

# Advancing Futures

Funding and supports for youth who have been in care as they pursue post-secondary studies and prepare for adulthood.

## About the Program

Advancing Futures is a transitional support program for current and former youth in government care aged 18 to 24. The program provides social and emotional supports and funding to eligible students while they pursue post-secondary studies.

Youth are invited to apply if they're interested in:

- Academic upgrading if it's a requirement for entry into a post-secondary program
- Earning a license or certificate
- Learning a trade
- Earning a diploma or degree from a post-secondary school

In addition to providing funding, Advancing Futures helps students succeed by supporting them while transitioning into adulthood, learning life skills and becoming successful in school. The program recognizes the potential of students to reach their educational goals and overcome the challenges they may face.

## Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be between 18 and 24 years old at the time they apply
- Be full- or part-time students enrolled at an approved institution, and
- Have been a youth in government care as a result of an Alberta-based agreement or order

They must also have:

- Had a Permanent Guardianship Order (PGO) between 13 and 18 years old, or
- Been in the care or custody of Children's Services for at least 546 days (18 months) between the time they were 13 and 24 years old

Youth who received Supports for Permanency for at least 546 days between 13 and 18 years old may request an exception to the above eligibility criteria.

Advancing Futures will consider requests from students to study in a province outside of Alberta when this is likely to contribute positively to their educational success and future employability.

## Have questions?

Contact us to confirm eligibility or to discuss exceptions and out of province requests.

## Transitional Supports

Advancing Futures can provide students with transitional supports, including:

- Assisting in career investigation
- Discussing specific job requirements
- Helping clarify career goals
- Identifying different education paths to help students achieve their education and career goals

Students are each assigned a program coordinator who supports them from the initial application to the completion of their planned post-secondary studies.

For more information, visit [alberta.ca/advancingfutures](http://alberta.ca/advancingfutures).

Advancing Futures staff helps students understand and manage the day-to-day responsibilities required to complete their post-secondary program.

As student circumstances change, the program coordinator is responsible for adjusting a student's funding and transitional plan. Program coordinators support them to develop a plan to overcome any challenges.

Our website has additional information, including:

- How to apply
- Application deadlines
- Approved institutions
- Forms and resources

## Funding and benefits

Advancing Futures funds education programs in a wide variety of career areas.

The program provides funding for:

- Up to \$40,000 in education costs, including:
  - Required tuition
  - Mandatory fees
  - Required books
  - Mandatory supplies
  - Approved technology
- Living allowance
- Transportation funds
- Full parent portion of subsidized child care
- Health benefit plan
- Damage deposit for an apartment

Status	Full-time	Part-time
Single student	\$1128	\$564
Parent with one child	\$1991	\$995.50
Parent with two children	\$2583	\$1291.50
Parent with three children	\$3175	\$1587.50
Parent with four children	\$3767	\$1883.50
Each additional child	\$592	\$296

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