



Post-Care Tuition Waiver Program

What is it?

The Acadia Post-Care Tuition Waiver supports individuals who have lived in care for a minimum of one year (consecutive or accumulated) in the Nova Scotia child welfare system, including Mi'kmaw Family and Children's Services of Nova Scotia, or have received Youth Services between the ages of 16-18 via signed agreement, as defined by section 19 of the Children Family Services Act. This waiver covers up to 100% of tuition and mandatory course fees for those selected and is renewable for the duration of the student's first post-secondary undergraduate program, provided they maintain good academic standing.

Who can apply?

Acadia University recognizes that, as a child in care, you may have faced challenges that have affected your education.

You are eligible to apply if:

- You have lived in care for a minimum of one year (consecutive or accumulated) in the Nova Scotia child welfare system, Mi'kmaw Family and Children's Services of Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children, or have received Youth Services between the ages of 16-18 via signed agreement, as defined by Section 19 of the Children and Family Services Act.
- You have been accepted to Acadia or are planning to enroll in a program with tuition and associated fees in the upcoming academic year
- You have financial need
- You are pursuing your first undergraduate credential (e.g. diploma or degree)
- 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 a representative from Student Life for an orientation to Acadia University
- You are willing to meet with an academic advisor to review your educational goals and preparedness

How to apply?

Be sure to self-identify as a youth in or from care on your application. Acadia will provide you with important information on youth in care programs, financial awards, and student services specific to your situation.

The application for this bursary can be completed in the following steps:

Step 1

The Acadia University Post-Care Tuition Waiver program requires verification of past child welfare involvement to ensure eligibility. 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

Complete the Acadia Post-Care Tuition Waiver program application and submit it along with the verification letter from the Disclosure Program to financialaid@acadiau.ca.

Students will need to apply by June 1, 2026, for admission to the 2026-2027 academic year.

The number of waivers available may vary from year to year, depending on funds available.

The waiver is renewable in subsequent years of recipients' diploma or degree study based on good academic standing.

Selection Process

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



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

Questions?

Contact the Acadia University Scholarships & Financial Aid Office by emailing financial.aid@acadiau.ca

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Student Application

PLEASE NOTE: Be sure to fully complete all sections. Any missing details could render your application ineligible. The Financial Aid office will confirm receipt of your application upon submission.

First and Last Name	
Email address	
Phone number	
Program of interest	

Disclosure

Budget

Applicant resources for upcoming Academic Year (Sept. – May)	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)	
Sponsorship or funding from an organization (EI, DCS, etc.) x 9 months	
Child tax benefit x 9 months	



Student loan	
Other loan (Lines of credit, etc)	
Savings (RESP's, GIC's, etc.)	
Other income	
Total Resources	

Living expenses (Please do not include spouse or partner's expenses. If expenses are shared, please only include your contributions.)

	Per month	x 9 months
Rent/Mortgage		
Phone		
Internet		
Electricity		
Heat		
Insurance		
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		

University expenses (only complete this section if you know which program you're interested in. A breakdown of program expenses can be found at <https://www2.acadiau.ca/student-services/student-accounts/tuition-fees.html>)

	Amount
Tuition	
Technology Fee	



Athletics & Health Fee	
ASU Fees	
Student health and dental insurance	
Acadia Access Fee	
Textbooks	
Parking	
General supplies	
Safety certifications	
Safety supplies	
Total university expenses	

Use this section to provide an explanation of any special financial circumstances you are facing that have not already been outlined in the financial section above.

Statement of Educational Goals

To support your application, please share with Acadia your educational goals.

Please answer all parts of the question fully. There is no minimum length required.

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 an education at Acadia University and previous experience have prepared you for this career, and why you believe you will succeed in your chosen profession upon graduation.



