

## Guide to Canadian Scholarships

[tinyurl.com/bpzs8gu](http://tinyurl.com/bpzs8gu)

Learn about scholarships available for university or college. This book is available at Surrey Libraries and covers a wide range of scholarship options.

## Last Post Fund

Tel: 1-800-465-7113 [www.lastpostfund.ca](http://www.lastpostfund.ca)

Helps pay funeral and burial expenses for qualifying service members with the Canadian Military. Also can provide grave markers.

## SOURCES Newton Resource Centre

#102-13771 72A Ave Surrey BC V3W 9C6

Tel: 604-596-2311 [www.sourcesbc.ca](http://www.sourcesbc.ca) [www.askanadvocate.ca](http://www.askanadvocate.ca)

Wide range of supports, information and advocacy for income assistance, disability, housing and federal income assistance programs. Also can help if you are being evicted (must have received notice) or with more immediate housing crisis. Offers community voicemail, pro bono access & free income tax service. Housing resources also available including lists of low cost rentals, phone for housing search as well as computers. Can help with loans to help with rent from the SOURCES Rent bank.

## Old Age Security Pension & Survivor Allowance (Service Canada)

1-800-277-9914 [tinyurl.com/y6y6qo5d](http://tinyurl.com/y6y6qo5d)

OAS pension is a monthly payment available to most Canadians aged 65+. You must apply to receive benefits. Survivor Allowance is federal income benefit for low-income seniors who are 60 to 64 and whose spouse is collecting OAS and GIS or whose spouse has died. Must also meet legal and residency requirements.

## Post-Secondary Student Support Program

BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres

551 Chatham St. Victoria BC V8T 1E1

Phone: 250-388-5522 [education@bcaafc.com](mailto:education@bcaafc.com)

[bcaafc.com/education/](http://bcaafc.com/education/)

Provides eligible First Nations students with funding to access education opportunities at the post-secondary level, including university and college entrance preparation programs. To be eligible you must:

\*First Nation students who are registered Status Indians

\*and do not have band membership, and are thus ineligible to apply for funding through their band

\*Must be a BC resident, who has resided in BC for a minimum of 12 consecutive months

## Registered Disability Savings Plan

Tel: 1-800-959-8281

[www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/tpcs/rdsp-reei/menu-eng.html](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/tpcs/rdsp-reei/menu-eng.html)

A registered disability savings plan (RDSP). It is a savings plan to help parents and others save for the long term financial security of a person who is eligible for the disability tax credit (DTC).

## Rental Assistance Program

Tel: 604-433-2218 [www.bchousing.org/RAP](http://www.bchousing.org/RAP)

Provides eligible low-income, working families help with their rent. To qualify, families must have a gross household income of \$40,000 or less, at least one dependent child, and employed at some point over the last year.

## SAFER (Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters)

Tel: 604-433-2218 [www.bchousing.org/SAFER](http://www.bchousing.org/SAFER)

Helps make rents affordable for BC seniors with low to moderate incomes. Provides monthly payments to subsidize rents for eligible BC residents who are age 60 or over and who pay rent for their homes. BC Housing provides SAFER reimbursements to more than 25,000 households.

## Child Care

### Affordable Child Care Benefit

[tinyurl.com/yhcgv3yw](http://tinyurl.com/yhcgv3yw)

Monthly payment to help eligible families with the cost of child care. Factors like income, family size, and type of care determine how much support families can get. You can find the application forms online, and use an online calculator to estimate your funding. Funding will be directed to childcare providers where parents have enrolled their children.

### Child Care Options Resource & Referral Program

100-6846 King George Boulevard Surrey, B.C. V3W 4Z9

Tel: 604-572-8032 [www.childcareoptions.ca](http://www.childcareoptions.ca)

[childcareoptions@options.bc.ca](mailto:childcareoptions@options.bc.ca)

Provides help with finding childcare, helping with the ACCB (Subsidy) forms. Also offers support to educators and support becoming a Registered license not required daycare (you can take up to 2 children in your own home). Has a parent lending library that includes, books, educational items, toys, slides, ride on toys and many more! Over 500 items to borrow for the parents of Surrey Delta and White Rock.

## Tax Benefits & Income Tax Clinics

It is worth filing income tax, especially for lower income people. You can only get these benefits if you qualify and file income tax yearly.

### Canada Child Benefit (CCB)

Tel: 1-800-387-1193

[www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/ccb/menu-eng.html](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/ccb/menu-eng.html)

Canada Child Tax Benefit is a tax-free monthly payment made to eligible families to help them with the cost of raising children under age 18. Additional benefits for children with a disability.

### Child and Family Tax Benefits Information

[www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/menu-eng.html](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/menu-eng.html)

Website covers the provincial and federal tax benefits for children and families.

### GST/HST Credit

[tinyurl.com/bpm45hc](http://tinyurl.com/bpm45hc)

GST/HST Credit program issues payments to Canadians with low and modest incomes. Helps offset all or part of the GST/HST they pay on goods and services. Assessment based on filed tax return, those eligible are contacted; if you have a spouse or common law partner, only 1 receives the credit.

## Income Tax Clinic @ Come Share Society

Tel: 604-531-9400 ext. 216 [www.comeshare.ca](http://www.comeshare.ca)

Available March 1–April 30. Volunteers will do your taxes as long as you have a simple return. Must be 55+ years old, live in Surrey or White Rock and have income less than 35,000 for single people or \$45,000 for couples.. Returns are done over the phone and filed by volunteers online. Appointments can be booked starting February 22.

## Income Tax Clinic @ Oak Ave Neighbourhood Hub

12740 – 102 Ave Surrey BC

Tel: 604-582-7088 [www.oanh.ca](http://www.oanh.ca)

For low income families and individuals. Appointment required. Runs during March and April each year.

## Income Tax Clinic @ Sources BC

882 Maple St White Rock BC

Tel: 604-542-4357 [www.sourcesbc.ca](http://www.sourcesbc.ca)

[volunteertaxclinic@sourcesbc.ca](mailto:volunteertaxclinic@sourcesbc.ca)

Free tax clinic, available by drop-in Monday to Thursday 10am to 2pm, or make arrangements to do your taxes over the phone.

## Income Tax Clinic @ Surrey Libraries

[www.surreylibraries.ca](http://www.surreylibraries.ca)

Yearly income tax clinic for low income residents of Surrey. Typically held between late March and then through April. Ask at your local branch in early March for details.

## Income Assistance Offices

Tel: 1-866-866-0800

[myselfserve.gov.bc.ca](http://myselfserve.gov.bc.ca)

**Fleetwood** 101-16088 84th Ave Surrey BC V4N 0V9

**Park Place** 130-13749 72nd Ave Surrey BC V3W 2P2

**Surrey-North** 100 - 13650 102 Ave. Surrey BC V3T 1N6

### *Looking for services not covered in this brochure?*

Please ask at your local library. We are here to help. Visit us, call 604-598-7300 or at [www.surreylibraries.ca/lowcost](http://www.surreylibraries.ca/lowcost).

You can also call 211 for a free, confidential, multilingual help. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Online at [bc.211.ca](http://bc.211.ca).

If you would like more information or if you spot correction email us at [lowcost@surrey.ca](mailto:lowcost@surrey.ca)

Surrey Libraries does not endorse or promote particular resources or programs, and inclusion here does not imply the Library's endorsement.

## EMPLOYMENT & INCOME



Low cost and free

## Work BC Centres

Each centre provides resume help and aid in job search. Free computer access, printing and faxing for job seeking only. Each centre has a catchment area. Find out which location to go to at their website or ask at your local library.

### www.workbc.ca

Also offers some great online career planning and research tools at: [www.workbc.ca/careercompass](http://www.workbc.ca/careercompass)

#### WorkBC - Cloverdale

202 - 17700 – 56 Avenue Surrey, BC

Tel: 778-547-5020

#### WorkBC – Delta

4899 Delta Street, Delta, BC

Tel: 604-591-9116

#### WorkBC – Fleetwood/Guildford

202 - 10334 152A Street Surrey, V3R 7P8

Tel: 604-580-9740

#### WorkBC – Newton

110–7525 King George Blvd. Surrey BC

Tel: 778-728-0175

#### WorkBC - Whalley

160 - 10362 King George Blvd Surrey, BC

Tel: 604-584-0003

#### WorkBC – White Rock/South Surrey

108–1688 152 St. Surrey BC

Tel: 604-531-3331

## Employment Programs & Services

### BARISTAS Training

#201B 10334 - 152A Street Surrey, BC V3R 7P8

Tel: 604-999-2301 [www.pcrs.ca/baristas](http://www.pcrs.ca/baristas) [baristas@pcrs.ca](mailto:baristas@pcrs.ca)

Free program for youth ages 16-30 years old. Offers 5 certificates including First Aid, WHMIS, and Food Safe. School credits are available and a work experience placement with Starbucks Coffee.

## Career Paths for Skilled Immigrants

#210 7525 King George Blvd Surrey BC  
Tel: 604-575-3800 [careerpaths.ca](mailto:careerpaths.ca) [info@careerpaths.ca](mailto:info@careerpaths.ca)  
#301-10334 152A Street Surrey BC  
Tel: 604-683-1684 or 604-590-4021 [careerpaths@issbc.org](mailto:careerpaths@issbc.org)  
[issbc.org/service-types/career-paths-for-skilled-immigrants](http://issbc.org/service-types/career-paths-for-skilled-immigrants)  
Program designed to help new immigrants find jobs related to their professional fields. Can help get Canadian work experience, mentorship, credentials and workplace culture. Must be a permanent resident for less than 5 years, have at least intermediate English and be unemployed or working in a field unrelated to your profession.

## Digital Skills Upgrading for Job Seekers Aged 55+

#245-10330 152nd St. Surrey BC  
Tel: 778-394-8822 [www.successbc.ca](http://www.successbc.ca)  
[employment55@success.bc.ca](mailto:employment55@success.bc.ca)

Offers individuals over 55 digital skills, career planning, job search skills, soft skills and job maintenance skills. Short term certificate training as needed. Training allowance for attendance is provided. The office is currently closed but staff are still offering assistance and updates on the program.

## EMBERS Staffing Solutions—Surrey Office

13686 94A Ave. Surrey, BC  
Tel: 778-293-0781 [www.embersvancouver.com](http://www.embersvancouver.com)  
[surrey@embersstaffing.com](mailto:surrey@embersstaffing.com)  
Offer individuals temporary short- and long-term job placements in construction, warehousing, administration, and special events. EMBERS provides a supportive environment and opportunities for advancement. Also provides workers with necessary equipment (such as steel-toed work boots) and training.

## Employment Now

Delta BC (Call for current location)  
Tel: 604-591-9262, ext. 117 [employmentprograms@bgcbc.ca](mailto:employmentprograms@bgcbc.ca)  
[bgcbc.ca/employment-services/](http://bgcbc.ca/employment-services/)  
For people 17 to 29 years old who want to work in customer service, retail or office admin and clerical? This program is focused on making sure you have the skills and opportunity to get hired.

## Empowered for Employment

Unit 109 – 5577 153A St. Surrey, B.C  
Tel: 604-262-4858 [eeinfo@sourcesbc.ca](mailto:eeinfo@sourcesbc.ca) [www.sourcesbc.ca](http://www.sourcesbc.ca)  
Offers three employment programs that are delivered virtually. All programs provide free skills training, job search strategies and job placement services. Participants may be eligible for financial supports.

### Skills for Today's Workplace

A free program for Survivors of Violence and/or Abuse to gain skills training and find employment.

### Admin & Accounting Works

A free program for Older Workers (ages 55+) to gain skills training and find employment.

### Youthrive

A free program for Youth (ages 15-30) to obtain skills training and find employment.

## Fast Track to Manufacturing (F2M Project)

200A–7134 King George Blvd  
Tel: 778-591-9334 [f2m@mosaicbc.org](mailto:f2m@mosaicbc.org)  
[www.mosaicbc.org/services/employment/f2m/](http://www.mosaicbc.org/services/employment/f2m/)  
A program for young newcomers (18-24 years old) who are looking for a career in the rapidly growing manufacturing field.

## Foreign Credential Recognition Program

Unit 205, 12725- 80th Ave Surrey BC  
Tel: 604-596-7722 Ext: 157  
[pics.bc.ca/programs/employment/foreign-credential-recognition/](http://pics.bc.ca/programs/employment/foreign-credential-recognition/)  
Helps internationally trained professionals to get back into their professional field or alternative related career field. Also offers a loan amount up to \$15,000 depending on the process, to cover the cost of credentialing along with a flexible repayment schedule.

## Future Leaders

202-10070 King George Blvd, Surrey, BC, V3T 2W4  
Tel: 604-597-0205 [www.dcrs.ca](http://www.dcrs.ca) [youthjobs@dcrs.ca](mailto:youthjobs@dcrs.ca)  
Training program for youth ages 15 – 30, Canadian citizens or permanent residents, unemployed or underemployed. Helps you prepare for the Canadian job market, gain recognized certificates, learn life skills through paid employability skills training and work experience.

## Future Troopers

202-10070 King George Blvd, Surrey, BC, V3T 2W4  
Tel: 604-597-0205 [www.dcrs.ca](http://www.dcrs.ca) [youthjobs@dcrs.ca](mailto:youthjobs@dcrs.ca)  
Helps you prepare for the Canadian job market. Learn valuable life skills, earn recognized certificates, get work experience and 1-on-1 employment success coaching. For youth 17-29, Canadian citizens or permanent residents, unemployed or underemployed.

## Immigrant Entrepreneur Program

13455 76 Ave, Surrey BC  
Tel: 604-547-1662 [www.dcrs.ca](http://www.dcrs.ca) [selfemployment@dcrs.ca](mailto:selfemployment@dcrs.ca)  
Provides important information, resources and advice for aspiring immigrant entrepreneurs. One-on-one consultations, referrals and workshops. Offered in English and other languages including Mandarin, Arabic, Korean & Karen.

## La Boussole

312 Main Street Vancouver BC  
Tel: 604-683-7337 [www.lbv.ca](http://www.lbv.ca)  
Centre Communautaire Francophone qui aide des gens qui parlent Français qui font face à des situations difficiles. Offre une variété de programmes sociaux et d'aide à l'emploi. French speaking community centre that helps French speakers facing difficult situations. Offers a variety of programs. All community activities are canceled until further notice.

## Migrant Worker's Support Network Program

Unit #205- 12725 80thAve. Surrey, B.C  
Tel: 604-596 7722 Ext.148 [migrantworkers@pics.bc.ca](mailto:migrantworkers@pics.bc.ca)  
[pics.bc.ca/programs/settlement-integration/migrant-workers-program/](http://pics.bc.ca/programs/settlement-integration/migrant-workers-program/)  
Learn about your rights, workplace safety, build English skills and about the programs available for Temporary Foreign Workers.

## Newcomer Employment Support Program

#305 10362 King George Blvd. Surrey, BC V3T 2W5  
Tel: 604-954-0482  
[www.options.bc.ca/program/newcomer-employment-support-program](http://www.options.bc.ca/program/newcomer-employment-support-program)  
Help for newcomers looking for work who live in Surrey and Delta. Have individual coaching, resume help, job fairs and mentorship. Due to COVID-19, services are now delivered virtually, limited in-person services are by appointment only, no drop-in services.

## SEED Youth Employment Program

13769 - 104th Ave Surrey BC  
Tel: 778-389-2769 [seedyouth@douglascollege.ca](mailto:seedyouth@douglascollege.ca)  
[tinyurl.com/txr6d8b](http://tinyurl.com/txr6d8b)  
Now offered 100% online. Program to help unemployed youth 15 to 30 years old find and keep a full-time job. Can help build work

experience. Learn pre-employment skills, get short-term occupational certificate training and receive job search strategies and support. Includes 6 weeks of online classroom training and 8 weeks of paid work experience with an employer.

## SIYS Corps - Surrey Intercultural Youth Service

### Corps Project

12725 80th Ave, Surrey, BC, V3W 3A6  
Tel: 604-596-7722 [siyscorps@pics.bc.ca](mailto:siyscorps@pics.bc.ca) [pics.bc.ca](http://pics.bc.ca)  
6 weeks of skills training and 11 weeks of volunteer work experience for youth aged 15 to 30. All online. SIYSCorps program brings together a diverse group of motivated youth to become active community ambassadors. Will help youth gain valuable experience in community engagement and enhancing employment opportunities.

### Skills for Life and Work

200-7525 King George Blvd., Surrey, V3W5A8  
Tel: 604-273-7350 [info@skillslifework.ca](mailto:info@skillslifework.ca) [skillslifework.ca](http://skillslifework.ca)  
6 week cohort-based program designed to assist individuals with multiple barriers to employment. You will gain the skills needed to find, secure, and maintain meaningful employment.

## Spark & Ignite Self-employment Programs

#301-10334 152A Street Surrey BC  
Tel: 604-683-1684 [sparkandignite@issbc.org](mailto:sparkandignite@issbc.org)  
[issbc.org/service-types/explore\\_entrepreneurship](http://issbc.org/service-types/explore_entrepreneurship)  
Those who want to know if they've got what it takes to become self-employed; and those who not only have a clear business idea but also need help improving an existing business.

## This Way Onward

Tel: 236-888-4756 [GAPtraining@pcrs.ca](mailto:GAPtraining@pcrs.ca)  
[pcrs.ca/service-types/employment-opportunities/](http://pcrs.ca/service-types/employment-opportunities/)  
Gives youth ages 16 - 24, an opportunity to gain skills and confidence in the customer service field. Series of supported workshops and a paid internship with Old Navy. In response to COVID-19, staff are following recommendations by offering the weekly workshops online via Zoom in lieu of meeting in class. It is planned to host the summer internship.

## Trade Builders Program

Unit 205, 12725- 80th Ave Surrey BC  
Tel: 604-596-7722 ext: 150 [www.pics.bc.ca](http://www.pics.bc.ca)  
Program for people aged 18-29 who are interested in the building trades. 30 week program that explores different technical occupations. Will help you develop essential skills and safety training. Child care, transportation, work clothing supports.

## Working Together

400-3999 Henning Dr, Burnaby, BC V5C 6P9  
Tel: 604-473-9363 [www.neilsquire.ca](http://www.neilsquire.ca)  
Offers individualized program plans or a group-based learning environment for people with disabilities looking for work. Services include career and personal development, assistance with employment readiness, and job search support. Also offers ergonomic and/or assistive technology assessments and solutions. A wage subsidy may be available if required.

## Youth in Tech Program

#301-10334 152A Street Surrey BC  
Tel: 604-362-1743 [issbc.org/our-services/youth-in-tech](http://issbc.org/our-services/youth-in-tech)  
Job training and job search for youth between 18 - 29 years of age to start their careers in web development or software testing. All services are online via Zoom etc. during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Income Supports

In person help is available at the two locations below for Service Canada programs.

<b>Service Canada North Surrey</b>	<b>Service Canada South Surrey</b>
13889 104th Avenue Surrey, BC	103-15295 Highway 10 Surrey

## Apprenticeship Incentive Grant (Service Canada)

Tel: 1-866-742-3644 [tinyurl.com/yaainpiy](http://tinyurl.com/yaainpiy)  
The Apprenticeship Incentive Grant (AIG) is a taxable cash grant of \$1,000 per year, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per person. It is available to registered apprentices in a Red Seal trade once they have successfully finished their first or second year/level (or equivalent). There is also a Apprenticeship Completion Grant available once you have finished and an Apprenticeship Incentive Grant for Women of \$3,000 per year.

## Askanadvocate.ca by SOURCES

[www.askanadvocate.ca](http://www.askanadvocate.ca)  
Provides basic and clear information about income assistance, disability benefits (provincial and federal), tenancy, and other income supports. Has videos, FAQs, fact sheets, and links to other services and resources.

## The Benefits Finder

[tinyurl.com/b6tmwfk](http://tinyurl.com/b6tmwfk)  
Online tool helps find what government benefits you are eligible for.

## Canada Learning Bond & RESP

Tel: 1-855-737-7252 [info@smartsaver.org](mailto:info@smartsaver.org) [mysmartfuture.org](http://mysmartfuture.org)  
Start your child's education savings with money from the government of Canada. The Canada Learning Bond is a grant of up to \$2,000 deposited into the RESP of an eligible child. Children born January 1, 2004 and after are eligible. Some other eligibility requirements apply.

## Canada Pension Plan (CPP) & Survivor Benefits (Service Canada)

Tel: 1-800-277-9914 [tinyurl.com/yb7lpmky](http://tinyurl.com/yb7lpmky)  
The Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Retirement Pension provides a monthly taxable benefit to retired contributors.

## Credit Counselling Society of BC

Suite 101 15399 102A Ave Surrey BC  
Tel: 604-527-8999 [www.nomoredebts.org](http://www.nomoredebts.org)  
Non-profit service helping people from all walks of life manage their money and debt better. No walk-ins, call for appointment.

## Emergency Income Assistance

Tel: 604-660-3194 (Self referral)  
After hours Emergency Food & Shelter Line. Families are entitled to emergency food, shelter, and medical transportation.

## Guaranteed Income supplement (Service Canada)

Tel: 1-800-277-9914 [tinyurl.com/y8evr6av](http://tinyurl.com/y8evr6av)  
The Guaranteed Income Supplement provides additional money, on top of the Old Age Security pension, to low-income seniors living in Canada. To be eligible for the GIS benefit, must be receiving the Old Age Security pension and meet the income requirements. Service also available through Service Canada Centre's.