

Dream Fund

Reach for Success Bursary



The Dream Fund has two bursaries for former youth in care who plan to pursue an academic, vocational training, secondary, upgrading programs, or personal/ professional success activity.

The two bursaries that the Dream Fund offers are:

1. The **Education Achievement Bursary** assists young people in and from care with the financial costs of tuition, books and supplies for post-secondary academic, technical or academic upgrading. *This post-secondary bursary is available to a maximum of \$2,500 per semester.*
2. The **Reach for Success Bursary** assists young people in and from care with personal or professional development by helping them to participate in extracurricular activities, workshops, tutoring, conferences, as well as other skill building activities. *This is a bursary for one-time only or short-term courses to a maximum of \$500 per year.* Note: post-secondary courses will not be accepted.

Note: These bursaries will be sent directly to the school, host agency, or individual trainer for tuition or registration fees, books and supplies. Bursary money can take up to 6 weeks to reach the designated school, host agency or individual trainer. **Post-secondary courses will not be accepted.**

Successful applicants will be selected on the following criteria:

ELIGIBILITY:

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1. You are a former youth in care either under a continuing custody order (CCO) or temporary custody order (TCO, Voluntary Care Agreement or Special Care Agreement) or Youth Agreement in B.C. under the Child, Family and Community Services Act.
2. You are a Canadian Citizen or a Landed Immigrant.
3. You are at least 14 years old and under 25 years old.
4. Must have a cumulative total of 1 year in government care

REQUIRED DOCUMENT:

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1. One reference letter. This can be from a school teacher, advisor, counsellor, worker, employer, family member, or other supportive adult in your life.
2. Letter from a Social Worker verifying you are/ were a youth in care.
3. Documents that verify the cost of the course, workshop etc and the company/institution information

HOW TO APPLY:

- Complete this application form and provide as much detail as possible. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Completed application forms and all original attachments must be received by mail or in person before the second Friday of March, July and October.

Note: Keep a photocopy of your application for your own records.

Application packages should be dropped off or mailed to:

**Dream Fund Selection Committee
Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks
500 – 625 Agnes Street
New Westminster, BC
V3M 5Y4**

Applications received after the deadline will not qualify for consideration. Successful applicants will be advised of the status of their application by a written letter within 2 weeks of the application deadline. Please inform us immediately if you move or change your contact information. If we are not able to connect with you, you will not qualify for consideration.

Questions or assistance about the Dream Fund application process, please contact:

Youth in Care Program Manager – Dream Fund:

604-527-7762

Toll Free: 1-800-565-8055

dreamfund@fbcyicn.ca



FBCYICN DREAM FUND APPLICATION FORM

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Personal/Professional Development

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full Name _____

Birth date _____ DAY / MONTH / YEAR _____ Age _____

Current Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Address while in school (if different) _____

CARE STATUS INFORMATION:

1) Please describe your most recent status with the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD):

a) Continuing Care Order (CCO or Permanent Ward):	From (year):	To (year):
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OR

b) Temporary Care Order (TCO, Voluntary Care Agreement, Special Care Agreement) or Youth Agreement:	Type of Care: Total years/months in care:
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2) Social Worker Information

In order to verify your care status, we require either a letter from the Ministry of Children and Family Development (or a Delegated Aboriginal Agency) that confirms your care status and how long you were in care for or we will need to follow-up with your current/last Social Worker. Please note, application packages that include this letter from MCFD will be processed faster than those that require Social Worker follow-up.

Name of your most recent Social Worker / Delegated Agency Worker: _____

Worker Phone #: _____

Social Worker / Delegated Agency Worker Office Address: _____

[MCFD contact numbers can be found on www.gov.bc.ca/mcf/ – Delegated Aboriginal Agencies can be found on MCFD website www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/about_us/aboriginal/delegated/index.htm on the left side of the webpage, hit Delegated Agency List].

INSTITUTION INFORMATION:

Name of School or Institution: _____

Name of Program/Course/Conference: _____

Date(s) of Program/Course/Conference: _____

Total Cost: \$ _____

Please also submit a letter or print off information from the institution's website indicating the name of the institution/ organization, cost of the course/workshop/conference and start and end dates.

PURPOSE OF REACH TO SUCCESS BURSARY:

How will this bursary benefit you?
(One page maximum)

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE FBCYICN DREAM FUND:

FBCYICN Staff Presentation FBCYICN Website SCM or other event Social/Youth Worker Power Pages

Other (please describe) _____

WHAT OTHER FBCYICN PROGRAMS/SERVICES WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT?

Education Local Development Power Pages Steering Committee Meetings Transitions Volunteering

Leadership training Membership Employment Other (please specify): _____

COMPLETE APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- Completed Application (pages 3 and 4 of this document)
- One page describing how will this bursary will benefit you
- One reference letter (eg. teacher, advisor, counsellor, worker, employer, family members or other supportive adults).
- Copy of information about course/conference/workshop.
- Letter from the Ministry of Children and Family Development or Delegated Aboriginal Agency confirming your care status and how long you were in care.

APPLICANT'S DECLARATION (signed by applicant):

By signing this application form, I hereby verify that the information that I have provided is true. Should any part of the information included in this application package change for any reason, I agree to immediately alert the Dream Fund Selection Committee of these changes. I also consent to the Dream Fund Selection Committee verifying that I have been in the care of the Ministry of Children and Family Development or a Delegated Aboriginal Agency.

Signature

Date

By signing this section I agree to allow my name, age and city to be published in the Power Pages, a tri-annual newsletter that is distributed provincially to youth in and from care and service providers. If you have questions or concerns please visit our website at www.fbcyicn.ca or contact us at 1-800-565-8055.

Signature

Date

Please mail or drop off the complete application package to:

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If you need assistance filling out this or other education-related application forms, please contact:

Youth in Care Program Manager – Dream Fund
dreamfund@fbcyicn.ca

604.527.7762 or Toll Free 1.800.565.8055

* The complete application package must be received by 4:30pm for all application deadlines.

* Note: Faxed or emailed copies will not be accepted. Incomplete applications or those received after the application deadline will not be considered.