the university has been confirmed.
- All students applying for these awards are required to provide proof of their Métis heritage.

Application: Students who are interested in applying for this award can contact either their university directly or the LRI to request an application and further details.

http://www.mmfemployment.ca/scholarship_bursaries.php

6) ACU: Bursaries for Indigenous Business Students

Description: Assiniboine Credit Union is offering bursaries for Indigenous students enrolled in a post-secondary business program. Three bursaries of **\$2,000** each are available to students of Indigenous ancestry enrolled in a post-secondary business program. The awards will be based on academic performance, financial need and community involvement.

For more information and to apply, visit: <https://assiniboine.mb.ca/About-Us/Careers/Bursaries/>

Deadline to apply: February 28, 2018

7) Indspire: Building Brighter Futures

Description: Indspire provides financial assistance to Indigenous students through its Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships, and Awards program. This program is made possible by the generous support of government, corporate, and individual supporters.

Eligibility: To be eligible for financial awards from Indspire, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a Canadian Indigenous person
- Be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution or training program
- Not be a member of Indspire's staff, board, or jury at the time of applying for funding support.

Application: Applying for a Building Brighter Futures financial award is easy! Just follow these steps:

1. Visit indspire.ca/apply
2. Complete the online application form
3. Submit the required documentation (see application form for more details on each):
 - Proof of Indigenous status
 - Proof of Enrollment in PSE (Post-Secondary Education)
 - Transcript (unofficial)
 - Band Funding financial support from other sources (e.g. Band Funding Letter, Post-Secondary Education Office, provincial grants)
 - Letter of Introduction

Deadlines: Post-Secondary Education and Apprenticeships, Skilled Trades and Technology Awards:
February 1, August 1, and November 1

Website: <https://indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships/>

8) West Land Scholarship

Description: Westland Foundation Education Fund Scholarships are available toward **first year tuition fees** at Red River College, the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg.

Eligibility: Graduates from Inner Winnipeg High Schools, who are registering at Red River College, the University of Manitoba, and the University of Winnipeg, are eligible to apply.

For Red River College, every A or B (70%+) earned at the end of each year from Grades 7 through 12, in eligible Inner Winnipeg schools, becomes a credit toward a Westland Foundation scholarship. For the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg, an 80% earned is required. The scholarship is available to students for up to 30 months from the date of their Grade 12 graduation.

How to Apply: <http://www.westlandfoundation.ca/scholarships/apply.html>

RRC: Deadline February 15, 2018

UM: 2017 Deadline was June 30, 2017 (2018 TBD)

UW: 2017 Deadline was July 14, 2017 (2018 TBD)

9) Ted Rogers Scholarship Fund

Description: The Ted Rogers Scholarship Fund (TRSF) aims to provide access to post-secondary education and reward youth who demonstrate community leadership starting their first post-secondary program. The TRSF is now open for its second year to 150 young people through 14 national partner organizations, including 20 students through Children's Aid Foundation of Canada!

Scholarship Details + Eligibility

- **\$2500 annually towards tuition** for any Canadian **full-time, 2-4 year** post-secondary **undergraduate** program or certificate at a college, university or trade school
- Student must be **currently enrolled** or **planning to enroll** in their **first** post-secondary program, at a recognized public post-secondary institution or a registered private post-secondary institution starting in **September, 2018 or January, 2019**
- Student must be **24** or under and a **Canadian citizen** or **permanent resident** on March 11, 2018
- Student must have to-date experienced a minimum, cumulative total of **12 months in provincial government care** before age 18 (including: permanent or continuing care/crown ward, temporary care, voluntary care, customary care, kith/kin or extended family placements, youth agreement/independent living, custody centres)
- Student must demonstrate **financial need** and **contributions to the community**
- Can be **used in addition to any other funding** sources including Foundation scholarships
- **Guaranteed renewal** for length of program (2-4 year programs) totaling up to **\$10,000**
- **Guaranteed Rogers job interviews** for retail, call centre and intern positions if student applies

Deadline to apply: Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 11:59 pm.

For more information, or to apply on-line: <http://www.cafdn.org/for-youth/help-with-higher-education/#1501178116931-d5e77653-0cd3>

10) Children's Aid Foundation Scholarship

Description: Children's Aid Foundation scholarship applications are open to students demonstrating both financial need and the potential to succeed in their program of study. Scholarships are awarded through an annual competitive process. Decisions are made by the Foundation's Award Committee. Scholarships for the 2017/2018 year range from **\$2,500 to \$5,000**.

Eligibility:

- A current Crown (permanent) Ward, or have been a Crown (permanent) Ward
- Under 26 years of age at the start of their current school program, or under 30 if the student has received Foundation funding for the same program in previous years
- Registered at, or planning to attend a recognized post-secondary institution

- Students meeting the eligibility criteria, and who will be attending school full-time for two semesters within one academic year (September-August) can apply.

Application: Online scholarship applications are due **Wednesday, February 21st 2018 by 5pm**. All supporting documents (transcript and worker reference) must be received by Tuesday, March 6th by 5pm. For more information, or to apply on-line: <http://www.cafdn.org/for-youth/help-with-higher-education/#1501178116931-d5e77653-0cd3>

12) Canada Learning Bond

Description: The Canada Learning Bond is money that the Government of Canada deposits into a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) to help you save for a child's education after high school. The total amount the Government deposits can be **up to \$2,000**. Applying for and receiving the Canada Learning Bond will not affect any other benefits that you or an eligible child receives.

Through the Canada Learning Bond, the Government will add money to the RESP for an eligible child every year, even if you do not add any money.

An RESP is an education savings account set up with a financial institution like a bank or a credit union, or group plan dealer. The money in the RESP will grow tax free until it can be used for expenses related to their studies in apprenticeship programs, CEGEPs, colleges, trade schools; or universities.

Eligibility: The Canada Learning Bond (CLB) is available to children from low-income families who also:

- Are born on or after January 1, 2004
- are residents of Canada; and have a valid Social Insurance Number

It is the primary caregiver (PCG) or, as of January 2018, their cohabiting spouse or common-law partner, who must request the CLB on behalf of an eligible child. The PCG is the person who is eligible to receive the Canada Child Benefit.

Apply: You must open a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), through an RESP provider, before you can apply for the Canada Learning Bond on behalf of a child. Not all RESP providers offer the Canada Learning Bond, so make sure that your provider does.

Once your application is approved, the Government of Canada will directly deposit the Canada Learning Bond into the RESP every year that the child is eligible. If you contribute to the RESP, the child could also qualify for the Canada Education Savings Grant and the additional amount of Canada Education Savings Grant.

13) Business Council of Manitoba: Aboriginal Education Awards

Description: The Business Council of Manitoba represents the best of business leadership, working to make Manitoba an exciting place to live, work and invest. The Business Council recognizes the potential in our Aboriginal community and offers financial support to Aboriginal citizens who attend post-secondary institutions in our province through this award program.

The Business Council offers awards to assist with the cost of tuition, books and supplies during the academic year. Each award is **\$3000 for university and \$2000 for college students**. All applicants are eligible to reapply each year of their studies but may only receive the award three times.

Eligibility: If you are of Aboriginal ancestry you are eligible to apply for a Business Council of Manitoba Aboriginal Education Award provided you meet the following criteria;

- You are a citizen of Canada and permanent resident of Manitoba, having resided in Manitoba for the last 12 months
- You plan to attend one of the listed Manitoba post-secondary institutions in any discipline (trades, business, general studies, science, etc.)
- You plan to maintain full time student status (at least a 60% course load)
- You are in need of financial assistance

If you are receiving funding from other sources, including band funding, you may still apply for this award to cover additional costs. We ask applicants to notify the Business Council when band funding has been approved.

Application forms are available online at <http://businesscouncil.mb.ca/aboriginal-education-awards>

Application deadline is March 31, 2018

SECTION 7: Post-Secondary Institution Awards

There are numerous scholarships and bursaries to apply for at each post-secondary institution in Manitoba. These awards are often referred to as internal awards and can usually be found under the heading “*Financial Aid and Awards*” on a school website.

University of Manitoba

The University of Manitoba offers a number of scholarships and awards ranging from entrance scholarships for recent high school graduates, awards for current students who excel within their faculties, athletic scholarships, and university bursaries. For more information on University of Manitoba scholarships, awards and bursaries, please visit: http://umanitoba.ca/student/fin_awards/

The University of Winnipeg

Scholarships and bursaries at the University of Winnipeg include entrance awards for first year students, and fast-track bursaries through the Opportunity Fund. For more information on University of Winnipeg scholarships, awards and bursaries, please visit: <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/services-awards>

Red River College

Awards, scholarships and bursaries offered at Red River College include entrance awards for first year students, Aboriginal student awards, general and program-specific awards. For more information, please visit: <http://me.rrc.mb.ca/Catalogue/AvailableAwards.aspx>

Assiniboine Community College

Awards and scholarships offered at Assiniboine Community College include entrance awards for first year students, continuing student awards, and grad awards. For more information, please visit: <http://public.assiniboine.net/admissions/scholarships-awards-bursaries>

Brandon University

Scholarships and awards at Brandon University include entrance awards for first year students, undergraduate and grad year scholarships, graduate level scholarships and Deans’ awards. For more information, please visit: www.brandonu.ca/scholarships

Booth University College

Scholarships and awards at Booth University College include entrance awards for first year students, and returning student awards. For more information, please visit: <https://www.boothuc.ca/admissions/scholarships-financial-aid/>

Canadian Mennonite University

Scholarships and awards at CMU include leadership entrance scholarships, merit awards, athletic awards, and returning student scholarships. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.cmu.ca/become.php?s=financial&p=aid>

Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology

Awards, scholarships and bursaries offered at MITT include entrance awards/bursaries for first year students, and achievement awards/scholarships. For more information, please visit:

<http://mitt.ca/admissions/awards-financial-aid>

Providence University College

Providence University College offers academic entrance scholarships to qualified students entering their first year of study as well as merit-based competitive scholarships for new and returning students. For more information, please visit: http://www.providenceuc.ca/college/current_students/financial_aid/

Université de Saint-Boniface

L'Université de Saint-Boniface offre un programme de bourses qui comprend des bourses d'admission en première année aux candidates et candidats admissibles, des bourses de mérite et d'excellence en deuxième année, des bourses basées sur l'excellence dans divers programmes d'études, des bourses sportives ainsi que des bourses de besoin financier. Tout étudiant ou toute étudiante s'inscrivant à temps plein à l'USB est également admissible à la Bourse d'études de la langue minoritaire officielle.

Pour plus de renseignements visitez le site: <http://ustboniface.ca/bourses>

University College of the North

Awards, scholarships and bursaries offered at UNC include entrance awards for first year students, Aboriginal student awards, general and program-specific awards. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.ucn.ca/sites/enrolment/StudentServices/Financial%20Aid%20and%20Awards/Pages/Awards.aspx>

Appendix A: Useful websites and databases

These website databases will help identify numerous external awards and scholarships you might be eligible for across Canada. Simply enter basic information about yourself and the website will search its database to bring up a list of awards you might be eligible for.

Scholarship/award database websites:

- www.scholarshipscanada.com
- www.studentscholarships.org/
- www.disabilityawards.ca
- www.manitobascholarships.ca
- www.ammsa.com/community-access/scholarships (Aboriginal Scholarship Guide)
- www.canlearn.ca
- www.studentawards.com

For more information about post-secondary institutions and programs across Canada, and awards available for different schools and programs, check out:

- www.canadian-universities.net
- www.univcan.ca
- www.schoolfinder.com
- www.schoolsincanada.com