



Generation for Equality: Applying to Post-Secondary School in Yukon

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Disclaimer: This toolkit is intended to provide general advice for Indigenous youth pursuing post-secondary education in Canada. Everyone is responsible for using their own discretion when preparing, applying, and attending post-secondary education.

The Native Women’s Association of Canada (NWAC) is a national Indigenous organization representing the political voices of Indigenous women in all their diversities in Canada. NWAC advocates for and works with First Nations – on- and off-reserve, status, and non-status, disenfranchised – Métis, and Inuit peoples across Canada. As an aggregate of Indigenous women’s organizations across Canada, NWAC works to enhance, promote and foster the social, economic, cultural, and political well-being of Indigenous women, in all their diversities, within their respective communities.

## Generation for Equality

NWAC’s Generation for Equality (G4E) is a platform for Indigenous youth to gather information, ask questions, and connect with others working towards gender equality and gender diversity. The G4E platform represents an Indigenous youth-led movement which provides a critical space for Indigenous youth to engage on issues impacting them the most. The G4E platform includes, and celebrates, the voices and experiences of Indigenous youth of all genders and gender expressions advocating for gender equality and gender-diversity.

With funding from Women and Gender Equality (WAGE), NWAC was able to explore the barriers to post-secondary education and employment. In response, NWAC developed this supplementary document to go alongside the “Generation for Equality: Applying to Post-Secondary School Toolkit,” to provide specific information for Inuit youth in Yukon



# Yukon University

Founded in 1963., and granted university status in 2020, Yukon University is the only post-secondary institution in the territory, offering degree, diploma, and certificate programs. The University also offers trades and adult basic education programs (Yukon University, 2025). The university offers several programs that may be of interest to Indigenous students, including:

- Yukon First Nations Art
- First Nations Governance and Public Administration
- Indigenous Governance
- Northern Environmental and Conservation Sciences
- Northern Outdoor and Environmental Studies
- Northern Studies
- First Nations Governance-Building Workshops
- First Nations Leadership Training
- Northern Institute of Social Justice

Located across the territory, Yukon University has 13 campuses across the Yukon providing access to post-secondary education. This includes campuses in Carcross, Dawson City, and Whitehorse (Yukon University, 2025).



## Student Services

Yukon University offers an array of services to support students throughout their educational journey. This includes access to personal counselling, tutoring services, accessibility services, assessments and testing, and financial services (Yukon University, 2025).

In addition to these services, Yukon University offers First Nations support services and Elders on campus. Through First Nations student support services, Indigenous students have access to an array of navigators who can guide them through their academic journey (Yukon University, 2025).

## Application Process

Students interested in attending Yukon University can apply online for most programs. However, some programs may have their own application processes that may require physical and digital pieces.

Applicants are required to submit their official transcripts from their previous education. For most students, this will entail providing a copy of their high school transcripts of their most recent report card.

## Contact Information

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# Financial Assistance

Part of preparing for post-secondary school is understanding the costs associated with attending. Students should understand the costs of tuition, school supplies, living expenses, food and other costs they may incur during the academic year. To help alleviate financial stress associated with pursuing education, students may be eligible for a mix of financial loans, grants, and scholarships. Financial aid generally comes in two forms:

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| <b>Grants</b> | Money received for a specific purpose, such as financing your education, which does not have to be repaid. |
| <b>Loans</b>  | Money borrowed to help pay for your education, loans must be repaid with interest (TD Bank, n.d.).         |

The Government of Yukon works with the federal government to provide Canada student grants and loans through the Canada Student Financial Assistance (CFSA) program.

## CFSA Program

The CFSA Program provides grants and loans to help students pay for their post-secondary education. Working in partnership with the provinces and territories, the federal government provides funding to full- and part-time students that:

- Are from low- and middle-income families
- Have dependents
- Have disabilities (ESDC, 2024)

To apply for grants and loans, students must complete an application through Yukon’s Student Financial Assistance Portal. To apply, there are three easy steps students can take:

1. Register or log in to the Student Financial Assistance Portal.
2. Submit your completed application with the uploaded forms through the online portal.
3. Upload a program information form, completed by an authorized post-secondary institution representative (Government of Yukon, (2025)).

## Yukon Grant

The Yukon Grant is a student funding program provided by the Government of Yukon, which funds students based on the length of their program in weeks. In the 2025-26 academic year, eligible students received up to \$185 per week of study. Moreover, through the Yukon Grant, students may also receive an additional travel allowance starting at \$1,500 (Government of Yukon, 2025).

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or protected person
- Study at a designated institution
- Be a full-time student
- Meet 1 of the following requirements:
  - Completed 2 years of secondary school in the Yukon
  - Be 20 years old or younger and have resided in the Yukon continuously since the age of 14
  - Have lived in the Yukon from the age of 14 to the age of 18
- Not be eligible for funding from another province, territory or country
- Have lived in the Yukon for the 2 years right before classes start (Government of Yukon, 2025).

It is suggested that students apply for the Yukon Grant within 6 weeks of the start of their studies through the Student Financial Assistance Portal.

## Yukon Excellence Awards

The Yukon Excellence Award encourages academic achievement in grades 10 to 12 in Yukon high school. Through this program, students are eligible to receive up to \$3,000 to use towards their post-secondary education and training. To be eligible for the award, Yukon students must:

- Achieve at least an 80% final mark in any qualifying course
- Be a Yukon resident
- Have attended or been registered in:
  - A Yukon high school
  - A Yukon home education program (Government of Yukon, 2025)

To receive the Yukon Excellence Awards, students can submit an online application through the Student Financial Assistance portal or through submitting a paper application. When applying, applicants are expected to provide copies of their receipts for tuition, textbooks, and/or compulsory fees (Government of Yukon, 2025).



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