



AFABC Bursary Application

Application Deadline: Friday, April 30, 2021

The AFABC Bursary program awards financial assistance to youth who plan to pursue a vocational, trade, or academic post-secondary program at an accredited BC institution. Selected candidates will receive a bursary of \$2,000, intended to directly offset tuition and/or other expenses associated with educational programs. Awards will be announced in **June 2021** and dispersed in September by the Adoptive Families Association of BC (AFABC).

AFABC offers two bursaries: the AFABC Youth Bursary and the Howard Legacy Youth Fund. Candidates may submit applications for the AFABC Youth Bursary and the Howard Legacy Youth Fund if they meet eligibility requirements for both.

Eligibility requirements for AFABC Youth Bursary:

- You have joined your family by **legal adoption or other forms of permanency** (including, but not limited to, guardianship, Indigenous customary adoption, or moral adoption).
- You are currently a **BC resident**.
- You are **17 or over, and 26 or younger** by the application deadline date.
- You are registered, or plan to be registered, in a vocational, trade, or academic post-secondary program at an **accredited BC institution**.

Note: Successful applicants may be required to provide AFABC with proof of any of the above information.

Eligibility requirements for Howard Legacy Youth Fund:

- You are a youth **in or from BC government care** and were in BC government care for a minimum of 12 cumulative months.
- You are currently a **BC resident**.
- You are **17 or over, and 26 or younger** by the application deadline date.
- You are registered, or plan to be registered, in a vocational, trade, or academic post-secondary program at an **accredited BC institution**.

Note: Successful applicants may be required to provide AFABC with proof of any of the above information.

Please indicate which bursary you would like to be considered for (if both, please check both boxes):

AFABC Youth Bursary

Howard Legacy Youth Fund

Application requirement list:

A. Application form

Please complete all sections of the application form, including personal information, education information, and financial assistance sections.

B. Self-declaration

Please complete the self-declaration agreement terms.

C. Cover letter

Please provide a cover letter telling the selection committee a little bit about you.

D. Reference letters

Please provide two letters of reference from two significant people in your life.

E. Applicant authorization form

Please complete the authorization form attached to this application.

F. Applicant consent form

Please complete the consent form attached to this application.

A. AFABC Bursaries—application form

To ensure eligibility, all sections of the application form must be completed, and all other components submitted by bursary application deadline date.

Please see checklist on last page.

Notes:

- If possible, please type answers to all questions in the space provided. This application form is fillable.
- Please keep a copy of your application for your own records. AFABC will dispose of all paper and electronic application copies after award recipients for the year have been chosen.

Personal information:

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Date of birth: (mm/dd/yy) _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal code: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Note: Please inform us if you move or change your contact information. If we cannot contact you, your application will not be considered.

How did you hear about the AFABC Bursary Program?

AFABC Website AFABC Magazine AFABC Facebook

Family / Friends School Counselor Social Worker

Community Group Foster Parent

Scholarship Website: _____

Other: _____

Education information:

1. What is the most recent level of education you have completed?

Grade 12 Program Certificate College Diploma/Degree University Degree Other

Name and year of school last attended:

2. What is the name of the vocational, trade, or academic program you will attend, or are currently attending?

Please provide name of BC institution and campus location:

Length of Program: 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year Other _____

Start date: (mm/yy): _____ Expected completion date: (mm/yy) _____

Note: Written confirmation of school registration is a required part of this application. (Item C).

3. Why have you chosen this program?

4. What is your education and career plan?

5. How would this bursary help you to achieve your future goals?

Financial assistance:

1. Have you received funding from the AFABC Bursary Program in the past? Yes No

Year: _____ Amount: _____

If yes, how has it assisted you?

2. What other financial supports have you explored or are you currently receiving?

(Listing other opportunities will not disqualify you from receiving this bursary.)

Please check all that apply and provide details in space provided:

- Youth Education Assistance Fund Student loan Grant Scholarship Bursary
- Tuition Waiver Other
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3. Do you have other sources of income? Please describe (example: savings, employment, etc.).

B. Self-declaration

- I confirm that I meet the eligibility requirements for the bursary for which I am applying.
- I confirm I am registered in or will be registered in a vocational, trade, or academic post-secondary program at an accredited BC institution.

C. Cover letter—1-page maximum

Please provide a cover letter telling the selection committee a little bit about yourself. Please include achievements and successes, challenges and obstacles, plans for the future, volunteer and/or work experience, and how this bursary would contribute to your success. One page maximum please.

D. Two reference letters

Please attach two letters of reference from two significant people in your life. One of the letters needs to be written by a non-family member. Maximum one page each.

The letters should provide information about you in the following areas:

- What qualities and/or achievements make you a good candidate for the educational program you have chosen?
- How does the reference person believe you will benefit from this bursary?

Please ensure that the letter is signed and dated, and that the full name and contact information of the writer is included on the letter.

E. Applicant authorization form

The information that I provided for this application is true, accurate, and complete.

I am aware that providing incomplete or false information will affect the consideration of my application and affect my ability to access future funding. I am aware that the granting of this Bursary is subject to conditions that will be listed in an acceptance letter.

I provide AFABC with the following authorizations:

- 1) I authorize the Adoptive Families Association of BC to distribute this application to the Selection Committee for review.
- 2) I authorize the Selection Committee to contact my references.

Applicant name: _____

Applicant signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness name: _____

Date: _____

Note:

The Adoptive Families Association of BC respects your privacy. All information collected will be used by AFABC only, in accordance with AFABC Privacy Policy. For details please contact our privacy officer at 604-320-7330 ext 106, or visit www.bcadoption.com.

F. Applicant consent form

Public recognition of bursary award winners inspires donors to contribute to the bursary fund, making it possible for AFABC to continue to assist youth in achieving their dreams. It also encourages other youth to apply for the bursaries.

If you are selected for a bursary award, AFABC will publish your first name, city, and the school/program you plan to attend, for the purpose of recognizing you as a bursary award recipient. We encourage you to give us permission to share more of your story by selecting one of the additional options below. **This is entirely optional.** Your choice will not affect your chances of being selected for a bursary.

- If selected for a bursary, I would also be interested in sharing **my photo** for the purposes described above.
- If selected for a bursary, I would also be interested in sharing my **story** (as written in my cover letter) for the purposes described above.
- If selected for a bursary, I would also be interested in sharing my story (as written in my cover letter) **anonymously** for the purposes described above.
- If selected for a bursary, I am willing to be contacted by AFABC about sharing more of my story in future fundraising and marketing initiatives.

I give permission for the use of the above described material for the period of five years from the date below. If I choose to revoke this permission, I understand that new materials will not be produced, but that the materials already made will not be altered.

Applicant name: _____

Applicant signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness name: _____

Date: _____

AFABC Youth Bursary—application checklist:

Please make sure you have included all five items in your application package.

- ✓ **A. Application form**
- ✓ **B. Self-declaration**
- ✓ **C. Cover letter (1 pg. maximum)**
- ✓ **D. Two reference letters**
- ✓ **E. Applicant authorization form**
- ✓ **F. Applicant consent form**

How to submit your application:

Please submit completed application package by 11:59pm Pacific Standard Time, on April 30, 2021:

By mail:

AFABC Youth Bursary
C/O Adoptive Families Association of BC
200-7342 Winston Street
Burnaby, BC V5A 2H1

By email:

scholarships@bcadoption.com

Notes:

Youth Bursary Application applicants will be notified by email if/when:

- ✓ their application has been received by AFABC
- ✓ a bursary has been awarded or denied

If you have any questions:

Please contact Elana Mabrito: emabrito@bcadoption.com / 604-320-7330 ext 108