

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

Canada Student Grant for Students with Disabilities CSG-D

- **\$2,800 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 accessibility 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 Disabilities if approved for the CSG-DSE.
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Before you Apply

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

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
- Notetakers
- Interpreters
- Readers
- Alternate formats
- Assistive technology (computer, software, etc.)
- Specialized transportation (to and from school)
- Attendant care for studies
- Reimbursements for psycho-educational assessments (100% up to \$3,500) if it confirms a diagnosis of a Learning or other 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-D)

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

Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Disabilities Provincial Grant for High Need Students with Disabilities

The grant will be distributed by the National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC). Both the CSG-DSE and High Need Grant will be managed alongside your other federal student financial assistance.

Note: Banking information is not to be submitted to the provincial Department of Finance.

- Please visit <https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/services-and-equipment-grant/> for more information on receiving your funds.

Funds will be deposited directly into your bank account once your school confirms enrolment.

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 our office:

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