

Post-Secondary Financial Assistance

For those with limited financial resources, there are several grants to help. Disability centres at Universities and Colleges generally require a recent educational assessment (some will help your child get assessed.)

Procedure

1. Apply for Canada Student Loan assistance first. Even if you are not planning on taking a government loan (OSAP in Ontario), your son or daughter's eligibility for assistance opens the door to the disability-related grants below. (Grants are non-repayable and taxable.)
2. Bring the separate application form for the grants (available from website below) to the University/College disability centre office when you arrange a meeting with them (after your son/daughter has been accepted to the institution and you have received notice of loan acceptance). The office needs to sign off on the applications.

Grants

1. **Canada Study Grant for the Accommodation of Students with Permanent Disabilities**
Grant: up to \$8000 per loan year to cover costs associated with your disability such as tutors, note takers, technical aids, etc. or 75% of the cost of a learning disability assessment up to \$1200.
Eligibility: appropriate medical documentation, i.e., educational assessment preferably that also outlines the types of equipment and support that will allow your son/daughter to participate in post-secondary studies.
To apply: you must qualify for full-time or part-time Canada Student Loan assistance and then complete a separate application form (form accessed through website below).
2. **Canada Access Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities**
Grant: up to \$2000 per loan year for those with financial need for tuition, books, supplies, and living costs, etc.
Eligibility: appropriate medical documentation, i.e., educational assessment or receipt of government disability assistance
To apply: eligibility will be determined during the assessment of your student loan application.
3. **Bursary for Students with Disabilities (provincial)**
Bursary: up to \$2000 per loan year for those in financial need
Eligibility: same as Canada Study Grant for the Accommodation of Students with Permanent Disabilities requirements
To apply: you must qualify for full-time or part-time Canada Student Loan assistance and then complete a separate application form (form accessed through website below).

For more info on disability-related grants, see:

https://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/not_secure/APP_disable_12.htm