



Youth In Care Tuition Waiver Program

NVIT's Youth in Care Tuition Waiver Program is open to both current and prospective NVIT learners, across all programs/courses being delivered at either the NVIT Merritt or NVIT Vancouver Campus. For the purpose of the program, a youth in care is defined as an individual who is a resident of British Columbia and is living or has 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):

- a **Continuing Custody Order** for a minimum of one year [pursuant to sections 41(1)(d), 42.2(4)(d) or (7) or 49(4), (5) or 10(a)];
- an **Agreement with Youth** [pursuant to section 12.2]; or
- a **Transfer of Custody Order** [pursuant to section 54.1].

If students are unsure whether they meet any of the above criteria, they should contact their former social worker, any Ministry of Children and Family Development office, or a delegated Aboriginal Child and Family services agency for help.

In addition to the above, current and prospective learners will be eligible if they meet the following criteria:

- submit a complete and signed Application for the Youth In Care Tuition Waiver and an Authorization for Release of Information to the Enrolment Services Office;
- be at least 18 years of age during the academic year of study;
- demonstrate 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 student maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.00 each semester and registered in a program leading to the completion of a certificate, diploma or undergraduate degree;

Please note: The Registrar's Office will review the eligibility of continuing students at the end of each semester and will notify the students.

Approved recipients do not need to apply each semester.

- Students are required to meet with an NVIT Academic Planner to review educational goals and preparedness. To book an appointment or for more information call NVIT Merritt campus at 250-378-3300, NVIT Vancouver campus at 604-602-9555, or toll-free at 1-877-682-3300.

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

- the waiver is not applicable to tuition for Community Education or Continuing Studies courses;
- the waiver applies only to the tuition fees for the course; any other expenses necessary for participation in the course such as books, supplies, Student Society fees, lab fees, UPASS BC fees, theatre tickets, equipment rental, etc., must be paid by the student;
- as a minimum number of tuition-paying students are required in each course to enable it to be offered, NVIT reserves the right to limit the number of waivers admitted to a course under this policy and/or to apply the regular course fees in high cost courses;
- all refunds are subject to the Refund of Fees Policy – C.3.12.

If approved, NVIT will contact you to confirm your eligibility and details of funding. NVIT reserves the right to change criteria based on funding availability.

SECTION 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION

NVIT STUDENT NUMBER: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE WITH INK

NAME: _____
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

PHONE: Home _____ Cell/Other _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ GENDER: MALE FEMALE

SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

DO YOU HAVE A PERMANENT DISABILITY? YES NO

IS YOUR DISABILITY DOCUMENTED WITH NVIT? YES NO

SECTION 2 – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

My source(s) of income for the 2017/18 academic year will be:

- 1. Government Student loan funding YES NO Amount you will receive: \$ _____
- 2. Bank Line of Credit YES NO Amount you will receive: \$ _____
- 3. Earnings from Employment YES NO Amount earned per month: \$ _____

Recent pay stubs, T4 slip, or income tax assessment must be attached for verification of income.

Please specify monthly amounts for any additional income:

Spousal earnings from employment: \$ _____ Universal/Child Tax Credit: \$ _____

Employment Insurance Benefits: \$ _____ Band Sponsorship: \$ _____

Income Assistance/Disability Pension: \$ _____

WCB/ CPP/Orphans Benefit: \$ _____ Other: _____ \$ _____

Total additional monthly income: \$ _____

Please specify monthly amounts for your expenses:

Rent/Mortgage/Room & Board: \$ _____ Childcare Expenses (daycare): \$ _____

Utilities (heat, phone, cable, etc.): \$ _____ Transportation (gas/bus pass): \$ _____

Groceries and Household Items: \$ _____ Medical/Dental/Prescriptions: \$ _____

Insurance (home, vehicle, life): \$ _____ Other: _____ \$ _____

Total monthly expenses: \$ _____

Have you accessed any grants available from Student Aid BC for the following?

Full Time Grant YES NO Part Time Grant YES NO Youth Education Assistance Fund YES NO

SECTION 3 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Academic Plan

Provide details of your educational goals, if necessary attach additional information (500 word maximum).

Extenuating Circumstances

If you do not meet the criteria outlined in this application, please provide us with comments supporting why you should be considered for the NVIT Youth In Care Tuition Waiver Program. If necessary, attach additional information (500 word maximum).

FOR NVIT OFFICE USE ONLY

Assessed Need: \$ _____

Approved by NVIT Director of Students & Registrar:

Tuition: \$ _____ Fees: \$ _____ Books: \$ _____ Transportation: \$ _____ Supplies: \$ _____

Housing: \$ _____

Comments:

Total Funding Approved \$ _____

Director's Signature: _____

I understand that:

- 1) Answers that are not true or that are misleading may be considered fraud. Fraud is against the law in Canada.
- 2) It is my responsibility to make sure the information on this application is true and correct.
- 3) All information is subject to audit and verification.
- 4) If I do not provide complete, accurate information, I may not receive assistance under the NVIT Youth In Care Tuition Waiver Program.
- 5) If I receive money, and it is then discovered that my application, or documents included with it, are not accurate, my application will be cancelled and all funding through the NVIT Youth In Care Tuition Waiver Program will stop.
- 6) If I receive funding under this program a T4A will be issued by NVIT; I must refer to Canada Revenue Agency to confirm whether the funds are taxable.

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 student 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: Director of Students & Registrar, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, 4155 Belshaw Street, Merritt, BC, V1K 1R1.

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SIGNATURE OF STUDENT (IN INK)

PRINT NAME

DATE SIGNED (YEAR/MONTH/DAY)

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SIGNATURE OF NVIT REPRESENTATIVE (IN INK)

PRINT NAME

DATE SIGNED (YEAR/MONTH/DAY)

<p>Mail, fax or drop off your completed application package to:</p> <p>Nicola Valley Institute of Technology 4155 Belshaw Street Merritt BC V1K 1R1 Fax: 250-378-3332 OR 200 4355 Mathissi Place Burnaby BC V5G 4S8 Fax: 604-602-3400</p>	<p>NVIT Registrar's Office OFFICIAL STAMP OR SEAL</p>
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For additional copies of this application or for more information on available Scholarships, Awards, Bursaries and Grants please contact one of NVIT's Academic/Financial Planners.

Merritt Campus: 250-378-3300 Vancouver Campus (Burnaby): 604-602-9555 or Toll free: 1-877-682-3300