



## Cause We Care Single Mothers Support Fund Application Criteria

The Cause We Care Single Mothers Support Fund (SMSF) is a holistic fund supporting single mothers who are restricted by financial barriers yet have the resilience, desire, and determination to complete educational or job training programs in order to improve their economic security. Applicants must be enrolled or accepted in an education or training program and have their primary tuition funding in place before a grant request will be considered. Applications will also be considered from single mothers who have completed an educational or vocational training program within the past 12 months. Eligible grant requests include:

- Tutoring Costs or tuition gaps
- Transportation Costs
- Food Costs
- Clothing (including uniforms, appropriate footwear)
- Educational/Training supplies (books, calculator, pens, binders etc.)
- Registration fees
- Basic Hygiene costs (dentist, haircuts, glasses etc.)
- Computer equipment (including internet & wifi)
- Childcare services to assist in accessing training or education courses
- One time business start up costs for women who have graduated a vocational or educational training program within the past 12 months
- Other expenses considered on a case by case basis

### **Eligibility Criteria for Single Mother Applicants:**

- Be a self-identified single mother able to demonstrate financial adversity;
- Be participating in or accepted to an education or vocational training program
- Repeat applicants must be enrolled in the same program their initial grant supported, or have successfully completed the program within the past 12 months
- Be a resident of British Columbia, residing in the Lower Mainland
- Provide a reference from a front-line organization who has agreed to distribute the grant directly to applicant
- Have primary course funding already in place, unless there is a demonstrated gap
- Be able to demonstrate a need for the supporting costs





- Demonstrate how the funding will increase her capacity to support herself and her children
- Applicants will be expected to provide information on all sources of income and alternative scholarships, bursaries or grants

\*Repeat applicants will need to re-submit a funding application each year. Applicants will need to have successfully completed the goals of their previous CWC grant before being considered for another grant.

#### **Application Process:**

- Applications will be submitted via the CWCF [website](#) on a secure electronic portal
- Applicants will be contacted by phone or email if additional information is required

#### **Disbursements:**

- Maximum annual grant is \$10,000 (exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis)
- Applicant can apply more than once if their program is longer than one year, or for business start-up support up to 12 months after graduating program.
- Funds will be paid to the referring front line organization for disbursement directly to the applicant

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