



Dorothy McFadden Bursary

Of the Calgary & District Foster Parents Association

Eligibility Criteria

The bursary is open to all foster children that are or have been in care with Child and Family Services of Alberta and have, or are going to enroll in a post-secondary education institution which is governed by a:

1. Board of a university under the University Act
2. Board of a public college under the Colleges Act
3. Board of a technical institute under the Technical Institutes Act

The applicant will be required to submit proof that they are registered or have registered and been accepted by one of the institutions noted above, have provided the CFPA with a copy of the receipt for payment, if payment has already been made, for their schooling and are current with any and all obligations as a student and are in good standing with the educational institution

The applicant also must complete the bursary application so that the decision-making body can make an informed decision when they are deciding whether to accept and approve the applications. A completed bursary application will include the following:

1. Completed either the online application form or the paper application form available on the CFPA website
2. An attached letter of introduction from the applicant
3. A letter of acceptance from the university, college or technical institute being attended
4. At least **one** of the following:
 - a. A letter of recommendation from the applicant's social worker
 - b. A letter of recommendation from one of the applicant's former teachers
 - c. A letter of recommendation from the applicant's foster parent(s)

The bursary shall be awarded by a selection committee which shall:

1. Be appointed annually by the executive of the CFPA
2. Be composed of current members of the Association
3. Include at least one member of the executive
4. Not include a foster parent with a child in care making application for this bursary

When selecting a recipient, the committee shall consider the following:

1. Financial need due to termination of guardianship at age 18 or present school term
2. Strong commitment to personal achievement through further education
3. Relative success in present program
4. High academic achievement will be of secondary consideration. However, past effort and perseverance will be highly regarded
5. Completion of high school is not a requirement; study in alternate forms of higher education such as business or trades are welcomed and encouraged

Application deadline for Fall Semester will be June 30 and recipients will be by July 31. Deadline for Winter Semester will be October 31 with recipients chosen by November 31. All applications will be kept confidential as well as the name of the recipient if requested

The expectation is that failure to pursue further education upon completion of the year of study should result in the bursary being refunded by the recipient.

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Application

Confidential – For bursary applicants only

1. Personal Information

Student Name: _____ Application Date: _____

Address: _____ Birthdate: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____ Date of Wardship Termination: _____

Foster Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Social Worker Name: _____

2. Educational Information

Present School: _____ Principal Name: _____

Present Program: _____ Counsellor Name: _____

Program Level: _____

3. Bursary Information

Intended Program: _____

Length of Program: _____

Institution: _____

Career Objective: _____

4. Financial Information

Source of Income (if any): _____

Living Arrangements: _____

Expected Expenses: Tuition fees: _____

Books and Supplies: _____

Living Expenses: _____

Total Expenses: _____

5. Statement of Need

In your own words, briefly state how this bursary will benefit you financially.

6. Statement of Intent

In your own words, briefly state how the course of education you wish to pursue will affect your life in the future.

The above information is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Guardian: _____
or Social Worker (if applicable)

Please return the completed form to:

CFPA Bursary Office
140-4820 Richard Road SW
Calgary, AB T3E6L1