

Computers for Schools Yukon

Computers for Schools Yukon (CFSY) is a national, federal government-led program that operates in cooperation with all provinces and territories, the private and volunteer sectors. The program collects, repairs and refurbishes donated surplus computers from government and private sector sources and distributes them free to schools, non-profit organizations and libraries throughout Canada.

CFS was co-founded in 1993 by Industry Canada and the Telephone Pioneers the largest industry-related volunteer organization in the world. Computers for Schools contributes to the government's Connecting Canadians initiative.

Since its inception, CFS has provided more than 1 000 000 computers to schools and libraries in all provinces and territories. In addition to coordinating computer donors and recipients, CFS oversees close to 60 repair and refurbishing centers throughout Canada, where surplus computers are cleaned, refurbished and prepared for delivery. Workshops are staffed by youth interns, co-op students, and volunteers, including current and retired telecommunications professionals.

The objective is to take used equipment and refurbish or update it so it can have an extended lifetime and help schools and organizations who otherwise don't have the budget to buy more computers.

A student who would benefit from a computer in their studies, but otherwise wouldn't be able to afford a computer, can apply on our website with their teacher. We are partnered with schools, teachers, First Nations, and other non-profits, so you can give us a call or e-mail and we'll discuss if we can provide you with some computers.

If you are a teacher or administrator, you can apply for computers for your classroom, or perhaps for some students who would benefit from computer use (supplies might be limited depending on the request). You can apply on our website at www.cfsy.ca and select "Apply for a Computer" along the top menu.

We offer 2 main choices for the operating system on a desktop or laptop:

- Windows 7 Pro (\$15.00 per licence)
- Linux (free because it is "open source")

If you're not familiar with Linux you're not alone. If you would like more information on Linux, you can check on the reverse of this sheet. Essentially, it's a very stable operating system that is impervious to viruses and malware in general simply because programming viruses for Linux wouldn't hit a large crowd due to how many different Linux distributions there are. You can find a large variety of customized Linux distributions to fill many needs. Linux is free because it's licensed as "open source" which means the programming is open and available for editing, on the condition that anything built from open source code can not be sold.

If you're interested, or if you have additional questions, let me know!

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