

## **VOCM CARES/NL Foster Families Association Bursary**

The role of biological and adopted children of foster parents is an extremely important one because fostering is a family affair. These young people share their parents with others and must learn to adjust to an ever changing home environment. In recognition of their contribution and support to the children who are placed in their home, VOCM CARES and the Newfoundland and Labrador Foster Families Association has established a Bursary Program to assist with educational expenses.

**Who can Apply?** A biological or adopted child of an approved foster family residing in the province. The applicant must be enrolled in a post-secondary education program.

**Bursary Amount:** One bursary of 500.00 will be awarded each year.

**Application Deadline:** Applications and all supporting documentation **must be received** at the Newfoundland and Labrador Foster Families Office by **September 15**.

**Selection and Presentation:** After reviewing all applications, the selection committee will determine who will be awarded the Bursary. The successful applicant will receive the Bursary in the third week of October in celebration of Foster Families Week.

**Good Luck to all Applicants**

**VOCM CARES/Newfoundland and Labrador Foster Families Association**  
**Bursary Program Application**  
**Mailing address: Suite 105, 21 Pippy Place, St. John's, NL A1B 3X2**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Please indicate which Post-secondary school you will you be attending in September and your study program. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Do you believe you have supported young people in care who have lived in your home? Please explain how you have done this. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Will you be living at home while attending school? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  
4. Have you applied for other funding? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If Yes, Where have you applied? \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Please write a one page essay on why foster homes are necessary and what you see as some of the difficulties experienced by children and young people in care. (Attach)
  
6. Please write a brief summary of your educational goals and why you feel you are a good candidate for this bursary. (Attach)
  
7. Reference letters must be completed by your family Social Worker and one of your Teachers and included with this application.

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**VOCM CARES/NL Foster Families Association Bursary  
Social Worker Reference**

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**Applicants Name :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Workers Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you worked with this family? \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. How has the applicant supported children in care who have lived in the home? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Why do you believe the applicant is an appropriate candidate for this Bursary? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Please provide any other information you believe may be relevant to the selection committee in their decision making process. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Deadline is September 15**

**VOCM CARES/NL Foster Families Association Bursary  
Teacher Reference**

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**Applicants Name :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teachers Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you know the applicant and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Please comment on the applicants academic achievements and scholastic ability. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Why do you believe the applicant is a suitable candidate for this bursary? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Please provide any other information you believe may be relevant to the selection committee in their decision making process. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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