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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.

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Wilfrid Laurier University Announces Updated Learners from Care Academic Success Program

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WATERLOO, ON: Laurier University has just announced additional support for current and former youth from care, with their updated *Learners from Care Academic Success Program*.

With a generous donation of \$318,000 from the Lyle S. Hallman foundation, Laurier is now able to further support eligible students by providing financial support for tuition, as well as other costs associated with post-secondary education.

“The Learners from Care Academic Success program truly demonstrates Laurier’s commitment to inclusive, accessible education that fosters student achievement and thriving,” said Laurier President and Vice-Chancellor Deborah MacLatchy. “We are deeply grateful and inspired to work with the Lyle S. Hallman Foundation to bring this program to deserving students.”

With very little financial support, foster kids have a difficult time pursuing post-secondary.

“This funding will aid in reducing financial, academic and systemic barriers to completing post-secondary education for learners from care.”

Set to launch in fall 2022, this program provides more than just financial support. It highlights the importance of connections and community, offering both peer and faculty mentorship. In addition, it assists students in preparing for their journey with program planning and course registration advice, while offering guidance and wellness support along the way.

"Whether they want to study full time, part time or need to take a break in the middle, the Learners from Care program will provide support for students at every point in their journey at Laurier."

Fall 2022 applications will be open until Sept 30. Any students interested in applying can visit <https://students.wlu.ca/student-life/dean-of-students/learners-from-care.html> to learn more about the program and eligibility requirements.