

# HOMeward BOUND

## Where opportunity comes home



Homeward Bound uses a unique, innovative model to provide wraparound services to help inadequately-housed or homeless **mother-led families earn college diplomas, start careers, and achieve economic self-sufficiency.**

Throughout our four-year program, we provide furnished **apartments**, goal-oriented **case management**, on-site **child care** (if available), after-school **programs for children and youth**, **credit and debt** counseling, parenting support, and **psychotherapy** and trauma counselling. Homeward Bound also pays all the costs for our women to **complete a college diploma**. The program has 4 phases:

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**Phase 1: Program start:** This includes life skills, computer and financial literacy training, an academic upgrading program for college entrance.

**Phase 2: Community college:** Homeward Bound **women attend college for free**. The 2-year diploma options are: Early Childhood Educator (ECE); Computer Programmer; Business (Human Resources, Operations, Finance); Office Administration-Legal; Executive Admin

**Phase 3: Transitions to Success:** Program which prepares women for Internship, employment and exit. It includes Employability Skills Training, Industry Council Networking, and Permanent Housing Support

**Phase 4: Internship, Employment, and Exit:** 14-week professional internship to gain work experience. Homeward Bound connects women to opportunities for full-time employment with our industry partners. We also support women to transition into their new lives.

Homeward Bound aims to see each of our women, upon completing the program, **move into independent housing and maintain steady employment** at a livable wage.

## Who is eligible for admission?

Women who want to join Homeward Bound must be/have:

- 19 years or older
- Risk and/or history of homelessness
- One referral (from shelter, clergy, social program, etc.)
- Canadian citizen, landed immigrant, or convention refugee
- Child(ren) are under 17 years old and at least one child living with her
- Maximum number of children -3
- High school diploma preferred
- Capable of reaching college-level academics within 4-6 months
- On or eligible for OW, ODSP, or EI
- No *current* criminal proceedings or addictions (one year clean/sober)
- Able to commit to participating in a full-time program

## What's the intake process?

We review all applications immediately, but we only contact women to be interviewed when space is available. **We do maintain a wait list.** Our admissions process involves 5 parts, and takes about 6 weeks:

- Personal interview(s)
- Academic assessments in math, writing, and reading
- Quality of Life Assessment
- Criminal background / Police check
- Credit check (*good credit is not required*, but awareness is)

**BOTTOM LINE:** Homeward Bound means opportunities for:

- The chance to **go to college for free**
- Stable **housing** for up to 4 years
- Nearby **childcare** and after-school programs (if available)
- Full-time, career-track **employment** upon graduation

To apply go to:  
[www.woodgreen.org](http://www.woodgreen.org)