

Child Welfare Political Action Committee Canada

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About Child Welfare PAC

The Child Welfare PAC is a federal charity that represents the interests of children raised by the government.

The advisory committee consists of professionals from academia, law, business, advocacy & public service who have lived experience in child protection systems.

The complete advocacy agenda may be reviewed here: www.childwelfarepac.com

Université Sainte-Anne announces the creation of the Youth in Care Bursary

The Child Welfare Political Action Committee is excited to support Université Sainte-Anne in their release of the Youth in Care Bursary. Université Sainte-Anne is the only French-language university in Nova Scotia, and we are proud to welcome them to the growing group of schools who support post-secondary education for youth from care.

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CHURCH POINT, NS: The Youth in Care Bursary is a fully renewable bursary that covers all annual tuition fees for youth in care. The bursary aims to help youth who are in care and transitioning out of child protection systems to pursue degree studies at Université Sainte-Anne.

The Bursary is designed to recognize the unique and ongoing challenges faced by youth in Nova Scotia's child welfare system, including Mi'kmaw Family & Children's Services of Nova Scotia.

In particular, this bursary marks an important contribution to the University's goal of improving access to post-secondary education for individuals facing financial barriers. The funds will support post-secondary education access among historically and currently marginalized groups (e.g., Indigenous peoples, racialized people, persons with disabilities, visible and invisible and members of the LGBTQ2+ community) as these groups are overrepresented in the child welfare system in Nova Scotia.

"Thank you to Université Sainte-Anne for supporting a better future for foster children. The scholarships awarded will encourage vulnerable young people to take action to improve their lives. The Child Welfare PAC is proud and grateful to Université Sainte-Anne for its generous support of Francophone students and their educational activities."

- Ingrid Palmer, Child Welfare Political Action Committee Canada

During the 2022-2023 academic year, up to two bursaries will be awarded to youth from care who are enrolled at Université Sainte-Anne. Bursaries will be available for students in their first post-secondary degree. Two additional bursaries will be available in subsequent academic years. For more information on eligibility criteria and how to apply, please <u>click here</u>.