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The St. Francis Xavier University Post-Care Tuition Waiver Program supports individuals who have lived in care in the Nova Scotia child welfare system – including Mi'kmaw Family and Children's Services of Nova Scotia – or have been in receipt of Department of Community Services' Youth Services Program. This bursary covers up to 100% of tuition and fees* for those selected.

Who Can Apply?

- You have lived in care for at least one year in the Nova Scotia child welfare system, Mi'kmaw Family and Children's Services of Nova Scotia or have been received Youth Services between the ages of 16-18 via signed agreement, as defined by Section 19 of the 2017 Children and Family Services Act.
- You have been accepted to a degree program as a part-time or full-time student for the upcoming academic year.
- You have financial need.
- You are pursuing your first post-secondary credential (certificate, diploma or degree).
- High School, Transfer and Mature students are eligible to apply.
- You are not eligible for, nor currently receiving the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services Educational Bursary Program for Children in Care or the Post-Care and Custody Agreement.
- You will provide a signed verification of eligibility form completed by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services Disclosure Program.
- You are willing to meet with the Financial Aid & Awards Officer to explore other sources of funding and complete orientation to StFX.

How do I apply?

Step 1:

We require verification of past child welfare involvement to ensure eligibility for the bursary. Applicants must first seek verification by contacting the Disclosure Program:

Disclosure Program
Department of Community Services
Phone: 902-424-2755
Toll-free (within Canada): 1-833-424-2755
disclosureprogram@novascotia.ca
2131 Gottingen Street, 3rd Floor
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3K 5Z7

Step 2:

Fill out the Post-Care Tuition Waiver Application and submit it, along with the verification letter, to the St. Francis Xavier University Financial Aid & Awards Office by emailing financialaid@stfx.ca or fax 902-867-5458.

The number of bursaries available may fluctuate from year to year, depending on funds available.



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Selection process

Applications are reviewed by a selection committee. When reviewing applications, the committee will consider the following:

- Financial need
- Your educational goals, career aspirations and how this bursary can help you attain them.

Questions?

Contact St. Francis Xavier University's Financial Aid & Awards Office by email to financialaid@stfx.ca. If you wish to meet with our Financial Aid & Awards Officer, you can book an appointment by clicking [here](#) and booking either a virtual or in person appointment.



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Student Application

Complete the form and submit it, along with all supporting materials, by email to Financial Aid & Awards:

financialaid@stfx.ca

PLEASE NOTE: Fully complete all sections. Any missing details could render your application ineligible. The Financial Aid & Awards Office will confirm receipt of your application upon submission. You may complete your application by hand or electronically (and print).

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| FIRST NAME: | | LAST NAME: | |
| STUDENT NUMBER: | | EMAIL: | |
| Phone # | | | |

Disclosure:

This personal information is being collected under the authority of St. Francis Xavier University and is protected by the Nova Scotia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP). Access to this information is restricted to StFX staff with direct responsibility for managing the Financial Aid & Awards process, along with those individuals who serve on Awards selection committee(s). This personal information may also be used for administrative and statistical purposes by St. Francis Xavier University.

The following documents are required:

- Completed application
- Completed budget and financial need statement
- Educational Goals
- Any other documentation to support extenuating circumstances.
- Verification through the Disclosure Program, Department of Community Services

Budget

The purpose of this section is to evaluate student resources against expenses to calculate financial need. It is important to provide the most accurate amounts possible. For any fields that are unknown, the best estimates should be given. If you have any questions about any of the fields, please direct these to St. Francis Xavier University's Financial Aid & Awards Office.

| Resources | Amount |
|--|---------------|
| Summer period contribution (any monies saved from summer employment) | |
| Study period contribution (any anticipated monies from part-time employment while in school) | |
| Financial contribution from support system (spouse/partner or other) | |
| Child tax benefit x 9 months | |
| Student loan | |
| Other loan (Lines of credit, etc.) | |
| Savings (RESPs, GICs, etc) | |
| Other income | |
| Total resources: | |



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Living expenses (If expenses are shared, please only include your contributions.)

| | Per month | x 9 months |
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| Rent/Mortgage | | |
| Phone | | |
| Internet | | |
| Electricity | | |
| Heat | | |
| Insurance | | |
| Food/Groceries | | |
| Debt payments (loans, credit cards, etc.) | | |
| Family care (daycare, elder care, etc.) | | |
| Transportation (bus fare, gas, car payment, etc.) | | |
| Personal (laundry, toiletries, clothing, etc.) | | |
| Medical | | |
| Other | | |
| Other | | |
| Total living expenses: | | |

School expenses

| | Amount |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Tuition | |
| Textbooks | |
| Parking | |
| Other (please specify): | |
| Total school expenses: | |

Financial Need Statement and questions

Use this section to provide an explanation of any special financial circumstances you are facing that have not already been identified in the financial section you have just completed. Some questions you may want to keep in mind when completing your statement are:

- What was your plan to cover all costs associated with your education, such as: tuition and fees, books, supplies and living costs?
- What affects your ability to meet your financial needs and obligations?
- What steps are you taking to improve your financial situation?



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Educational Goals

To support your application, you have been asked to share with St. Francis Xavier University your educational goals. There is no minimum length required for your statement, however, we would ask you that you answer all parts of the question fully to the best of your ability.

QUESTION: What are your educational goals? Provide us with an overview of: why you chose your program/field of study; your career aspirations and educational goals; how a StFX University education and previous experience has prepared you for this career; and why you believe you will succeed in your chosen profession upon graduation.

*Don't forget to include a copy of your verification letter received through the Disclosure Program with this application

FINANCIAL AID & AWARDS OFFICE:

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| RECEIVED: | | STUDENT NOTIFIED: | |
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