



NVIT Youth in Care Tuition Waiver Program Application

NVIT's Youth in Care Tuition Waiver Program is open to full-time and part-time learners across all programs/courses delivered at the NVIT Merritt or Vancouver Campus per the **NVIT policy C.3.16**. For the purpose of this program, a youth in care is defined as an individual who is a resident of British Columbia and lives or has lived as a youth in care in British Columbia under any, or a combination of, the categories as defined by the *Child, Family, and Community Service Act (CFCSA)* in the consent form (page 2).

In addition to the categories outlined in the consent form, learners are eligible if they meet the following criteria:

- Submit a completed and signed *Application for the NVIT Youth in Care Tuition Waiver Application* and a *Declaration and Release of Information Consent Form* to an Academic and Financial Planner (advising@nvit.ca).
- Be at least 18 years of age during the academic year of study.
- Demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
- Have an offer of admission to NVIT for the upcoming semester in a program leading to the completion of a certificate, diploma or undergraduate degree, **OR** be a continuing learner, maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.00 each semester (2.33 for the Bachelor of Social Work program) and registered in a program leading to the completion of a certificate, diploma or undergraduate degree. Continuing Studies courses may be eligible for this waiver program if the courses are a requirement of admission or graduation (see an Academic Planner for qualified courses).

Please note: The Registrar's Office will review the eligibility of continuing learners at the end of each semester and will notify the learners. When a learner has less than the minimum GPA in a semester, they have one more semester to increase their GPA. If a learner's marks do not improve, they may be ineligible for this waiver for the upcoming semester.

Approved recipients do not need to reapply for this waiver each semester.

- Learners are encouraged to meet with an NVIT Academic and Financial Planner to review educational goals and preparedness. To book an appointment or for more information call toll-free at 1-877-682-3300 or book an appointment [online](#).

Terms of the Youth in Care Tuition Waiver include, but may not be limited to the following:

- The waiver does not apply to tuition for Community Education.
- The waiver applies only to the following tuition and fees: tuition applicable to the program of study, learner activity fees, lab fees, program supply fees, UPASS BC fees, and Learner Health and Dental Fees. The learner must pay for any other expenses necessary for participation in the course, such as textbooks, supplies, theatre tickets, equipment rental, practicum travel and accommodation, etc.
- As a minimum number of tuition-paying learners are required in each program/course to enable it to be offered, NVIT reserves the right to limit the number of waivers admitted to a program/course under this policy and/or to apply the regular course fees in high-cost programs/courses.
- All refunds are subject to the Refund of Fees Policy – C.3.12.
- If approved for the NVIT Youth in Care Tuition Waiver, learners will also be considered for the Youth Futures Education Fund (YFEF).

CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY

Upon consent through the Declaration and Release of Information Consent Form, NVIT will verify each learner's eligibility with either the Ministry of Child and Family Development, the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction's Child in Home of Relative Program, or an Indigenous Child and Family Service Agency (ICFSA). If approved, learners will be contacted by NVIT to confirm eligibility and details of funding.

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APPEALS

Approval for this tuition waiver is contingent upon meeting the eligibility criteria, specifically through the CFCSA categories outlined on in the consent form. However, NVIT recognizes that Indigenous applicants may experience unique circumstances related to their Former Youth in Care experience, in which documentation may not be available due to various reasons. In the event that the waiver is denied due to lost or misplaced records, appeals for the NVIT Youth in Care Tuition Waiver may be submitted in writing to the Registrar and the NVIT President, and sent to registrarsoffice@nvit.ca. Appellants will be informed of the decision within ten (10) business days of the receipt of the letter.

Completed applications can be emailed to advising@nvit.ca or mailed to:

NVIT Registrar's Office

4155 Belshaw St

Merritt, BC V1K 1R1



Section 1: NVIT Youth In Care Tuition Waiver Declaration and Release of Information Consent Form (review and sign)

I, (full name(s)), _____,
born (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ hereby authorize the exchange of information between either the
Ministry of Children and Family Development, the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, or an
Indigenous Child and Family Service Agency (ICFSA) and the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology as it relates to the NVIT
Youth in Care Tuition Waiver and records such as:

- Records of care from the Ministry of Children and Family Development, the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction's Child in Home of Relative Program or an Indigenous Child and Family Service Agency (ICFSA) through the Child, Family and Community Service Act for a minimum of twelve months (consecutive or accumulated) in any, or a combination of, the categories as outlined below.
- Educational information submitted to NVIT as part of the Tuition Waiver intake process; and
- Confirmation of my eligibility for the NVIT Youth in Care Tuition Waiver program, as a current or former youth in care as defined by the Children, Family and Community Services Act.

Based on the criteria below, I understand that this information will be used to determine eligibility for the NVIT Youth in Care Tuition Waiver. Learners must be a resident of British Columbia who is living or have lived as a youth in care in British Columbia under one of the following conditions as defined by the Child, Family and Community Service Act (CFCSA) at the time they turn(ed) 18 or for at least 12 months (consecutive or accumulated in any combination).

- Continuing Custody Order pursuant to sections 41 (1) (d), 42.2 (4) (d), 42.2 (7) or 49 (4), 49 (5) or 49 (10) of the Act;
- Temporary Custody Order pursuant to sections 41 (1) (b) of the Act;
- Special Needs Agreement pursuant to section 7 of the Act;
- Voluntary Care Agreement pursuant to section 6 of the Act;
- Youth Agreement pursuant to section 6 of the Act;
- Extended Family Plan pursuant to section 8 of the Act;
- Permanent Transfer of Custody Order with person other than a parent pursuant to section 54.01 or 54.1 of the Act;
- Temporary Transfer of Custody pursuant to section 41(1)(b) of the Act;
- Interim Custody Order with a Director pursuant to section 35(2)(a);
- Interim Custody Order with person other than a parent pursuant to section 35(2)(a) of the Act; o Adoption; o Under the Guardianship of a Director pursuant to the Infants Act;
- Under the Guardianship of a Director of adoption under the Adoptions Act.

This consent is valid for one year from the date signed.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Section 2: NVIT Youth in Care Tuition Waiver Application

STUDENT NUMBER: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE WITH INK

NAME: _____

(FIRST)

(MIDDLE)

(LAST)

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

Do you have a permanent disability? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Are you Indigenous? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Married or Common-Law? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Number of dependent children (if applicable):

Program of Study	Course Load (F/T or P/T)	Expected Year of Graduation

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

MONTHLY INCOME	
Sponsor/Band Funding: Living Allowance	
Spousal Income	
Part-time Employment	
Income Assistance/ Disability Benefits	
E.I./ Training Allowance	
Canada Pension Plan/Orphan's Benefit	
Child Support or Alimony	
Child Tax Benefit/Universal Benefit/Subsidy	
Learner Loan	
Bursaries or Scholarships	
Parent/Guardian Contribution	
GST Rebate	
Other:	
Sub-total:	\$
Sponsored Tuition/Books/Supplies:	
A) Total Income:	\$
MONTHLY EXPENSES	
Rent/Mortgage	
Food	
Utilities	
Phone	
Internet	
Public Transit	
Vehicle Insurance	
Fuel Costs	
Loans	
Credit Cards	
Other (please describe)	
Sub-total:	\$
Tuition and Fees:	
Books and Supplies:	
B) Total Expenses:	\$
Unmet Need	\$

(Line A - Line B)

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I understand that my signature below means that:

- 1) I have answered all questions on the application that pertain to me.
- 2) I certify that all the information is complete and accurate.
- 3) I am a registered learner and will be attending NVIT for the upcoming semester.
- 4) I will notify NVIT in writing of any changes in my contact information and enrolment.
- 5) I consent to a person delegated by NVIT exchanging information about me with my Child and Youth Care agency.

Authority to collect: The information on this form and authorized herein is collected for the purpose of determining eligibility for a benefit under the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology Youth in Care Tuition Waiver Program. Any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of this information should be directed to: Registrar, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, 4155 Belshaw Street, Merritt, BC, V1K 1R1.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (IN INK)

PRINT NAME

DATE SIGNED (YEAR/MONTH/DAY)