

Student Aid

Students with Permanent Disabilities or a Persistent/Prolonged Disability

As a student with a disability, you may be eligible for additional funding and supports through Student Aid, such as:

- extra time to complete your program
- a smaller, more manageable course load
- extra grant funding

In addition to federal and provincial loans and grants, you may be eligible for:

- **Canada Student Grant for Students with Disabilities CSG-D**
\$4,000 per academic year is available to help cover costs associated with living accommodations, tuition and books. Submit the completed **Verification of Eligibility Form** the first time you apply for a student loan.
- **Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Disabilities (CSG-DSE)**
Up to \$20,000 per school year to help cover the costs of education expenses related to your disability (i.e., tutors, technical aids, etc.). Submit the completed **Application for Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Disabilities**. This application is to be completed by you and the disability coordinator/qualified staff person at your school. A new application is required each time you request funds for services and/or equipment.
- **Grant for High Need Students with Disabilities**
If your need for services and equipment costs is higher than the CSG-DSE maximum of \$20,000 per year, you will be automatically assessed for the Grant for High Need Students with Permanent Disabilities if approved for the CSG-DSE.

Before you apply

- Speak with the disability coordinator or a qualified staff person at your post-secondary school to determine the supports available.

Applying for Student Aid

When applying for the first time as a student with a disability, the **Verification of Eligibility Form** is required in addition to the full-time or part-time application.

- apply online and submit all required forms/documentation

Note: To help determine if you are a full-time or part-time student, contact us or refer to our website.

Once you have been approved for funding as a student with a disability, you are automatically considered for the CSG-D with future applications and you will not need to submit another Verification of Eligibility Form (unless there are additional disabilities you need to include).

Assistive Services and Equipment

The equipment and/or services covered by both the Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Disabilities and the Grant for High Need Students with Disabilities may include but are not limited to:

- Tutors
- Note takers
- Interpreters
- Readers
- Alternate formats
- Assistive technology (computer, software, etc.)
- Specialized transportation (to and from school)
- Attendant care for studies
- Reimbursements for psycho-educational assessments (75% up to \$1700) if it confirms a diagnosis of a Learning Disability

Refer to the [List of Services and Equipment – CSG-DSE](#) in the Students with Disabilities Section of our website for a more extensive list.

Receiving your Funds

Canada Student Grant for Students with Disabilities (CSG)

- These funds are issued with your Student Aid funding, normally at the beginning of your first semester in the academic year.

CSG for Services and Equipment for Students with Disabilities

Grant for High Need Students with Disabilities

- You must submit your banking information using the online Supplier Form to receive this grant for the first time ([Supplier Form - Finance \(gov.nl.ca\)](#)).
- Please visit <https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/services-and-equipment-grant/> for more information on how to setup your Supplier account.
- Funds will be deposited directly into your bank account once enrolment is confirmed by your school.

After you Receive Funds for Services and Equipment

You must submit receipts confirming the funds you received were used as intended by the end of your study period. Remember to write your name and the last 3 digits of your Social Insurance Number on each receipt.

Any funds not used for the intended purpose must be returned to Student Aid. A cheque or money order made payable to the **NL Exchequer** is acceptable.

For assistance, please contact an Assessment Officer II:

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For additional information, please visit our website at www.gov.nl.ca/studentaid

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