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Tuition Assistance for Children and Youth

The READ Society helps children, youth and adults improve their reading, writing and mathematic skills. Our professional teachers create individual programs and work with no more than two students at a time.

Frequently Asked Questions

What kind of help can READ provide?

Students who qualify for tuition assistance receive hourly remedial classes once or twice a week for up to 10 months at a reduced rate.

Who is eligible?

Tuition assistance is available to children and youth ages 6 to 18 whose academic skills are below grade level and who come from low-income households.

How do I find out if we are eligible?

Fill out this application. The requested information determines your financial eligibility.

If we are financially eligible, what happens next?

Your child will be scheduled for an academic assessment. If the assessment confirms that your child's academic skills are below grade level, their name will be placed on a list in order of when your application was received.

Do I have to pay anything for classes?

Yes, all families receiving tuition assistance pay a portion of the regular fee. We use a sliding scale to determine how much each household pays. Once we have reviewed your financial details, we will ask you to decide how much you can pay within the range indicated by the scale. The scale is available on our website, www.readsociety.bc.ca.

Do I have to pay for the academic assessment?

You do not have to pay for the assessment even if we find that your child's skills are not below grade level. The assessment report is yours to keep and use however you would like.

Is there a waitlist?

We have a waitlist when the demand for our services exceeds our fundraising efforts.

When will my child start?

Once we have determined financial and academic need, your child's name will be placed on the list. As soon as funding is available, we will call you to complete the enrollment process and schedule classes.

If we get tuition assistance, what are my responsibilities?

We will ask you to sign a tuition assistance agreement. The agreement includes a commitment to bringing your child to class on time and attending all classes. You also agree to make the payment at the beginning of each month.

More questions are answered on our website: www.readsociety.bc.ca.

We're also available to help – just call 250-388-7225.



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Application: Tuition Assistance for Children and Youth

Date _____

Student Last Name _____ **Student First Name** _____

Male Female Age _____ Birth Date _____ Grade _____

School _____ District _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email address _____

Describe your child's progress in school: _____

Has your child received extra support (such as learning assistance) in school? Yes No

If yes, what kind of support? _____

Does your child have any special needs (physical, medical, behavioural) that we should know about? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

Has your child been assessed? Yes No Where and when? _____

Are the reports available to READ? Yes No

Has your child attended classes at READ before? Yes No When? _____

Who referred you to READ? _____

Monthly Income and Expenses

Marital status: single parent married/common-law Number of children _____

Number of people in your household _____ Other dependents living outside your household _____

→ You must show supporting documentation of your income as listed below. **Please provide your previous year's tax assessment plus a current pay stub, T4, receipt for income assistance, employment insurance, etc.**

Household Income (Monthly)	
Employment Income. List all salaries.	<input type="checkbox"/> Gross <input type="checkbox"/> Net
Government assistance (EI, Income Assistance, GST rebate, Child Tax Credit, etc.)	
Income from other sources (rental, child support, savings, investments, etc.)	
Does anyone else contribute to expenses in the home? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, please show amount.	
Total Monthly Income →	
Household Expenses (Monthly)	
housing rent <input type="checkbox"/> own <input type="checkbox"/>	
utilities (heat, hydro, telephone, cable, etc.)	
childcare	
food	
clothing	
medical/dental	
loans and credit cards (average monthly payments)	
transportation (payments, insurance, gas, upkeep, bus)	
sports / hobbies / entertainment	
other expenses not listed above	
Total Monthly Expenses →	
Difference =	
I certify that the above information is true and accurate.	
Signature _____	Date _____