

## Financial Assistance Resources

The following is a listing of some of the available funding support available to individuals, families, and service providers. This listing includes Information about Government funded programs, tax credit programs, housing assistance, educational scholarships and grants, Summer camp funding, as well as additional resources of financial assistance. Please note this is not a comprehensive listing.

*Please refer to the contact information if more detailed information is required. Make sure to contact the agency or program to verify the **specific** eligibility criteria before applying to ensure the requirements are met. The availability, details, eligibility criteria and application process regarding funded programs is often changed, so please check in with a specific agency for more information.*

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## Government Funded Programs

**Assistance to Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)** — “The Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities Program helps parents with some of the extra costs of caring for a child who has a severe disability.”

**Telephone:** 1-866-821-7770

**Website:** <http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/topics/specialneeds/disabilities/index.aspx>

**Eligibility:** A parent or legal guardian whose child is under the age of 18, lives at home, and has a severe disability

**How to Apply:** Contact your local regional office for an application form.

**Assistive Devices Program (ADP) (Ontario Ministry of Health)** — “The objective of the Assistive Devices Program (ADP) is to provide consumer centered support and funding to Ontario residents who have long-term physical disabilities and to provide access to personalized assistive devices appropriate for the individual’s basic needs.”

**Telephone:** 1-800-268-6021, TDD/TTY: 1-800-387-5559

**Website:** [http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/program/adp/adp\\_mn.html](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/program/adp/adp_mn.html)

**Eligibility:** Ontario residents of all ages who have a physical disability of six months or longer and a valid health card may be eligible for services

**How to Apply:** A referral process through a medical specialist or General Practitioner.

**Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) Programs** — “Families with eligible children, under 18 years old and with dental conditions requiring emergency or essential care, may qualify for this program if they do not have dental insurance and declare that the cost of treatment for their child would result in financial hardship.”

**Telephone:** 1-416-326-8475

**Website:** <http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca>

**Eligibility:** Available to all low income Ontario families with children under 17 years of age; the family is not covered by any other dental coverage;

**How to Apply:** Please contact your local Public Health office for a screening appointment. Also, visit the website for more information about available services.

**CCAC Enhanced Funding for Medically Fragile Individuals** — “Enhanced Respite for Children who are Medically Fragile and/or Technology Dependent (Enhanced Respite) is a grant paid to eligible families who are caring for a child at home who is medically fragile and/or technology dependent.”

**Telephone:** 1-519-823-2550

**Website:** [http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/pub/manuals/ccac/cspm\\_sec\\_3/3-11.html](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/pub/manuals/ccac/cspm_sec_3/3-11.html)

**Eligibility:** Children under the age of 18; Care requirements resulting from medical or physiological reasons that require on-going, frequent, or time consuming intervention and 24 hr monitoring; Children with behavioural disorders alone are not accepted; Additional criteria is available on the website.

**How to Apply:** Please Contact a local CCAC office for more information on how to apply.

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**Easter Seals Ontario** -- "Easter Seals Ontario is a registered Canadian charity, with a mandate to provide assistance specifically to children and youth with long-term physical disabilities for essential equipment and fully accessible camping and recreation programs."

**Website:** <http://www.easterseals.org/>

**Eligibility:** Under the age of 19, has a long-term physical disability that restricts independent mobility. Eligibility does not extend to children with a primary diagnosis of developmental disabilities such as Autism or a correctable condition.

**How to Apply:** Please visit <http://www.easterseals.org/> for more information on services and how to apply.

**Enhanced Respite Funding** -- "This grant is paid to families who are caring for a child who is medically fragile and/or depends on a technological device needing care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and is paid in addition to other respite services."

**Website:** <http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/topics/specialneeds/respite/index.aspx>

**Eligibility:** The individual must be under the age of 18, have multiple needs because of a physical or developmental disability, and live at home and need care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**How to Apply:** Please contact your Ministry's regional office for more information.

**Holland Bloorview Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial Service** -- "Professionals on the Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial team assess and treat children and youth from across the province that have conditions that affect their teeth and facial structure including cleft lip, cleft palate."

**Telephone:** 1-416-425-6220, extension 3835

**Website:** <http://www.hollandbloorview.ca/programsandservices/>

**Eligibility:** The individual must be under the age of 18, pediatrician's referral; client must reside within the Toronto area or within an area that cannot access a local treatment centre within Ontario.

**How to Apply:** Please contact Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital for more information.

**Incontinence Supplies Grant Program**-- "The Incontinence Supplies Grant Program, administered by Easter Seals Ontario, is a program fully funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for children ages 3-18 with chronic disabilities (physical or developmental) that result in incontinence or retention problems lasting longer than six months requiring the use of incontinence supplies."

**Telephone:** 1-800-668-6252 ext 314

**Website:** <http://www.easterseals.org/services/incontinence-supplies-grant>

**Eligibility:** Individuals between the age of 3-18 years; must have a valid Ontario Health card; must be a resident of Ontario; application must be signed by a medical physician licensed to practice in Ontario.

**How to Apply:** Please review the [guidelines](#) available at the above website, and fill out and submit the [Incontinence Supplies Grant Application](#) form. For more information, please contact.

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**Northern Health Travel Grant Program**-- "Northern Health Travel Grants are funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The grants help pay some of the travel related costs for Northern Ontario residents who must travel at least 100 kilometres one-way for medical specialist or designated health care facility services that are not locally available."

**Telephone:** 1-800-461-4006

**Website:** <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/publications/ohip/northern.aspx>

**Eligibility:** You are an OHIP insured Ontario resident on the date of treatment; Referral from health care professional.

**How to Apply:** The [Application for Northern Health Travel Grant \(form 0327-88\)](#) must be completed by you and the referring doctor. After your treatment, mail or take your application form to a ministry office indicated in the General Instructions section of the form.

**Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)**-- "The Ontario Disability Support Program helps people with disabilities who are in financial need pay for living expenses, like food and housing."

**Telephone:** 1-800-267-5111

**Website:** <http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/social/odsp/>

**Eligibility:** Must be an Ontario resident, Must be in need of financial assistance to meet basic needs, individuals with a developmental or physical disability.

**How to Apply:** Please contact your local Ontario Disability Support Program office for more information.

**The Passport Initiative**-- "Passport to Community Living is a Provincial Government initiative that provides opportunities for individuals who have a developmental disability and have left school to find more ways to participate in their communities. Passport participants receive funding for activities that encourage their personal development and help them achieve their potential."

**Website:** <http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/>

**Eligibility:** Eligibility for the Passport Program is confirmed by the regional Developmental Services Ontario organization based on the eligibility criteria outlined in the Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act, 2008 and Regulation 276/10.

**How to Apply:** If eligible, the applicant must complete the Developmental Services Application Package. The Developmental Services Ontario organization will refer eligible Passport Program applicants to the local Passport Designated Agency that administers the Passport Program. The Passport Designated Agency will notify the family if eligible, and provide further direction.

**Special Services At Home Program (SSAH)**-- "The Special Services at Home program helps families who are caring for a child with a developmental or physical disability, as well as adults with a developmental disability. It is funded and managed by the Ministry of Community and Social Services."

**Website:** <http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/topics/specialneeds/specialservices/index.aspx>

**Eligibility:** Children with a developmental or physical disability; must reside in Ontario, need more support than the family can provide; are living at home with their family.

**How to Apply:** Please visit the website to fill out an application form. You will also require a medical assessment describing the disability, reason for services, and approximate cost.

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**The Trillium Drug Program-** “The Trillium Drug Program (TDP) is intended for Ontario residents who have a valid Ontario Health Card and who have high prescription drug costs in relation to their net household income. ”

**Telephone:** 1-800-575-5386

**Website:** <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/pub/drugs/trillium.html>

**Eligibility:** The individual must be a resident of Ontario and possess a valid health card; you don't have private insurance coverage or if your private insurance does not cover 100% of your prescription drug costs.

**How to Apply:** Trillium application kits are available at your local pharmacy, or by calling 1-800-575-5386. The application form and application guide are also available on-line :[Application for Ontario Drug Benefits, A Guide to Your Application \(Ontario Drug Benefit\)](#).

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**Canada Child Tax Benefit**-- "The Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB) is a non-taxable amount paid monthly to help eligible families with the cost of raising children under 18 years of age. The CCTB may include the Child Disability Benefit (CDB), a monthly benefit providing financial assistance for qualified families caring for children with severe and prolonged mental or physical impairments. Also included with the CCTB is the National Child Benefit Supplement (NCBS), a monthly benefit for low-income families with children.

**Telephone:** 1-800-387-1193

**Website:** <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/benefits/>

**Eligibility:** You must live with the child, and the child must be under the age of 18; you must be primarily responsible for the care and upbringing of the child; you must be a resident of Ontario; you or your spouse or common-law partner must be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident, a protected person, or a temporary resident who has lived in Canada for the previous 18 months, and who has a valid permit in the 19th month.

**How to Apply:** Please visit the website listed for more information and application forms.

**Disability Supports Deduction**-- "If you have an impairment in physical or mental functions, you (**only** the person with the impairment can claim this deduction) may be able to deduct the expenses that you incurred in the year so you can use the funds for other expenses."

**Telephone:** 1-800-959-8281 (Canada Revenue Agency – Income Tax Inquiries)

**Website:** <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/tpcs/ncm-tx/rtrn/cmpltng/ddctns/lns206-236/215/menu-eng.html>

**Eligibility:** Must be an Ontario resident; Please note: You **cannot** claim amounts that were reimbursed by a non-taxable payment such as insurance.

**How to Apply:** Please fill out form T929 on your Tax Return Form. For assistance, please contact the Canada revenue Agency.

**Disability Tax Credit (DTC)**-- "The disability amount is a non-refundable tax credit that a person with a severe and prolonged impairment in physical or mental functions can claim to reduce the amount of income tax he or she has to pay in a year."

**Telephone:** 1-800-959-8281 (Canada Revenue Agency – Income Tax Inquiries)

**Website:** <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/tpcs/ncm-tx/rtrn/cmpltng/ddctns/lns300-350/316/menu-eng.html>

**Eligibility:** Available to individuals who are blind or have a severe mental or physical disability. To be eligible for the DTC, a [Form T2201, Disability Tax Credit Certificate](#) needs to be filled out and approved, A family member and physician must complete this form. Both inpatients and outpatients are eligible.

**How to Apply:** Please fill out Form T2201 with your Tax Return ([Form T2201, Disability Tax Credit Certificate](#))



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**Excise Gasoline Tax Refund** - "If you have a permanent mobility impairment and cannot safely use public transportation as certified by a qualified medical practitioner, you can apply for a refund of part of the federal excise tax on the gasoline you buy."

**Website:** <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/sgmnts/dsblts/xcs-tx/menu-eng.html>

**Eligibility:** The individual must be certified by a medical practitioner as suffering from a permanent mobility impairment that renders the use of public transportation hazardous. Other eligibility criteria may apply.

**How to Apply:** For more information and an application form, see Information Sheet [XE8, Federal Excise Gasoline Tax Refund Program](#).

**GST Rebates and Exemptions-** "Some of the goods and services used by individuals with disabilities are exempt supplies or zero-rated supplies for purposes of the goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST). This means you will not pay GST/HST on these goods and services."

**Telephone:** 1-800-959-5525

**Website:** [www.cra-arc.gc.ca/disability](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/disability)

**Eligibility:** Individual with a developmental or physical disability; must reside in Ontario.

**How to Apply:** Please visit the website for more information on what goods and services you may be exempt from.

**Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)-** "A registered disability savings plan (RDSP) is a savings plan to help parents and others save for the long-term financial security of a person who is eligible for the disability tax credit."

**Website:** <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/tpcs/rdsp-reei/menu-eng.html>

**Eligibility:** You can designate an individual as beneficiary if the individual: is eligible for the disability amount; has a valid social insurance number (SIN); is a resident in Canada when the plan is entered into; and is under the age of 60. The age limit does not apply when a beneficiary's RDSP is opened as a result of a transfer from the beneficiary's former RDSP.

**How to Apply:** To open an RDSP, a person who qualifies to be a holder of the plan must contact a participating financial institution that offers RDSPs.

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## Home and Auto

**Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation** "Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) offers financial assistance to allow homeowners and landlords to pay for modifications to make their property more accessible to persons with disabilities. These modifications are intended to eliminate physical barriers, imminent safety risks and improve the ability to meet the demands of daily living within the home."

**Telephone:** 1-800-668-2642

**Website:** <http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca>

**Eligibility:** Homeowners and landlords may qualify for assistance if the property is eligible. Your property may be eligible for RRAP-D if the property: is occupied, or is intended to be occupied, by a low-income person with a disability; is rented and the rents are less than established levels for the area; or is owned and the house is valued below a certain amount; and does not have major deficiencies to the structure and systems. Therapeutic care, supportive care, and portable aid equipment, such as walkers and wheelchairs, are not eligible for funding.

**How to Apply:** If you are a homeowner, go to the [Renovation Programs Pre-Application Tool](#) for more information specific to your geographic area, or call the CMHC for more information.

**Toronto Social Housing Connections-** "We provide access to the central waiting list for about 70,000 subsidized rental units in Toronto. This includes rent-geared-to-income units, as well as rent supplement and housing allowance units in cooperatives, private non-profits, supportive housing, Toronto Community Housing buildings and private market buildings."

**Telephone:** 1-416-981-6111

**Website:** [www.housingconnections.ca/](http://www.housingconnections.ca/)

**Eligibility:** Must be an Ontario resident and need assistance in providing housing for your family. To maintain your eligibility, you must notify Housing Connections of any changes to address, phone number, housing choices, the number of household members, or the listed contact.

**How to Apply:** Please visit [www.housingconnections.ca](http://www.housingconnections.ca) and fill out an online application. Please note that there is a waitlist for families looking for subsidized housing.

**Ontario March of Dimes Home and Vehicle Modification Program-** "The Home & Vehicle Modification® Program provides funding for basic home and/or vehicle modifications. The program is intended to assist permanent Ontario residents with a substantial impairment expected to last one year or more. By reducing or eliminating life safety risks, these modifications enable children and adults with mobility restrictions to continue living in their homes, avoid job loss and participate in their communities."

**Telephone:** 1-877-369-4867

**Website:** [www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/programs/hvmp](http://www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/programs/hvmp)

**Eligibility:** Must be an Ontario resident; but have substantial impairment; The impairment impedes mobility and results in substantial restriction in activities of daily living e.g. personal care and functioning in the community.

**How to Apply:** To apply for the Home and Vehicle Modification Program, please download, print and complete the [PDF version of the HVMP Applicant Assessment Form](#). Please return this from to Ontario March of Dimes Home and Vehicle Modification Program.

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## Summer Camp Funding

**AMICI Camping Charity-** "Amici sparks a change in the lives of underprivileged children using the transformational power of a summer camp experience. Working with our summer camp partners, our funding helps to provide quality residential camp experiences to children, ages 7-16."

**Telephone:** 1-416-588-8026

**Website:** <http://www.amicicharity.org/>

**Eligibility:** Parents who are looking for a overnight camp for their child (between 6-17 years of age); Parents who are in need of financial support in order to send their child to camp.

**How to Apply:** Please visit <http://www.amicicharity.org/> for more information on how to apply. New Applicants can click the link to [Download the New Camper Application Form \(PDF\)](#).

**Autism Ontario- One to One Support Worker Reimbursement Fund-** "The One-to-One Support Worker Reimbursement Fund is available to Ontario families of children or youth with ASD who retain the services of a one-to-one support worker for their child to attend a community summer camp or summer program."

**Telephone:** 1-416-246-9592 ext. 225

**Website:** <http://www.autismontario.com/summercamp>

**Eligibility:** Child or young adult (under 18) with a diagnosed physical or developmental disability.

**How to Apply:** An application must be completed. You must also supply evidence of a clear ASD diagnosis from a professional who is qualified to make the diagnosis as well as all original receipt(s) for fees paid to the child's worker by the parent of the child with ASD.

**Canadian Tire Jumpstart-** "Canadian Tire Jumpstart is a national charitable program that helps financially disadvantaged kids participate in organized sport and recreation. We help cover registration, equipment and/or transportation costs."

**Telephone:** 1-877-616-6600

**Website:** <http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/>

**Eligibility:** Individuals must be in financial need; must be between the ages of 4-18; must be a physically active camp.

**How to Apply:** Call 1-877-616-6600 to register. Be prepared to provide your contact information and the details of the sport or recreational activity your child would like to participate in. You may also be asked to provide financial information in order to prove eligibility for funding.

**Easter Seals Society- Recreational Choices Funding Program-** "Canadian Tire Jumpstart is a national charitable program that helps financially disadvantaged kids participate in organized sport and recreation. We help cover registration, equipment and/or transportation costs."

**Telephone:** 1-800-668-6252

**Website:** <http://www.eastersealscamps.org>

**Eligibility:** Available for children/youth registered with Easter Seals Ontario who are between 5-18 years old; must be in financial need; must be a physically active camp.

**How to Apply:** Please visit <http://www.eastersealscamps.org> for more information. Visit the [downloads](#) section of the website to obtain an application form.

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**Georgina Cares-** "The Georgina Cares Fund provides funding to children up to the age of 15, who live in the Town of Georgina, to take part in extra-curricular activities or for special needs when their parents/guardians cannot afford to do so."

**Telephone:** 1-289-338-3863

**Website:** <http://georginacares.ca/>

**Eligibility:** Individuals under the age of 15; must be a resident of Georgina.

**How to Apply:** In order to be considered for regular funding, an application must be filled out. These forms are readily available at many Town of Georgina buildings such as all library branches and arenas. You can also [Download our current application here.](#)

**Kerry's Place respite Flexible Funding -** "The purpose of the Children's Respite Flexible Fund is to help caregivers get the flexible and individualized support their family needs in order for them to take intervals of time off from their care-giving duties."

**Telephone:** 1-905-841-6611

**Website:** <http://www.kerrysplace.org/Public/Respite-funding>

**Eligibility:** Individual must be 17 years of younger; must have a diagnosis of P.D.D.

**How to Apply:** Please visit <http://www.kerrysplace.org/Public/Respite-funding> to fill out an online application. Your application MUST include a diagnosis; families must indicate all other funding that they receive; families must be asking for respite; applications must have all sections completed; and all consent boxes must be checked.

**Kids In Camp-** "Kids in Camp is a registered charity which subsidizes camp experiences for children and youth. We are dedicated to assisting families, who otherwise would not be able, to send their kids to camp"

**Telephone:** 1-416-948-5437

**Website:** <http://www.kidsincamp.com>

**Eligibility:** Individuals under the age of 18; Must be in financial need.

**How to Apply:** Please visit the website of the Ontario Camps Association ([www.ontariocamps.ca](http://www.ontariocamps.ca)). Go to the Parents heading and select "Find a Camp" to review the camp options available to you. Select your preferred camp(s) after researching the options. Contact the Camp Director(s) and discuss your situation. Ask the Camp Director to apply to KIDS IN CAMP on your child's behalf. (All OCA Accredited Camps have received information from KIC about how to apply for a camper subsidy).

**OFCP- Vacation Funding Assistance Program-** "The purpose of the Vacation Funding Assistance Program is to provide opportunities to people with cerebral palsy to have a vacation or attend a camp of their choice."

**Telephone:** 1-877-244-9686

**Website:** [www.ofcp.ca/vacation.php](http://www.ofcp.ca/vacation.php)

**Eligibility:** Includes all ages; must be a member of the OFCP; must have a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy.

**How to Apply:** Please visit the website for more information. You can also download Guidelines and application form by clicking these links: [Application Form](#), and [Guidelines](#).

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**Reach for the Rainbow-** "Since 1983, Reach for the Rainbow, a not-for-profit organization, has pioneered the integration of children and youth with disabilities into the mainstream of society through summer camp programs throughout Ontario. Our programs provide environments of inclusion for kids and youth while offering much needed respite for parents."

**Telephone:** 1-416-631-5637

**Website:** <http://reachfortherainbow.ca>

**Eligibility:** Please contact for more information on eligibility information.

**How to Apply:** [Click here to download your New Participant Registration Form](#) for you to print off and fill out. Please return the form to the address listed.

**Summer Dreams-** "Summer Dreams is a registered charitable foundation set up to assist underprivileged children to attend summer camps all across Ontario. The social and educational experience, not to mention the fun and excitement of summer camp, can be such a valuable experience for a child."

**Telephone:** 1-416-363-3351

**Website:** <http://www.summerdreams.ca>

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be in financial need.

**How to Apply:** Please visit the website to download the appropriate forms. Completed forms must be mailed.

**Tim Horton's- Children's Foundation-** "The Foundation is a non-profit, charitable organization committed to providing a fun-filled camp environment for children from economically disadvantaged homes. All of our camps are accessible and many of our programs can accommodate children with special needs or disabilities. Please contact the camp directly for specific details."

**Telephone:** 1-519-448-1248

**Website:** [http://www.timhortons.com/ca/en/difference/childrens\\_foundation.html](http://www.timhortons.com/ca/en/difference/childrens_foundation.html)

**Eligibility:** Depends of Program; The Children's Foundation offers a number of different programs. Please use the contact information provided to obtain more information on eligibility for specific programs.

**How to Apply:** Please visit the website or contact your local Tim Horton's for more information on how to apply.

**Top Bunk- UJA Federation's Jewish Camp Incentive Program-** "UJA Federation's Jewish Camp Incentive Program, TopBunk, is an outreach program intended to increase the number of first-time campers attending Jewish overnight camp in order to enhance affiliation and build community."

**Telephone:** 1-416-631-5637

**Website:** <http://www.topbunk.ca>

**Eligibility:** First time campers between grades 2-7; must reside in the GTA; must be attending a Jewish overnight camp.

**How to Apply:** Please visit <http://www.topbunk.ca/register.php> to register online.

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## Educational Funding

**Arid Scholarship**— “The scholarship is intended to help students with physical disabilities to study full time at a recognized Ontario postsecondary institution. It is hoped that the award will encourage a special talent or lifelong interest.”

**Website:** <https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal/en/A-ZListofAid/PRD9283136.html>

**Eligibility:** Must have a long-term physical disability; must be an Ontario resident; plan to register for post secondary education in the upcoming year.

**How to Apply:** Please download and complete an [Application form](#), also available on the website, and mail to the address indicated on the form. Please note that faxed copies of the application and/or supporting documentation are not acceptable.

**Bursary for Students with Disabilities**— “The Bursary is open to full-time and part-time students with either permanent or temporary disabilities who have disability-related educational costs for services or equipment that are not covered by another agency or service and are required for postsecondary participation.”

**Website:** <https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal/en/A-ZListofAid/UCONT004257.html>

**Eligibility:** Individuals must be enrolled full-time or part-time in a program at a designated postsecondary institution; are an Ontario resident; have a permanent or temporary disability; have disability-related educational costs that are not covered by another agency.

**How to Apply:** Please use the Application for Bursary for Students with Disabilities and Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Persons with Permanent Disabilities ([BSWD/CSG-PDSE](#)). Additional documents may be required. Contact the staff at your school's Office for Students with Disabilities and financial aid office for assistance.

**Children First-** “Children First: School Choice Trust is Canada's first privately funded program to help families improve their educational choices. Children First offers tuition assistance grants, so that parents who could not otherwise afford it can choose an independent elementary school for their children.”

**Telephone:** 1-866-924-8881

**Website:** <http://www.childrenfirstgrants.ca>

**Eligibility:** Be entering junior kindergarten to Grade 8 for the upcoming school year; Reside in Ontario; Live in a household where the total income meets our income eligibility criteria; Recipients will have to verify their household income and net assets in order to prove financial need.

**How to Apply:** Please visit <http://www.childrenfirstgrants.ca> to fill out an online application.

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**Government of Canada CanLearn - Grants for Individuals with Permanent Disabilities-**  
“Financial assistance measures available for educational purposes to students with permanent disabilities”

**Website:** <http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/postsec/money/grants/gpd.shtml>

**Eligibility:** apply and qualify for a Canada Student Loan; are enrolled in a full-time or part-time program (minimum 32 weeks) at a [designated post-secondary institution](#); meet the criteria for students with permanent disabilities; and include one of the following with your loan application as proof of your disability: a medical certificate, a psycho-educational assessment, or documentation proving receipt of federal or provincial disability assistance

**How to Apply:** The application process for this grant differs in each jurisdiction. To make sure you meet all the application requirements, contact your university or college’s financial assistance office.

**Government of Canada CanLearn- Grants for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities**— “Financial assistance for individuals with permanent disabilities requiring exceptional education-related services or equipment.”

**Website:** <http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/postsec/money/grants/gsepd.shtml>

**Eligibility:** Must be enrolled in a full-time or part-time program at a designated post-secondary institution; meet the criteria for students with permanent disabilities and can provide proof of your disability; provide written confirmation that you are in need of exceptional education-related services or equipment from a person qualified to determine such need; and, show in writing the exact cost of the equipment and services.

**How to Apply:** The application process for this grant differs in each jurisdiction. To make sure you meet all the application requirements, contact your university or college’s financial assistance office.

**Independent Order of Foresters-** “One of the ways we enrich the lives of our members, their families and their communities is by offering member benefits that include grants and competitive scholarships. By helping to ease the financial burden that comes with some of life’s biggest challenges and momentous events, we can help you and your family continue to get more out of life.” Bursaries and grants include: Competitive Scholarships, Orphan Benefit, Terminal Illness loan, Project Grants, and Emergency Assistance Programs.”

**Website:** <http://www.foresters.com>

**Eligibility:** Eligibility depends on type of grant/scholarship.

**How to Apply:** Please visit the website for more information on membership and how to apply.

**Justin Eves Foundation-** “The Justin Eves Foundation secure revenues that will directly assist students with learning disabilities to achieve a post-secondary education at an institution that can accommodate their needs. Students with learning disabilities represent a huge resource for our society, and with the proper tools and support, they can pursue (and achieve) a postsecondary education.”

**Website:** <http://www.justinevesfoundation.com/>

**Telephone:** 1-416-586-0085

**Eligibility:** Applicant must reside in Ontario and have high school diploma; must be diagnosed with Learning Disability

**How to Apply:** Please visit the website, or click here to [Download an application form!](#)



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**Kinsmen: Central Association of Kinsmen Clubs Bursary-** “Supported by Kinsmen, Kinette and Kin clubs across the country, Kin Canada Bursaries, a program of the Hal Rogers Endowment Fund, annually awards \$1,000 bursaries to successful Canadian applicants who are pursuing post-secondary education at a recognized school of learning.”

**Website:** <http://www.bursary.ca/>

**Telephone:** 1-800-PICK KIN ext. 215 (1-800-742-5546 ext. 215)

**Eligibility:** Must be a Canadian Citizen; must be full-time students in the process of graduating from high school, or currently studying, or registered in a post-secondary institution. Individuals will be evaluated on their community and school involvement, knowledge of Kin Canada and financial need.

**How to Apply:** For more information, please visit the above website. Please click the "[How to Apply](#)" link for the fillable form.

**Masonic Foundation of Canada** “A non-refundable grant program for students in post-secondary institutions was the first project undertaken by The Masonic Foundation. It is designed to provide assistance for any student who, through no fault of his or her own, encounters an unexpected financial emergency during the final term of a two- or three-year program, or the third- or fourth-year of a four-year program.”

**Telephone:** 1-905-527-9105

**Website:** <http://www.masonicfoundation.on.ca/bursaries.html>

**Eligibility:** Applicants must demonstrate financial need; Individual must be experiencing financial crisis in final term of a two- or three-year program, or the third- or fourth-year of a four-year program.

**How to Apply:** Please contact the Masonic Foundation of Canada for more information on how to apply.

**The Maurice Izzard Memorial Award** “To commemorate the dedication of Maurice Izzard, principal at Bloorview MacMillan Centre (now Bloorview School Authority) for eighteen years, his family and friends have established an annual award. This award will benefit a secondary school graduate with a physical disability, who plans to commence post secondary education at university, college or any other centre of post secondary education.”

**Telephone:** 1-416-424-3831

**Website:** <http://www.bloorviewschool.ca/scholarships/index.php>

**Eligibility:** Please contact for Information on Eligibility.

**How to Apply:** Please click the following link to download the [Maurice Izzard Memorial Award Application](#) Individuals must also include a letter of introduction and a letter of support. More details are available the website.

**Ontario Knights of Columbus-** “The Ontario Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic, Fraternal, Family Organization, continues its provincial bursary program in honor of our State Chaplains, to assist Knights and members of their families entering the first year of a post-secondary education.”

**Telephone:** 1-800-759-0959

**Website:** [http://www.osc-koc.com/Forms/Bursary\\_English.pdf](http://www.osc-koc.com/Forms/Bursary_English.pdf)

**Eligibility:** Must be a member of the Knights of Columbus and in good standing, or the son/daughter/wife of a member; must have applied to full time program at a College or University; marks, financial need and dedication to the Church will also be taken into consideration.

**How to Apply:** An online application is available at the website above.



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## Additional Funding Sources

**Access 2 Entertainment-** "Launched in December, 2004, the Access 2 Entertainment program seeks to help businesses provide quality customer service to customers with disabilities. Through the program, people with disabilities who require a support person carry a personal Access 2 Entertainment card with them. The card indicates to the ticket seller that the individual does indeed require the support of an attendant."

**Telephone:** 1-416-932-8382 x227

**Website:** <http://www.access2.ca/english.html>

**Eligibility:** Persons with a permanent disability who require a support person when attending a movie theatre are eligible for the card; available to all ages Individuals under the age of 18 with special needs.

**How to Apply:** Please visit <http://www.access2.ca/applications.html> to download an application.

**A Child's Voice Foundation- Kids Life Line Program-** "A Child's Voice Foundation™ is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to creating and managing programs that tangibly support and enhance, the physical and emotional well being of financially disadvantaged children in Canada who are facing an illness or disability."

**Telephone:** 1-888-837-3354

**Website:** <http://www.achildsvoicefoundation.ca>

**Eligibility:** Individuals under the age of 18 with special needs.

**How to Apply:** To apply for assistance through the Kids Life-Line program your health or social care professional such as your doctor or social worker can contact the foundation for an in-take request package.

**For the Love of a Child-** "For the Love of a Child is a charitable organization dedicated to improving the lives of children with special needs and their families."

**Telephone:** 1-905-725-7411

**Website:** <http://www.fortheloveofachild.com>

**Eligibility:** Individuals under the age of 18 with special needs.

**How to Apply:** Please click this link to download an [Application for Assistance](#). You can also visit the website and fill out an application online.

**Golden Griddle Charities-** "We focus on the wishes of children with severe disabilities or life threatening illnesses through out "Grant a Wish" Program."

**Telephone:** 1-416-609-2200- ext. 221

**Website:** <http://www.goldengriddlecorp.com>

**Eligibility:** Individuals under the age of 18; must have a severe disability or life threatening illness.

**How to Apply:** Please visit the website to fill out a nomination form.

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**Jennifer Ashleigh Foundation-** “We assist seriously ill children and their families with special treatment needs, medical expenses, and financial assistance in times of need.”

**Telephone:** 1-905-852-1799

**Website:** <http://www.jenash.org/>

**Eligibility:** Individual under the age of 21; be diagnosed with a serious illness or permanent disability; must be a resident of Ontario; must have combined net household income of \$60,000 or less.

**How to Apply:** Please contact the charity office, and ask for a *Request for Assistance Application*.

**Kiwanis Club-** “Our purpose is to provide financial support in many different ways including promoting and providing financial support for Service Leadership programs, promoting and encouraging the presentation of scholarships by Kiwanis Clubs through the Matching Scholarship Program, collecting funds and administering the National Disaster Relief Fund and Supporting special Kiwanis causes.”

**Telephone:** 1-519-304-3038

**Website:** <http://www.kfcdn.org/>

**Eligibility:** Depends on Program; The Kiwanis Club offers many programs with different eligibility criteria.

**How to Apply:** We're proud of the ongoing grant programs that the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada has available. Detailed information, and application forms can be found here: [Boys & Girls Club Program](#), [Mel Osborne Fellowship](#), [Matching Scholarship Program](#), [Service Leadership New Club Building](#), [Mel Osborne Scholarship](#), [New Club Building Grant - How To Apply](#). You can also visit the website for more information.

**Lions Club International Foundation-** “LCIF helps Lions improve peoples’ lives around the world, from combating vision problems to responding to major catastrophes to providing valuable life skills to youth. Because LCIF helps Lions carry out large-scale projects through our grant programs, Lions increase their impact in their local and global communities and serve even more people in need around the world.”

**Website:** <http://www.lcif.org>

**Eligibility:** LCIF Funding is provided in the forms of grants to Lions Districts in support of Lions Projects. Please contact your local Lions Club Office for more information.

**How to Apply:** Please visit the website to find more information on available grants and how to apply.

**Make a Wish Foundation-** “The mission of Make-A-Wish® Canada is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.”

**Telephone:** 1-888-822-9474

**Website:** <http://www.makeawish.ca/>

**Eligibility:** Children between the ages of 3 and 18 with life-threatening medical condition may be referred; must have a cognitive ability of age 3 or above to be able to communicate their wish; the child cannot have received a wish from any wish foundation.

**How to Apply:** Individuals must be referred; please contact either [your local Chapter](#), the Canada Office at [wishreferrals@makeawish.ca](mailto:wishreferrals@makeawish.ca) or call 1-888-822-9474.

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**Ontario federation for Cerebral Palsy (OFCP)-** “The OFCP offers several funding assistance grants to Individual Members of the OFCP who have cerebral palsy. Please review the guidelines and application forms carefully before applying. Visit our [Assistive Devices Funding Program](#) page to find out more about assistive devices/equipment that are eligible for funding through the OFCP. The OFCP also offers a [Vacation Funding Assistance Program](#) for people who have CP to help take a vacation of their choice. OFCP members who have cerebral palsy and would like to participate in educational courses, training, recreational activities or community day programs please visit our [Day Program Funding Assistance](#).”

**Telephone:** 1-877-244-9686

**Website:** <http://www.ofcp.ca/>

**Eligibility:** Membership is open to all individuals with cerebral palsy and their families.

**How to Apply:** Please click the following the link to fill out a [Membership Application](#). You can also e-mail [membership@ofcp.ca](mailto:membership@ofcp.ca) for more information about memberships.

**President’s Choice Children’s Charity-** “*President’s Choice*® Children’s Charity provides grants to families to assist with the costs of equipment, home capital, respite care, developmental and physical therapy and accessible vehicles.”

**Telephone:** 1-866-996-9918

**Website:** <http://www.presidentschoice.ca/LCLOnline/aboutUsCharity.jsp>

**Eligibility:** Child or young adult (under 18) with a diagnosed physical or developmental disability; household income \$70,000 or less; require help with mobility equipment, environmental modification or therapy.

**How to Apply:** To apply, please [Download and print a Financial Assistance Application Form](#) available at <http://www.presidentschoice.ca>.

**The Rotary Club Foundation-** “The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.”

**Telephone:** 1-866-9ROTARY or 1-866-976-8279

**Website:** <http://www.rotary.org/>

**Eligibility:** Please visit the website for more information or contact your local rotary club chapter.

**How to Apply:** Please visit the website for more information on Humanitarian and educational grants. On the website, you will also be able to find out more information about your local Rotary club chapter.

**Royal Canadian Legion- Ontario Provincial Command-** “Benevolent Funds are available to assist qualified veterans, ex -servicemen and their spouses/dependents with emergency financial needs that are related to the costs associated with food, shelter, and medical care, such as hearing aides, eyeglasses and dental care.”

**Telephone:** 1-905-841-7999

**Website:** <http://www.on.legion.ca>

**Eligibility:** Will provide assistance to veterans, ex-service personnel and their dependents.

**How to Apply:** Please contact your local Royal Canadian Legion Branch for more information.

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**Starlight Children's Foundation Canada-** "Starlight Children's Foundation Canada is a charitable organization dedicated to bringing smiles, laughter, joy and hope back into the lives of children with serious illnesses and their families. Our unique programs and events provide an escape from the everyday realities of a prolonged illness – and a chance to be just like any other family."

**Telephone:** 1-800-880-1004

**Website:** <http://www.starlightcanada.org/>

**Eligibility:** Dependent on program; please visit <http://www.starlightcanada.org/whatwedo/> for more information on available programs and specific eligibility requirements.

**How to Apply:** Please call or e-mail [info@starlightcanada.org](mailto:info@starlightcanada.org) for more information.

**Sunshine Dreams for Kids Foundation-** "The Sunshine Foundation is the only national Canadian charity to provide individual dreams to children with severe physical disabilities (such as spina bifida or cerebral palsy) as well as life-threatening illnesses. In fact, 80% of Sunshine Kids are challenged by a severe physical disability."

**Telephone:** 1-800-461-7935

**Website:** <http://www.sunshine.ca>

**Eligibility:** Have a severe physical disability or a life-threatening illness; be between the age of three to 18th birthday and have at least the cognitive ability of a three-year-old; live in Canada; be able to formulate his or her dream (this must be the dream of the child) and communicate the dream with or without technical assistance; have not already received a dream or wish from a similar organization.

**How to Apply:** Please submit a [Referral Form \(PDF\)](#) available at <http://www.sunshine.ca/dreams/refer-child>.