

Current and Former Youth in Care (FYC) Financial Assistance Program Application

Selkirk College's Current and Former Youth in Care (FYC) Financial Assistance Program, is an initiative aimed at making post-secondary education more accessible for youth in care, by waiving tuition for eligible students.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for this Program, students must be a resident of British Columbia who is living or has lived as a youth in care in British Columbia under one of the following conditions as defined by the *Child, Family and Community Service Act (CFCSA)*:

- a **Continuing Custody Order** pursuant to sections 41 (1) (d), 42.2 (4) (d) or (7) or 49 (4), (5) or 10 (a) of the Act for a minimum of one year
- an **Agreement with Youth** pursuant to section 12.2 of the Act
- a **Transfer of Custody Order** pursuant to section 54.1 of the Act

If students are not aware whether they meet any of the above criteria, they should contact their former social worker or any Ministry of Children and Family Development office or any delegated Aboriginal agency for help.

In addition, students should meet the following criteria (please check all that apply):

- You are 19 years of age or older (If you are under 19 check with your social worker or any Ministry of Children and Family Development office to access funding available)
- You are working towards completing your first certificate or diploma program
- You are in need of financial assistance (first consideration will be given to students receiving government student loan and/or grant funding, through the province of British Columbia)
- You have obtained an offer of admission from Selkirk College
- You have attached an "Authorization for Release of Information" available at <http://selkirk.ca/student-experience/student-connection/current-student-info> under Information and Forms tab.
- You have included your most recent social worker's name on the last page of this application
- You have met with a Selkirk College Counsellor to review educational goals and preparedness. To book an appointment and for more information please call Selkirk College at 250-365-1273.

*If you do not meet any of the criteria outlined above you may provide an explanation under "Extenuating Circumstances" in "Section 3 – Additional Information" of this application.

WHAT DOES THE SELKIRK COLLEGE FORMER YOUTH IN CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COVER?

If approved, the financial assistance program will provide up to \$_____ towards your first certificate or diploma program at Selkirk College. Financial Aid will review the funding needs (tuition or other costs) of participating students each semester and determine whether other sources of funds are available.

Application deadlines are August 15 (fall and/or winter semester) and October 31 (spring and/or summer semester)

If approved, you will be contacted by Selkirk College to confirm your eligibility and details of funding.

Selkirk College reserves the right to change criteria based on funding availability.

SECTION 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION

ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED IN INK

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Student #: _____ SIN: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City & Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

 Are you of Aboriginal descent? Yes No If applicable, please indicate your band _____

 Residence during study period: With parents/family Self-owned home Rented/Shared accommodation

 Marital Status: Single Common-Law Married Single Parent

Number of Children: _____ Ages: _____

 1) Do you have a documented disability? Yes No *If NO, continue to next section, do not answer question 2 or 3

 2) Do you have documentation on file with Selkirk College Disability Services? Yes No

*If NO, you must provide "Verification of Disability" to a Selkirk College Disability Service Coordinator

 3) Does your disability require you to study at a reduced course load? Yes No
PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Which program are you applying for funding: _____

 Year of Study: 1 2 3

 Have you previously completed any Adult Basic Education (ABE) courses at Selkirk College? Yes No
SECTION 2 - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

My source of income for the current study period will be:

1. Government Student Loan Funding	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, Amount you will receive:	\$ _____
2. Bank Line of Credit	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, Amount available to you:	\$ _____
3. Earnings from Employment	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, Amount earned per month:	\$ _____

**If you do not have a student loan; attach proof of income such as; recent pay stubs, T4 slip, income tax assessment.*
Please specify monthly amounts for any additional income:

Spousal earnings from employment:	\$ _____	Universal/Child Tax Credit:	\$ _____
Employment Insurance Benefits:	\$ _____	Band Sponsorship	\$ _____
Income Assistance/Disability Pension:	\$ _____	Other:	\$ _____
WCB/CPP/Orphans Benefit:	\$ _____	Total additional monthly income:	\$ _____

Please specify monthly amounts for your expenses:

Rent/Mortgage/Room & Board	\$ _____	Childcare Expenses (daycare)	\$ _____
Utilities (heat, phone, cable, etc.)	\$ _____	Transportation (gas or bus pass)	\$ _____
Groceries and Household items	\$ _____	Medical/Dental/Prescriptions	\$ _____
Insurance (home, vehicle, life)	\$ _____	Other:	\$ _____
		Total monthly expenses:	\$ _____

Have you accessed any loans and/or grants for the following:

Full Time Loan/Grant: Yes No **Part Time** Loan/Grant: Yes No Amount \$ _____

...For more information on full time and part time student loans and grants visit www.studentaidbc.ca

Youth Education Assistance Fund (YEAFF): (Ministry funding for youth ages 19-24) Yes No Amount \$ _____

...For more information on the Youth Education Assistance Fund (YEAFF) visit www.studentaidbc.ca

Agreements with Young Adults (AYA): (Ministry funding for youth ages 19-24) Yes No Amount \$ _____

...For more information on Agreements with Young Adults (YAY) visit www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/youth/ays.htm

The Selkirk College FYC Financial Assistance Program is reserved for those who have exhausted all other funding options available to them, therefore please **attach proof** of funding approval or denial for any of the above loans or grants. If you answered "no" to any of the above loans/grants, please explain why, if necessary attach additional information (500 words maximum).

SECTION 3 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Education Plan

Provide details of your educational goals, if necessary attach additional information (500 words maximum)

Financial Need

Provide details explaining why you should be considered for financial need, if necessary attach additional information (500 words maximum)

Extenuating Circumstances

If you do not meet the criteria outlined in this application provide us with comments supporting why you should be considered for the Selkirk College FYC Financial Assistance Program. If necessary attach additional information (500 words maximum)

How did you learn about the Selkirk College FYC Financial Assistance Program?

Social Worker Media Website Instructor Other Specify: _____

SECTION 4 – DECLARATION (READ AND SIGN IN INK)

I understand that:

1. Answers that are not true or that are misleading may be considered fraud. Fraud is against the law in Canada.
2. It is my responsibility to make sure the information on this application is true and correct.
3. All information is subject to audit and verification.
4. If I do not provide complete and accurate information I may not receive assistance under the Selkirk College FYC Financial Assistance Program.
5. If I receive money, and it is then discovered that my application, or documents included with it, are not accurate, my application will be cancelled and all funding through the Selkirk College FYC Financial Assistance Program will stop.
6. I am required to keep Selkirk College informed of my progress and maintain at least a 2.00 (C) overall grade point average.
7. Approved program eligibility is renewable for a maximum of 5 years.
8. If I receive funding under this program a T4A will be issued by Selkirk College for amounts over \$500 during a calendar year.

I understand that my signature below means that:

1. I have answered all questions on the application that pertain to me.
2. I certify that all the information is complete and accurate.
3. I am a registered student and will be attending Selkirk College for the upcoming semester.
4. I will notify Selkirk College in writing of any changes in my contact information, financial situation and enrollment.
5. I agree to maintain continued contact with the College, Ministry or agency officials to administer the program.
6. I consent to a person delegated by Selkirk College exchanging information about me with my Ministry of Children and Family Development agency and with the Ministry of Advanced Education regarding eligibility and funding.

Authority to collect: The information included in this form and authorized herein is collected for the purpose of determining eligibility for a benefit under the Selkirk College FYC Financial Assistance Program. Any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of this information should be directed to the Financial Aid Officer, Selkirk College, 301 Frank Beinder Way, Castlegar, BC, V1N 4L3.

Signature of Student (in Ink)	Print Name	Date Signed (Year/Month/Day)
_____	_____	_____

Please provide the name and contact information of your most recent social worker:

Social Worker's Name: _____	Social Worker's Location: _____	Social Worker's Phone Number: _____
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Check this box if you do not have the above information for your most recent Social Worker Unknown

FOR SELKIRK COLLEGE OFFICE USE ONLY	Total Financial Assistance Approved: \$ _____
Program, Year(s) and Term(s) approved for funding: _____	
Comments: _____	
Financial Aid Officer Signature: _____	
Registrar's Signature: _____	

For a copy of this application and for more information on the Selkirk College FYC Financial Assistance Program and other available Scholarships, Awards, Bursaries or Grants visit the Selkirk College Financial Aid and Awards Website at <http://selkirk.ca/financial-information/financial-aid/financial-aid-support>.

Please mail or drop off your completed application package to:
 Selkirk College, 301 Frank Beinder Way, Castlegar BC, V1N 4L3
 Attention: Financial Aid