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Tutoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available as determined in the Plan of Care - Apply to OCBe for funding, one semester at a time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available through CAFC’s tutoring fund if student is in high school - Worker submits special fund to Fund Manager - Supervisor must authorize request - Approval by Fund Manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available through CAFC’s tutoring fund if youth is still in high school - Worker submits request to Special Funds - Supervisor must authorize request - Approval by Fund Manager - If youth is in post-secondary, tutoring help is available through HSBC Youth Opportunity Fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>The HSBC Youth Opportunity Fund covers tutoring at the Post-Secondary level (See Post-Secondary Supports).</u>
Uniforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available through core budget - Worker completes child in care requisition form - Supervisor must authorize request 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available through core budget - Worker completes child in care requisition form - Supervisor must authorize request 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available through CAFC’s Special Funds (Student Support Fund) - Worker submits request online - Supervisor must authorize request - Approval by Fund Manager 	n/a
School Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Day trips may be paid for through core budget - Worker completes the child in care cheque requisition form - Longer trips may be funded through OCBe - Worker completes the OCBe application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available through CAFC’s Special funds - Worker submits request online - Supervisor must authorize request 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Available through CAFC’s Special Funds Matching funds from youth or branch required.</u> 	n/a
School Supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eligible for \$50 per year through core budget - Worker completes child in care cheque requisition - Supervisor must authorize request 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eligible for \$50 per year through core budget - Worker completes child in care cheque requisition - Supervisor must authorize request 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Available through CAFC’s Education Support Fund.</u> 	<u>See Post-Secondary Supports</u>
Computers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available through OCBe funding - Available as determined in the Outcome plan - Worker completes the OCBe application*Please check with your Board of Education to see if you are eligible for use of a computer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported by CAFC’s technology fund, apply online through the Foundation’s Special Funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported by CAFC’s technology fund, online through the Foundation’s Special Funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported by CAFC’s technology fund, online through the Foundation’s Special Funds
School Related Expenses (activity fees, registration fees etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available through core budget - Worker completes child in care cheque requisition for advance or reimbursement - Supervisor must authorize request 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available through core budget - Worker completes child in care cheque requisition for advance or reimbursement - Supervisor must authorize request 		
Student Support Fund	<u>Student Support Fund:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eligible (see information in Independent Living) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eligible (see information in Independent Living) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eligible

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<p>Provided by: Children’s Aid Foundation of Canada www.cafdn.org</p> <p>Contact: Fund Manager Blair Boddy bboddy@torontocas.ca</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children & youth in care MUST access OCBe before accessing the fund, Children in the community - Funds could be used to cover: - School uniforms and school supplies - Graduation related expenses (clothes, shoes) with a maximum allowance - Driving lessons as related to school or work opportunities, with matching funds from the youth required - School trips with matching funds from the branch or older youth - Limited housing and mental health supports for Youth in transition 			
<p>CIBC Miracle Fund</p> <p>Provided by: Children’s Aid Foundation of Canada www.cafdn.org</p> <p>Contact: Blair Boddy bboddy@torontocas.ca</p>	<p>CIBC Miracle Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For Children/Youth in extended care & Children living in the community aged 0-13 - Covers education fees and expenses like school trips (to a limited extent), sports and recreational activities. - Personal needs items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May be eligible if funds allow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not eligible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not eligible

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<p>Stay in School Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stay in School Awards - Graduation Awards <p>Provided by: Children’s Aid Foundation of Canada www.cafdn.org</p>	<p>Stay in School Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Awards were established <i>to recognize elementary and high school students who are doing exceptionally well in school given their personal circumstances and to encourage them to complete high school and move on to post-secondary education.</i> - The award itself is a total of \$300. - This award is based on worker recommendation and approval by either a staff or volunteer committee according the criteria below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ students who have overcome a significant academic challenge successfully ◆ students who demonstrate academic excellence ◆ students who are extremely well rounded ◆ students who have overcome a particularly challenging experience <p>Eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In elementary or high school - Recommended by teacher, principal, worker or agency staff and approved by a supervisor - In need of encouragement to stay in school and are identified to have significant academic achievement given their personal circumstances (Awards) <p>Graduation Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The Graduation Awards were established to recognize at students for meeting their immediate educational goals and successfully graduating from Grade 8 or 12</i> - The awards are \$50 for graduation from Grade 8 and \$100 for graduation from Grade 12. - All students who meet the general program eligibility and successfully graduate -Grade 8 or 12 are eligible to receive this award. 	<p>Stay in School Awards</p> <p>Eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In high school - Recommended by teacher, principal, worker or agency staff and approved by a supervisor - In need of encouragement to stay in school and are identified to have significant academic achievement given their personal circumstances (Awards) <p>Graduation Awards</p> <p>Eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in high school - graduating from Grade 12 	<p>Stay in School Awards</p> <p>Eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in high school - Recommended by teacher, principal, worker or agency staff and approved by a supervisor - In need of encouragement to stay in school and are identified to have significant academic achievement given their personal circumstances (Awards) <p>Graduation Awards</p> <p>Eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in high school - graduating from Grade 12 	<p>Stay in School Awards</p> <p>Eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in high school - Recommended by teacher, principal, worker or agency staff and approved by a supervisor - In need of encouragement to stay in school and are identified to have significant academic achievement given their personal circumstances (Awards) <p>Graduation Awards</p> <p>Eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in high school - graduating from Grade 8 12

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<p>OCBe</p>	<p>The Ontario Child Benefit Equivalent (OCBe) Savings program aims to provide youth in care 0-17years old with the opportunity to save for their transition to independence.</p> <p>Youth must receive financial literacy training. These funds can be used for education planning and independent living.</p> <p>For more information on supports for youth leaving care please visit the link: http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/childrensaid/leavingcare.aspx</p> <p>Please contact your worker for details</p>	<p>Please ask your worker to determine eligibility</p>	<p>Not eligible</p>	<p>Not eligible</p>
<p>Children’s Aid Foundation of Canada’s Post-Secondary Education Program More info can be found at: www.cafdn.org Amanda Ball is the contact for the Program: aball@cafdn.org</p> <p>The Children’s Aid Foundation of Canada provides scholarship, bursary and award funding to students demonstrating both financial need and the potential to succeed in their program of study. Students must meet the following eligibility criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A current youth on Extended Society Care (formerly Crown Ward, or have been in the Society’s Extended Care for at least one year (this includes those who may have been adopted and youth who have gone back to receive service by a CAS after turning 16 under a renewed youth service agreement) ➤ Under 26 years of age at the time of initial application, or under 30 if the student has received CAFC funding for the same program in previous years <p>Students apply online at www.cafdn.org</p>				
<p>Scholarships</p>	<p>- Eligible if going to post-secondary.</p>	<p>- Eligible if going to post-secondary.</p>	<p>- In addition to eligibility criteria for the post-secondary education program as a whole, a student must be registered at an accredited post-secondary institution full-time for two semesters within one academic year (September-August).</p>	<p>- Eligible - Must apply by age 26. - Support provided to age 29 if the student has received CAFC funding for the same program in previous years</p>

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HSBC Youth Opportunity Fund Apply online at www.cafdn.org/hsbcYOF	- Not eligible.	- These funds provide individual grants to youth for activities that will help them achieve success in their career. In some cases these are available to individuals not enrolled in college or university. Eligible applicants must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o A current or former youth on Extended Society Care(Formerly Crown ward, or eligible for CCSY or RYS) o Under 26 years of age; applications from youth under 30 will be considered on a case by case basis o Able to demonstrate that the course or program you are enrolled in is directly relevant to and will assist you in pursuing a realistic career goal o Able to demonstrate that no other funding sources are available for your program - This fund has some flexibility, but examples of eligible expenses include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Tutoring for college or university o Vocation assessments or career counseling o Short-term courses or apprenticeships related to your career goals o Application fees or preparation courses for graduate programs (Masters, law school, medical school, etc) o High school upgrading, academic bridging, or secondary to post-secondary transitional programs 		
Graduation Awards (Apply online at www.cafdn.org/graduation-awards/)	- Not eligible	- Not eligible	- Students must have received support from the Foundation for the post-secondary program from which they are graduating. Students are encouraged to apply for a graduation award within 8 months of their graduation. - Amount is \$500 times the number of years needed to complete the program as a full-time student (\$2,000 for a 4 year program).	- Eligible

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<p><u>Community based scholarships</u></p>	<p>The following links are centralized resources for scholarships and bursaries.</p> <p>*Please check in with your financial institution for specific bursaries and scholarships</p> <p>-Student Award StudentAward\$</p> <p>-Scholarship Canada https://www.scholarshipcanada.com/</p> <p>-University Study https://www.universitystudy.ca/plan-for-university/scholarships-grants-and-bursaries-for-canadian-students/</p> <p>-Ontario scholarships https://ontarioscholarships.ca/</p> <p>Horatio Alger Scholarships https://horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships/</p> <p>Please see below specific scholarships for youth. Please contact your worker for more information</p> <p>-The Ken Dryden Scholarship https://youthincare.ca/ken-dryden-scholarship/</p> <p>-BBPA National Scholarships for Black Students https://bbpa.org/national-scholarships/</p> <p>--BFCN-For Black students/youth https://bfcn.ca/scholarships.html</p>	<p>- Eligible</p>	<p>- Eligible</p>	<p>- Eligible</p>

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<p>Government Assistance Programs for Post- Secondary Education</p> <p>Funding for educational costs such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuition fees - Compulsory fees - Books, supplies & equipment 		<p>OSAP does not consider the following as income:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OCBE savings - Independent Living or CCSY allowance - ODSP allowance - Bursaries, Scholarships or earnings up to \$3,699 a year - RESP set up by a CAS 		
<p><u>Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)</u></p> <p>https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal</p> <p><u>Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) Special Circumstances</u></p> <p>https://www.ontario.ca/page/students-special-circumstances</p>	<p><u>Eligibility Criteria:</u> Current and former individuals in extended society care (previously known as Crown wards)</p> <p>You're automatically considered for this grant when you submit an OSAP Application for Full-Time Students. Supporting documents may be required to confirm your eligibility. The required documents are outlined when you submit your application.</p> <p>Individuals who were in extended society care in Ontario and were adopted on or after August 1, 2013 may also be eligible. Contact your financial aid office for details on the review process to be considered for this grant.</p> <p>*Please check with your Financial institution for specific accessibility services</p>	<p>- Eligible</p>	<p>- Eligible</p>	<p>- Eligible</p>

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<p><u>100% Tuition Aid for Youth Leaving Care</u></p>	<p>Select Post-secondary institutions. Check with the individual college or university to see if they have a tuition aid program</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	
<p>Ontario Postsecondary Application Fee Reimbursement Program</p> <p>Apply online at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learn more: Ontario Postsecondary Application Fee Reimbursement Program 	<p>- Not eligible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refund application fees - If you are or were in extended society care in Ontario — regardless of age, income or adoption status — you can get a refund for the fees you pay when you apply to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an approved program at college or university - a first postsecondary degree, diploma or certificate - You can apply for a refund for your current academic year as well as for application fees you paid for the two previous academic years. - How to apply - You need to apply for a refund. To apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - print an Application Reimbursement Program form - complete and sign the form (it includes information about your status and education) - mail the form to the address in the application - The refund amount depends on the school(s) you applied to. - Learn more: Ontario Postsecondary Application Fee Reimbursement Program - 	<p>- Eligible</p>	<p>- Eligible</p>
<p>Living & Learning Grant</p> <p>https://www.ontario.ca/page/stude</p>	<p>- Not eligible</p>	<p>- Not eligible</p>	<p>- Not eligible</p>	<p>Individuals who were in extended society care and other youth 21-24 years old who left the care of a Children’s Aid Society may be eligible for a Living and Learning Grant. This grant</p>

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nts-special-circumstances				provides additional funds above the regular full-time OSAP aid limits.
Registered Education Savings Plans (RESP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eligible - Youth in or leaving care are eligible for a post-secondary or vocational training program. - Access to funds to support education related expenses 	- Eligible	- Eligible –Must be 21 and under	-Not Eligible