

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Canada Study Grant for the Accommodation of Students with Permanent Disability

If you have a permanent disability such as a hearing or visual impairment or other physical or learning disability, you may be eligible for a Canada Study Grant of up to \$8,000 a year. This grant is used to pay for specialized equipment and services so students can fully take part in post-secondary studies.

To be eligible you must:

- have a permanent disability that limits your ability to participate fully in either post-secondary studies or in the labour force
- provide medical proof of your disability
- provide documentation to support your need for the services or equipment
- apply as a full-time student and be enrolled in at least 40% of a full course load
- apply as a part-time student and be enrolled in at least 20% of a full course load
- have at least \$1 of financial need as assessed by Manitoba Student Aid

This grant covers exceptional educational costs for services and equipment, such as a tutor, an oral/sign interpreter, attendant care for studies, specialized transportation (to and from school only), a note taker, a reader, a computer or a Braille printer. Students may also be reimbursed for learning disability assessments.

Canada Access Grant for Students with Permanent Disability

If you have a permanent disability, you may be eligible for a new up-front grant that will cover the lesser of \$2,000 or your assessed need. Students with a verified permanent disability are automatically considered for this grant.

To apply for both of these grants, you must submit the following to Manitoba Student Aid:

- an application for Canada Student Loan and Manitoba Student Loan for Post-Secondary Students
- a Verification of Permanent Disability form (completed by the appropriate medical assessor), to verify your disability. (If you applied last year, this may not be needed.) Contact Student Aid if you require more information.
- medical proof and supporting documents to confirm your need for disability related medical services or equipment

Permanent Disability Benefit

If you have a permanent disability and are having difficulty repaying your Canada Student Loan you may be eligible for the Permanent Disability Benefit. For information about this benefit, call 1 888 432-7377 or TTY, call 1 866 667-8554.

If you are eligible for the permanent disability benefit for your Canada Student Loan, you can also apply for a permanent disability benefit for your Manitoba Student Loan. Call 1 888 726-6596 for more information.

Student Aid: TTY 1 866 209-0696

Website: www.manitobastudentaid.ca