

Quarterly Newsletter

Hi there! You are receiving this message because you are registered for the Futures Forward program this contract year. We hope you find our newsletter full of useful information and resources!



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WHY WE CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY

Black Canadians and their communities have been a part of shaping Canada's heritage and identity since the arrival of Mathieu Da Costa, a navigator, and interpreter, whose presence in Canada dates back to the early 1600s. The role of Black Canadians and their communities in Canada has largely been ignored as a key part of Canada's history. Few people in Canada are aware of the fact that African people were once enslaved in the territory that is now known as Canada.

Black History Month is a time to celebrate and learn more about these Canadian stories and the many other important contributions that Black Canadians and their communities have made to the history and continued growth of this country.

[Black History Manitoba](#) works to achieve this goal year round.



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ADVANCING FUTURES BURSARY

The 2022 - 2023 Advancing Futures Bursary has been confirmed! This bursary awards full-time university students up to \$10,000 and part-time students up to \$5,000. **Deadline: March 10, 2022.**

Connect with [Samantha](#) or [Evan](#) of our Education Team to receive support with preparing your application and the materials you need to go along with your submission. For more information of the Advancing Futures Bursary, [check out this page on our website.](#)

TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM

You still have a month to get in your applications in for the Tuition Waiver program, this award can cover up to the full cost of tuition for a post-secondary degree or diploma at 10 participating institutions across Manitoba. **Deadline: March 31, 2022.**

Connect with [Samantha](#) or [Evan](#) of our Education Team to receive support with preparing your application and the materials you need to go along with your submission. For more information on the Tuition Waiver Program, [check out this page on our website.](#)

Resources for Youth in/from Care

VOICES COVID-19 Support Fund for Former Youth In Care



Our allies at VOICES: Manitoba's Youth In Care Network are proud to offer pandemic emergency assistance to alumni of care (youth ages 18 to 33 years who have been in the care of Child and Family Services in Manitoba) due to the generous support of the Northpine Foundation.

Priority will be given to alumni of care who are not connected to other financial supports and first time applicants.

You can request up to \$500 from the support fund. Please be specific in your request, and remember to ask for what you need so that funds will be available to others. Click [here](#) for more information!



The Link Manitoba - formerly known as Macdonald Youth Services (MYS) - focuses on creating healing, hope & better lives for Manitoba youth & families through programs & partnerships that nurture emotional, physical & cultural wellness. Services include youth healing homes & crisis supports, as well as a network of specialized foster families.

[Click this link to find out more about their services.](#)

CMHA'S DOWNTOWN YOUTH HUB NOW OPEN!

Youth in/from care (and their peers with family privilege too!) can access services at Canadian Mental Health Association, Winnipeg and Manitoba's Downtown Integrated Youth Hub - including specialized supports from over fifty community partners.

Youth Hubs provide low-barrier, integrated services for young people and their families at a single easy-to-access location. A network of organizations and service providers work closely together to provide youth-centered services across a continuum of care so that young people can access all of the core health services they need in one place.

For more information, send a message to Levi Labelle, Youth Hub Manager: llabelle@cmhawpg.mb.ca

Youth aging out of care, you may be eligible for our Mobility and Internet for Good® programs! You can get a FREE smartphone and a \$0 phone plan for two years, with home internet plans for as low as \$9.95. This means that you can stay in touch with friends and vital support networks, search for somewhere to live, find education and job opportunities, and build credit!

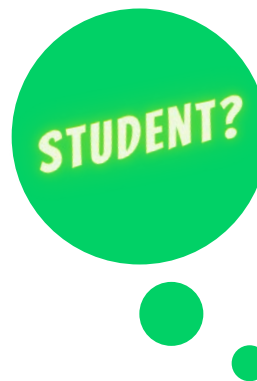
Futures Forward Staff can help you with your application! [Check out this link to learn more about the TELUS Mobility for Good and Internet for Good Programs.](#)

TELUS Mobility
for Good
program



Tax Season is here but it does not need to be a cause for stress! Ashley and Holly are here to support you at this time with FREE tax filling assistance - including support with securing the documents needed to file taxes. Filing deadline for most individuals is April 30, 2022 - if you or your boss are self employed the deadline is June 15, 2022.

As a student, you may have many questions about taxes and might be filing an income tax and benefit return for the first time. We understand that many students have unique personal and financial situations, especially given the last year. Let's make sure you don't miss out on benefits and credits to which you may be entitled. [Find out what you could get and what you need to know in this tax tip article from the Canadian Revenue Agency.](#)



As with a lot of things leading up to and following your transition from care, Futures Forward staff can assist you with this often daunting process of filling taxes. If you are unsure about how COVID-19 benefit payments affect your taxes and eligibility for other supports, send a message to Ashley, our Financial Counsellor, today: ashleyk@cfcs.mb.ca



Community

We value your feedback!

- We are inspired and guided by youth voice, this year, Futures Forward participants can participate in our feedback survey, and in our focus groups - virtual or in-person.
- Check your email inbox (and junk folder) for a message from Futures Forward with the link to participate in the survey!
- If you would like to participate in our focus group, send an email to hjatto@yesmb.ca

Join our Youth Advisory Council

- Meet current and former youth in care! Build a community of care
- Get involved in the youth in care community and help improve services and supports
- Attend meetings in-person or virtually (message for Zoom link)
- Email hjatto@yesmb.ca for more information



...or our Student Support Group!

- Hang out with other university students in/from care
- Play games and eat free pizza
- Open to future students
- Email spothier@yesmb.ca for more information



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