

Feeding Futures School Food Program Funding – Independent Schools

Applications Now Open

The Ministry of Education and Child Care (ministry) is pleased to announce that applications for independent school Feeding Futures grants for the 2026-27 school year, Year 4 of the program, are now open.

About Feeding Futures

Since Spring 2023, the Province has provided funding annually to school districts and independent schools to create and expand school food programs through Feeding Futures. \$4.505M has been provided annually to the independent school sector over the past three years, and the same amount is again being made available for the 2026-27 school year (Year 4 of Feeding Futures).

The ministry has partnered with the Federation of Independent School Associations in British Columbia (FISABC) in administration of Feeding Futures and to identify potentially eligible independent schools (Groups 1, 2 and 3) based on an assessment of potential student need. A needs-based approach has been used to determine funding allocations for Feeding Futures since 2023. \$5,000 is the minimum grant for eligible schools. Schools with higher assessed need will receive larger grants.

Application Form

Please use the attached [Excel application](#) to apply for Feeding Futures funding. The application form includes instructions and detailed information on the application process.

Application Deadline

The deadline for application submission is October 9, 2026.

Eligibility

Group 1, 2 and 3 independent schools are eligible to apply for Feeding Futures funding. Only not-for-profit organizations are eligible to receive funding. The amount of funding for which a school is eligible is determined by assessing the level of need at a school. To be eligible for funding, a minimum of 5% of the students enrolled at a school must be assessed by the funding model as potentially needing support.

First Nation schools, including First Nation Independent Schools, receive Feeding Futures funding from Indigenous Services Canada and are asked not to apply for Feeding Futures independent school funding.

Group 4 independent schools predominantly serve non-resident students and are not eligible to apply for funding. Independent schools in their first year of operation are also ineligible to apply, as the funding model does not yet have sufficient data to assess need.

Application Process

FISABC will send eligible independent schools an email indicating the school's "notional allocation" on September 17. Please follow up with FISABC's Feeding Futures Coordinator (rocio@fisabc.ca) if your school has not received its notional allocation by this date. The notional allocation is intended to help schools determine whether to apply for Feeding Futures funding. Applications will be submitted directly

to FISABC. Schools will be notified of final grant amounts by FISABC once available.

Webinar

FISABC will host a webinar for independent school principals on September 21, 2026, at 10am. Further details will be communicated to schools with notional allocations by FISABC.

Questions / More Information:

Questions on Feeding Futures and the grant application process for independent schools can be sent to FISABC's Feeding Futures Project Lead: rocio@fisabc.ca.