



Early Childhood Education Bursaries

Under an agreement with the Government of Canada, the Yukon Government is funding a number of initiatives designed to improve early childhood developmental outcomes for children and families. New bursaries for full-time and part-time students enrolling in Early Childhood Education courses and programs at accredited post-secondary institutions in Canada are one such initiative. By providing financial support for Yukon residents pursuing studies in Early Childhood Education, our goal is to increase the number of qualified Early Childhood Educators working in Yukon communities. This, in turn, will improve the quality, accessibility and rural sustainability of early childhood programming in the territory.

Eligibility

Yukon residents who are pursuing (or are interested in pursuing) Early Childhood studies at a recognized, accredited post-secondary institution in Canada and who meet one of the following criteria can apply for a bursary for part-time or full-time studies:

- those entering the Early Learning and Child Care profession without any training;
- those working towards their Diploma in Early Childhood studies while working in the profession;
- those holding a Diploma in Early Childhood studies and who wish to pursue further education in this area of study.

Applications

Yukon residents who meet the eligibility criteria noted above can apply for a bursary by filling out an application form and submitting it along with the required supporting documents. More details can be found in the following documents:

- Full-Time Early Childhood Education Bursaries: Application Instructions, Deadlines & Selection Criteria
- Part-Time Early Childhood Education Bursaries: Application Instructions and Deadlines

First Nation governments or other organizations who are paying for or have paid for a course(s) or course materials on behalf of a student are also eligible to apply for funding under this program, provided they do not require the student to pay back the costs. See the document called “Application Instructions for Sponsors” for more information.

Students taking courses through Yukon College in Whitehorse who are not being sponsored for the full amount of their course must apply for financial support from the

College before applying for a bursary under this program. Such students must note in their application documents any funding they will be receiving to support their Early Childhood studies. Students in rural Yukon communities are not required to apply for financial support from Yukon College before applying for this bursary; however, any funding that is being received from the College must be disclosed.

Applications for part-time bursaries are accepted on a continuous basis. Applications for full-time bursaries must be submitted by the due date specified in the above document. Late applications for full-time bursaries will not be accepted.

Full-time Early Childhood Education Bursaries

Up to three bursaries of \$2,000 per term for a maximum of four terms are available to Yukon residents enrolled in full-time Early Childhood Education studies at a recognized, accredited post-secondary institution in Canada.

Each year, one of the three bursaries will be reserved for a resident of a Yukon community outside Whitehorse. If no applications from community residents are received in a given year, this funding will be released to other Yukon applicants. All full-time bursary applications will be evaluated against selection criteria based on the requirements set out in the application package.

Part-time Early Childhood Education Bursaries

Part-time bursaries are available for a maximum of 2 courses per year (April 1 to March 31) to a maximum of \$500 per course. The two courses can be taken in the same term or in subsequent terms. Bursary funds cannot be used to challenge a course or pay application fees. Bursaries will be applied to tuition costs first; any remaining funds (up to the maximum) may then be awarded to help cover related eligible expenses, such as textbooks, technology fees and student union fees, if receipts have been provided.

Part-time students must submit official transcripts for all previous courses for which they were awarded a bursary before applications for further funding will be accepted.

Bursary Conditions

Recipients of both full-time and part-time bursaries are required to adhere to specific conditions to ensure that the funds are being used to help students progress through their Early Childhood Education studies. For example, before part-time recipients can receive bursary funds for future courses, they must submit official transcripts for all previous courses for which a bursary has been received.

For a full list of conditions applicable to full-time and part-time bursaries, see the document called “Bursaries for Early Childhood Education Studies: Bursary Conditions”.