**Financial Assistance**

[**Can Learn Canada**](http://www.canlearn.ca/) **-** <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education.html>   
[**Student Aid BC**](../Student%20Aid%20BC) - <https://studentaidbc.ca/apply/eligibility#basic-eligibility>   
[**Financial Aid For students With Permanent Disabilities**](http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/adultspecialed/directory.htm)**-** <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/education/grants/disabilities.html>  
[**Government Funding – British Columbia**](http://www.disabilityawards.ca/gov.php?lang=EN&ID=BC)**How to Apply for a Government Student Loan:**<https://studentaidbc.ca/>   
“Below are the steps in applying for B.C. and Canada student loans if you are a full-time student.

1. Have a valid BC Services Card and have your identity verified. If you are a new applicant, you will need to [**have your identity verified by Service BC**](https://studentaidbc.ca/help-centre/applying-loans/verify-identity) before you can access the student loan application via the StudentAid BC Dashboard.
2. [**Choose the post-secondary school**](https://studentaidbc.ca/plan/education)you want to attend, and determine the study period (registration period) for which you need funding.
3. Check to make sure your school is [**designated**](https://studentaidbc.ca/apply/designated)for StudentAid BC funding.
4. Figure out how much money you need to attend school:
   * Use the [**financial need formula**](https://studentaidbc.ca/apply/eligibility#financial)
   * Complete a [**budget worksheet**](https://studentaidbc.ca/sites/all/files/form-library/budget_worksheet.pdf)
   * Check your eligibility for the [**maximum funding limits**](https://studentaidbc.ca/apply/eligibility#maximum)
5. To access the StudentAid BC application and apply for funding, go to the [**StudentAid BC Dashboard**](https://studentaidbc.ca/dashboard) and log in with your BC Services Card, or register for a new account. Once you have logged in to your account, complete and submit the online StudentAid BC application.  
   You can [**check your application status**](https://studentaidbc.ca/dashboard/student-loans/check-application-status) from your dashboard. StudentAid BC will process your application within six weeks and notify you of the outcome on your dashboard account.” (source: <https://studentaidbc.ca/apply/how-to-apply>)

***EARLY JULY*– BC integrated Student Loans Application Portal Opens**

**Factors that may affect your loans:**

* If you stop attending classes
* If you drop below the required course load
* If you withdraw from school
* You are incarcerated

**Other useful info:**

* Repayment begins 6 months after you complete the program
* They calculate need based on educational costs minus student resources
* You must be a Canadian BC resident

**Financing and Student Loan Resources for Canadian Students Studying in the USA:**

[**Student Aid BC**](https://studentaidbc.ca/apply/eligibility#basic-eligibility): <https://studentaidbc.ca/>  Student loans of up to $50,000 are available for B.C. residents studying in the USA.  Applications open on-line June 1st. Check that the attending school in on B.C.’s designated school list.  
[**eduPASS**](http://www.edupass.org/finaid/)**The Smart Student Guide to Studying in the USA (Financial Aid for International Students):**<https://www.edupass.org/financial-aid/>  
**Financial Aid For Canadian Students Studying in the USA:** <https://finaid.org/>  
[**International Student Loan**](http://www.internationalstudentloan.com/canadian_student/)**(Canadian Student Loan Program):**<https://www.internationalstudentloan.com/canadian_student/>  
**Fast Web:**<https://www.fastweb.com/> **Scholarship Website Search (Study in the USA):** (enables B.C. residents to register) Uses a personalized search where it matches your background to the database of awards.

**Tuition waiver program – Former Youth in Care (British Columbia)**

The BC Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training (AEST) in conjunction with the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) have announced a tuition waiver program for former British Columbia youth in care who wish to attend any public post-secondary school in BC.  Students must apply for admission at the school of their choice, self-identify as a former youth in care to that school, and complete a declaration form to be considered for the government tuition waiver program.

**Youth in Care Canada**:  <https://youthincare.ca/british-columbia/>    Resource for Scholarships and Bursaries for Youth in/from care as well as a comprehensive list of post-secondary institutions that waive tuition or have reduced