**Scholarships for Crown Wards**

Being in high school and being in grade 9, trying to figure out who you are at the time, what you’re going to be a part of and what you want to do with your life – it’s hard for a 14 or 15 year old to do that especially if you’ve had problems in your background.

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A lot of people don’t realize the challenges that kids have in care - when you go to school and not knowing who is going be there for you when you get home - things that you know other children just don't have to deal with.

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I would have to walk and that school and battle the stereotype of being an outcast. The look that you would get because you're different or the rumors that they would start about you because there wasn't a lot of kids like me - a lot of them came from really stable homes.

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Going through high school looking at it – it felt like forever. I didn't think I was going to make it that far. I looked at high school as being a struggle.

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Most of the kids that we work with, they do want to post-secondary and they have dreams, it’s just a matter of how are we going to provide them with the means to do it.

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Having someone there to hold them up when they’re going through the tough times, knowing someone cares for you, really helps you with the pursuit of a career.

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Children in care have a lot going on in a lot of worries over and above what average students have, so being able to provide them with a scholarship can take that financial worry away and they're able to focus on their studies and really be successful.

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Family and children are really the key drivers and goals to our club and why we raise money through various fundraisers. We've always supported and provided a scholarship for children within the agency.

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When I found out there was going to be a scholarship it just opened up all the doors right away and it didn't seem so far away I can do in the next couple years it's just like that (snapping fingers).

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It's a huge weight lifted off their shoulders knowing that they don't have to come up with that tuition money and knowing that that opportunity is there and it’s paid for is one less thing they have to worry about.

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I can actually be able to finish college to be able to pay everything off and have a good life.

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Having a scholarship allows me to focus my time on things that really matter to me. I'm volunteering, coaching, helping out in the community.

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Any dollar that that the child doesn’t have to pay for tuition - that's an extra course they can take, or an extra co-op term they can benefit from. No matter what size donation - big or small – it’s helping them achieve their goals and achieve their dreams.

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These kids are our future and from a pure financial vantage it’s - we're investing in our future. Whatever we can do to help kids attain their goals and become contributing members of our society or community is always a benefit.

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We have a lot of really resilient kids in care that, if they can get through the struggles that they’ve gone through, they are absolutely going to be community leaders and the more we can support them to achieve their goals, the more they are going to be able to give back to the community. When you look at what they can do with a university education – it opens up so many doors for them. Having the education is going to send them to places that they might not get to without it.

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Scholarship really benefits letting me go somewhere in life.

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It's really going to help me focus on positive things that I need to put all of my energy into this year, and keep that smile on my face.

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You're allowing children the opportunity to grow and allowing them opportunities to succeed in the things they want to do.

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I really do sincerely thank these people because we couldn't do it without them.

Thank you.

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From the bottom of my heart, thank you.