Crown Ward Education Championship Team of Prescott-Russell and Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry

Founded in 2011, the CWECT aims to improve educational outcomes for Crown wards by increasing awareness to the opportunities available to them throughout their education. The team aims to increase participation and success in education, postsecondary education and employment. There are 20 other Crown Ward Education Championship Teams across Ontario.

The Prescott-Russell and Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry team is composed of the following members:

**About Us**

- **four school boards:**
  - Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario
  - Conseil des écoles publiques de l’Est de l’Ontario
  - Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l’Est ontarien
  - Upper Canada District School Board

- **four postsecondary institutions:**
  - St. Lawrence College
  - Université de Guelph-Campus d’Alfred
  - University of Ottawa
  - La Cité collégiale

- **involvement of three ministries:**
  - Ministry of Education
  - Ministry of Children and Youth Services
  - Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities

- **two Children’s Aid Societies:**
  - Children’s Aid Society of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry
  - Valoris for Children and Adults of Prescott-Russell

**Our Objectives**

- enable better education, training and employment opportunities for all youth with Crown Ward status;
- develop a local community-based model, with strong partnerships amongst local CAS’s, French and English language school boards, postsecondary institutions and employment and training services;
- identify youth with Crown Ward status within community;
- create a sustainable and responsive support system for youth with Crown Ward status that includes institutional policies and practices that are responsive to their needs and individual support tailored to help them make the transition from one level of education to the next.

**Contact Us**

- **Valoris for Children and Adults of Prescott-Russell**
  - 173 Old Hwy 17
  - Plantagenet, Ontario K0B 1L0
  - 1 800 675.6168 | www.valorispr.ca

- **Children’s Aid Society of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry**
  - 150 Boundary Road
  - Cornwall, Ontario K6H 6J5
  - 1 866 939.9915 | www.cassdg.ca
### Government Programs Available for Crown Wards

**Ontario Access Grant for Crown Ward (OAG-CW)**

- For current and former Crown wards in programs of two or more years in length: the OAG-CW will cover 50% of the student tuition, to a maximum of $3,000 for each year of the program that they are registered in for a maximum of four years, depending on the length of the program.
- For current and former Crown wards in one year programs: the OAG-CW will cover 100% of their tuition, to a maximum of $3,000.

**100% Tuition Aid for Youth Leaving Care**

- The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities has a partnership with multiple postsecondary institutions to cover 100% of tuition for Crown wards, former Crown wards or for those who are or were previously receiving an Extended Care and Maintenance Allowance or a Continued Care and Support for Youth Allowance.
- Students who formerly received, or would have been eligible to receive the Continued Care and Support for Youth allowance from their Children’s Aid Society must fill out the 2013-2014 application for living and learning grant.

**Apprenticeship**

- To learn more about apprenticeship, trade certification and to find out about available financial aid:
  - [www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employmentontario/training](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employmentontario/training)
- The College of Trades is an industry-led organization that protects public interest by regulating and promoting skilled trades.
  - [www.collegeoftrades.ca/](http://www.collegeoftrades.ca/)

**Canada-Ontario Integrated Student Loan Assistance (COISL)**

- The purpose of the (COISL) is to provide loans to eligible Ontario students to help them pay for their education-related costs such as: tuition, books, mandatory fees, living cost and transportation.
- The maximum amount of the Canada portion that a student may receive is $210 for each week of their study period.
- The maximum amount of the Ontario portion that a student may receive for each week of their study period is: $150 per week for a single student with no dependent or $350 per week for a student who is married or who is a sole-support parent.

**Ontario Crown Ward Postsecondary Application Fee Reimbursement program**

- [www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/students/ocwp_faqs.html](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/students/ocwp_faqs.html)

The program is intended to reimburse current and former Ontario Crown wards for the cost of application fees to eligible postsecondary schools and postsecondary programs.

**Web-based Public Awareness Resources**

- [www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/postsecondary/careerplanning/crownwards.html](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/postsecondary/careerplanning/crownwards.html)

Expanded resources are available on the Ministry’s website with a specific section for Crown Wards.

**The Living and Learning Grant**

- [www.osap.gov.on.ca, under the A-Z List of Aid section](http://www.osap.gov.on.ca, under the A-Z List of Aid section)

This grant provides $500 per month to youth aged 21 to 24 leaving care enrolled in postsecondary education and training programs that are approved for the purposes of the Ontario portion of OSAP funding.

### Other Funding Sources

**Storwell Foster Children Annual Bursary Program - $2 000**

- Application deadline: September 15
- [www.storwell.com/bursary-application](http://www.storwell.com/bursary-application)

**Valoris Foundation of Prescott-Russell Bursary Program - $1 300**

- Application deadline: June 30

**La Cité collégiale Foundation Bursary Program**