



Tuition Waiver FAQ

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1. How do I apply for a Tuition Waiver?

The application forms are posted on our website in January and due March 31 of each year for the following school year. Complete the form in Adobe Reader, save it to your computer, and send it as an email attachment to the Tuition Waiver Coordinator. www.futuresforward.ca/tuition-waiver-application-forms

2. Does everyone who applies for a Tuition Waiver receive one?

Unfortunately, no. Each of the institutions has a set number of applications they are able to provide each year. It's a good idea to apply for other sources of funding, such as Band Sponsorship, Manitoba Student Aid, or other external grants, bursaries and scholarships. Learn more about other financial aid options here: www.futuresforward.ca/scholarship-guide

3. What if I want to go to a school that doesn't offer Tuition Waivers?

One of our institutions may offer the same program! Contact Futures Forward for supports accessing other options available to you such as Band Sponsorship, SEP funding, Manitoba Student Aid, or other external grants, bursaries and scholarships.

4. Does a Tuition Waiver cover my books and other living expenses?

No, Tuition Waivers do not cover some student fees, textbooks, supplies or related living costs. Some fees might be included, dependent on the school you receive the funds from. Examples include: U Passes, Locker Fees and Student Services Fees. If you are approved for a Tuition Waiver and over the age of 18, you can apply for funding from Skills and Employment Partnerships (SEP) to pay for books and living expenses. Once your tuition waiver is approved, Futures Forward will contact you to set up this sponsorship.

5. What if I don't have enough money to pay for the application fee for the school I want to go to?

If you are no longer in CFS care, our office may be able to assist. We have funds to cover this when needed!

6. Do I have to apply to the college or university before I apply for a Tuition Waiver?

Yes, the first step is to apply to the institution directly. We recommend you apply by March 1 to avoid delays in processing your tuition waiver application. *You do not have to be accepted into your program to apply for a Tuition Waiver.* Even if you haven't yet received an acceptance letter, you should still apply for a tuition waiver by the annual March 31 deadline.

7. Does it matter if I was only in care for a short period of time or in care outside of Manitoba?

If you have any care history in Manitoba, you can apply for a Tuition Waiver. It is up to the school's discretion if they will accept you or not. Priority is given to current and former youth in care in Manitoba who were in care for at least one year. In some cases, out of province youth in care may be considered.

8. What if I'm over 30 years old?

There are no age restrictions for our bursaries.

9. What happens after I submit my application to the Tuition Waiver Coordinator?

Your application will be reviewed for eligibility by the Tuition Waiver Coordinator, then submitted to the institution(s) you have applied to. Each school has a different process for how their candidates are selected, such as an interview, financial/budget review, or a meeting with an Academic Advisor. The school will contact you regarding the results of your application. The tough part is sitting and waiting! Tuition Waiver Program selections are typically announced between May and July.



10. Can I transfer my waiver to a different participating institution?

No, Tuition Waivers are non-transferrable. If you are planning to switch to a different institution, you will need to re-apply for their tuition waiver. If you are in a joint program with two schools, contact the Tuition Waiver Coordinator to confirm eligibility.

11. What if I'm interested in post-secondary education, but I'm not sure what I want to take?

Futures Forward has various tools to assist you with career exploration and education planning. We also recommend meeting with your guidance counsellor, recruitment staff at post-secondary institutions, and career services departments to assist in your career planning. RRC has a great Career Exploration booklet:

www.rrc.ca/counselling/career/career-exploration/

12. What if I have a child and require childcare?

Some of the schools offer childcare to their students, but the spots often fill up quickly. You can also try searching on this website: www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childcare/

13. What if I'm already a student in a post-secondary institution?

You could be eligible to apply for a Tuition Waiver for the following school year. Tuition Waivers can't be retroactive and cover tuition you've already paid, but it's worth it to check into it moving forward. You should also apply for our Advancing Futures Bursary: www.futuresforward.ca/advancing-futures-bursary

14. Do I have to reapply every year?

No, as long as you are meeting the institution's requirements for renewal, you don't have to reapply each year. Typically this means maintaining a 2.0 GPA and full-time student status (18 credit hours/year or 60% course load). You may be required to complete additional renewal forms from the institution, contact your institution to confirm.

15. Do I have to pay anything up front or pay anything back later?

Application fees (typically about \$100) for schools must be paid at the time of application. Some programs also require program deposits (typically about \$400) to hold your seat once you have gained acceptance to a program. *Program deposits are typically not covered by the tuition waiver program.* If you are accepted for a tuition waiver, it will be applied to your student account prior to the tuition payment deadline. In some cases, there are student fees that are not covered. Please contact Futures Forward and/or your institution for further information.

16. Are there specific programs that don't qualify?

Most undergraduate full-time programs are eligible for Tuition Waivers. However, part-time, continuing education, post-graduate diplomas, and graduate studies are not eligible.

17. Can I be a part-time student and receive a tuition waiver?

No, you have to be a full time student at one of the participating institutions to be considered for a tuition waiver. If you have a disability and connect with Accessibility Services at your post-secondary institution, you may be eligible for a reduced course load.

18. What supports are available to me as a Tuition Waiver student?

Futures Forward offers wraparound services, including a regular Student Support Group, as well as regular check ins throughout the school year to ensure student success. For more information visit: www.futuresforward.ca/our-services