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The new

CANADA STUDENT GRANTS PROGRAM

ACCESSIBLE & AFFORDABLE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION



New Grants Available

The Federal government has recently announced the Canada Student Grants Program, which begins with the 2009-2010 academic year.

Eligibility for these new grants is based on last year's level of income in addition to your assessed need. As the grants are issued at the start of the year, it is possible you will be able to cover your entire costs for the year without having to take out any loans.

There are five new grants for full-time students and two new grants for part-time students. Some of the new grants will replace ones you may have received in previous years, but some are brand new.

Grants for Full-time Students

Canada Student Grant for Persons from Low-income Families

If you:

- are from a low-income family,
- qualify for a federal student loan, and
- meet the specific grant eligibility requirements

you will receive \$250 per month of study (half at the start of the year and half mid-way through), up to a maximum of \$3,000 per academic year. This grant is available for all years of your undergraduate university, college or trade school program provided your entire program is a minimum of 60 weeks in length.

Canada Student Grant for Persons from Middle-income Families

If you:

- are from a middle-income family,
- qualify for a federal student loan, and
- meet the specific grant eligibility requirements

you will receive \$100 per month of study (half at the start of the year and half mid-way through), up to a maximum of \$1,200 per academic year. This grant is available for all years of your undergraduate university, college or trade school program provided your entire program is a minimum of 60 weeks in length.

Canada Student Grant for Persons with Dependants

If you:

- are a low-income student,
- qualify for a federal student loan, and
- have children under the age of 12*

you may be eligible to receive \$200 per month for each child.

*As of the start of your study period.

Canada Student Grant for Persons with Permanent Disabilities

Formerly the Canada Access Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities

If you:

- have a permanent disability, and
- qualify for a federal student loan

you may receive \$2,000 per academic year to help cover the costs of accommodation, tuition and books.

Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Persons with Permanent Disabilities

Formerly the Canada Study Grant for the Accommodation of Students with Permanent Disabilities.

If you:

- have a permanent disability which requires you to incur exceptional education-related costs for things such as tutors, note-takers, interpreters, brailers or technical aids

you may receive up to \$8,000 per academic year to help pay for these expenses.



Grants for Part-time Students

In addition to the following two grants, the maximum assistance for part-time students has been raised from \$4,000 to \$10,000 in recognition of the increased costs of living, and increased tuition fees.

Canada Student Grant for Part-time Students with Dependants

Formerly named the Canada Study Grant for Part-time Students with Dependants

If you:

- are a part-time student with up to two children under the age of 12*

you may be eligible for \$40 per week of study, or

- have three or more children under the age of 12*

you may be eligible for \$60 per week of study.

*As of the start of your study period.

Canada Student Grant for Part-time Studies

Formerly named the Canada Study Grant for High-need Part-time Students

If you:

- are a part-time student,
- qualify for a part-time Canada Student loan, and
- are from a low-income family

you may be eligible for up to \$1,200 per academic year.

Can I qualify for more than one grant?

If eligible, you can receive more than one grant at the same time.

How do I apply?

You are automatically assessed for these new grants when you complete an application for Canada and Manitoba Student Loans.

If you are assessed with a financial need and meet the specific eligibility requirements for a grant, you will automatically be notified of which grants you will be receiving, and how much.

The Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities is an exception. A separate application is required for this grant.

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