



Comparison Chart

AYA

Agreements with Young Adults

YEAF

Youth Educational Assistance Fund

Application available on MCFD website on Monday June 30th, 2008

FBCYICN will have applications available and will help young people fill them out

Application available on Ministry of Advanced Education website

FBCYICN can help young people with application form

Amount of money depends on your situation and your document plan and goals (e.g.: where you live and or your individual needs). If part of your plan AYA can provide month monies for rent and basic essentials. Meant to meet the needs of each individual in a fair way.

In 2008/09 education year the YEAF is \$5500.

Agreements are for up to 6 months in duration, but 24 total months of support can be provided. A new agreement will be signed each time.

Bursaries if eligibility criteria are met are provided a 4 times or until the applicant is 23 years old. One bursary is provided per education year eg education year = aug1, 2008 – July 31, 2009.

Give at least 6-8 weeks processing time (be patient this is a new program)

Allow for up to 6 weeks processing time

AYA will provide for:

- Education
- Living expenses and basic living expenses
- Rehab course
- Or a combination of education, rehab and living expenses

Must be documented in an individual plan

YEAF if eligibility requirements are met will provide the following:

\$5500 to used for tuition, fees, admin fees, books and anything left over can be used for basic living costs.

Eligibility Criteria

AYA provides up to 24 months of service between 19 – 24 years old. Agreements are stopped on the Young Adults 24 th Birthday.	The Youth Educational Assistance Fund (YEAF) provides grants for former B.C. youth in permanent care between 19 and 23 years of age.
Young Adults that were under a Continuing Custody Order or on a Youth Agreement when you turn 19 are eligible for this program.	For permanent wards and Young Adults that were under a Continuing Custody Order on their 19 th birthday.
<p>Plan must involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a minimum of 60% of a full-time educational or vocational program course load, or • 40% if you have permanent disability; or • a minimum of 15 hours a week participation in a rehabilitative program; or • a combination of educational/vocational and rehabilitative program time equal to a minimum of 15 hours a week. 	<p>You must be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Permanent ward • A full-time student or a student with a permanent disability studying at a reduced course load • registered to take post-secondary-level courses from a <i>designated</i> post-secondary institution in a program leading to a certificate, diploma or degree that is at least 12 weeks in length • between 19 and 23 years old
AYA has a complaints process	YEAF has an appeal process

Differences

Up to 24 months of service between 19 –24 years old	The Youth Educational Assistance Fund (YEAF) provides grants for former B.C. youth in care between 19 and 23 years of age.
Can be used to upgrade or get your grade 12	Not for getting your grade 12
AYA \$ and earnings (e.g.: work) can add up to \$1700 – more then \$1700 you will have to pay 25% of anything over	No contributions for only YEAF.
Can be used to upgrade or get your grade 12.	Must be an accredited program. High school is not covered.
Medical and Dental coverage can be covered for the duration of the agreement	No medical or dental coverage
May provide start up funds such as security deposit	No additional funding other than \$5500 provided