

**Voices: Manitoba's Youth in Care Network
2024-2025 Scholarship Application**

OVERVIEW

Voices is pleased to provide six awards to people with lived experience in Manitoba's child welfare system who are pursuing their post-secondary education:

- The Voices Bursary, 2- \$1000 prizes
- The Marie Christian Award, 1- \$1000 prize
- The Reaching for the Stars Scholarship, 1- \$500 prize
- The Honouring Our Youth Scholarship, 1- \$1000 prize
- The Allan Mowatt Kids-in-Need (Kin) Award, 1- \$1000 prize
- The Kiwiytin Scholarship, 4- \$2000 prizes

ELIGIBILITY

There is no age limit for these awards. You are eligible for these awards if:

- You are currently in-care, or you were living in the care of a Manitoba Child and Family Services agency for a minimum of 1 year, which means that you meet **one** of the following criteria:
 - Designated a temporary or permanent ward,
 - Designated a voluntary placement agreement (VPA),
 - Placed in a place of safety, group home, kinship care, foster home or adoption by an agency.
- You have met the college, university, and/or program entry requirements.
- You have demonstrated financial need.
- Only applicants who are female or identify as female are eligible for The Reaching for the Stars Scholarship.

YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- 2 (two) current letters of reference that speak to your character, your post-secondary goals, and your ability to achieve your goals.
- New students: please include the letter of acceptance and your most recent transcript.
- Continuing students: please include your most recent transcript and proof of registration for the current year.
- Your Personal Essay responses

Incomplete applications will not be considered. **Keep a copy of your application for your own records.**

Email, mail, courier, or drop off your completed application package to the address below. Do not send your application by fax. The complete application package must be received by **10:00am, Monday, September 23rd, 2024**. Late applications will not be accepted. Faxed copies will not be accepted.

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Personal Information

Full Legal Name:	Preferred Name:	
_____	_____	
Birthday:	Age:	
_____	_____	
Current Address:		

City/Province:	Postal Code:	
_____	_____	
Address while in school:		

City/Province:	Postal Code:	
_____	_____	
Phone:	Cell:	
_____	_____	
Email:	Student Number:	
_____	_____	
Would you like to be added to our email list for updates on Voices activities and events?	Yes	No
_____	_____	_____
Would you like to be a member of Youth in Care Canada? Membership is free for all youth in care and alumni of care. Learn more at www.youthincare.ca .	Yes	No
_____	_____	_____

Voluntary Disclosure (for statistical purposes only): Please check if you identify as any of the following:

- First Nations, Métis or Inuit Person
- Person who is a Visible Minority
- Person with Disability

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Please estimate your cost of living for the school year (September to June):

Tuition	\$ _____		\$ _____
Books	\$ _____		\$ _____
Rent	\$ _____	Per month x nine months=	\$ _____
Hydro	\$ _____	Per month x nine months=	\$ _____
Water	\$ _____	Per month x nine months=	\$ _____
Parking	\$ _____	Per month x nine months=	\$ _____
Food/Toiletries	\$ _____	Per month x nine months=	\$ _____
Transportation	\$ _____	Per month x nine months=	\$ _____
Telephone	\$ _____	Per month x nine months=	\$ _____
Entertainment	\$ _____	Per month x nine months=	\$ _____
Childcare	\$ _____	Per month x nine months=	\$ _____
Other (please specify)	\$ _____		\$ _____
		Total Expenses:	\$ _____

What will your living situation be like during the school year? (For example: Supported by an Agreement with Youth Adults (AYA) or a Supports for Young Adults Grant (SYA), on your own, with foster parents/family, with spouse/live-in partner, roommate, single parent, etc.)?

Getting to Know You

1. What are your career goals?

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2. Please tell us about a challenge that you faced while in CFS care or as you adjusted to life after care. How did you overcome this challenge? What helped, and/or what would have been helpful?

3. How does your experience of being in care impact the person you want to be?

4. Voices is Manitoba's Youth in Care Network. This means we work together to build a community of people who have lived experience in Manitoba's child welfare system. By coming together, we know we are not alone in the system, and by sharing our stories and experiences, we help to make a better system of care. What does 'Youth in Care Network' mean to you?

5. Who do you consider to be a part of your personal network of support, and how can they help you as you pursue your education?

IN YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE, REMEMBER TO INCLUDE:

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Voices: Manitoba's Youth in Care Network
Scholarship Committee
#300- 61 Juno Street
Winnipeg, MB R3A 1T1
ask@voices.mb.ca

DECLARATION: By signing this application form, I hereby verify the information that I have provided is true.

Signature: _____

Date: _____