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Abbreviations and Legend

AUCC - Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
 CMHC – Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation
 HC – Health Canada
 HRSDC – Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
 INAC – Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
 LDAC - Learning Disabilities Association of Canada
 LDAO - Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario
 MCSS – Ministry of Community and Social Services - Ontario
 MCYS – Ministry of Children and Youth Services - Ontario
 MHPS - Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport - Ontario
 MNRF – Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
 MOHLTC – Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care - Ontario
 MAESD – Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development - Ontario
 MTO – Ministry of Transportation - Ontario
 NEADS - National Educational Association of Disabled Students
 VAC – Veterans Affairs Canada

SOCIAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Canada Pension Plan - Disability Benefits

The Canada Pension Plan Disability Benefits are a monthly payment to eligible recipients. To be eligible applicants must be either; under 65, have stopped working due to a medical condition and have met established contribution levels, or are 65 or older and have had an existing disability since before turning 65 and before your CPP payments began.

Website: <http://www.esdc.gc.ca/en/cpp/disability/index.page>

Contact:

Canada Pension Plan
Service Canada - Dominion Public Building
457 Richmond Street
London, ON N6A 3E3
Phone: 1-800-277-9914
TTY: 1-800-255-4786

City of London - Ontario Works (OW)

The Ontario Works Program purpose is to make social assistance clients more employable and to actively support their efforts to prepare for, secure and maintain employment. It also provides basic financial assistance. Ontario Works consists of two forms of assistance: Basic Financial Assistance and Employment Assistance.

Basic Financial Assistance includes assistance provided for the purpose of basic needs (i.e. food), shelter and a monthly drug card. In addition, participants may be eligible for: child care expenses; aid with medical, dental, vision, and special dietary expenses; City of London - OW - Discretionary Benefits; and Employment Assistance Expenses (i.e. bus pass) and start-up benefits.

Employment Assistance assists people to become and remain employed. It offers job search support, basic education and training, support for self-employment, substance abuse recovery programs and community employment participation.

Website: <http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/social/ow/index.aspx>
<https://www.london.ca/residents/social-services/ontario-works/Pages/default.aspx>

Contact:

Ontario Works - London Office
151 Dundas St, 2nd Floor
London, ON N6A 5B6
Phone: 519-661-4520

City of London - OW - Discretionary Benefits

The Discretionary Benefits program provides financial assistance towards the cost of special items of extreme need such as eye glasses, emergency dental, dentures, prosthetics, and funerals. Discretionary Benefits is available to social assistance recipients including City of London - Ontario Works (OW) clients and MCSS - Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) - Income Supports clients. Discretionary Benefits may also be available to low income applicants or applicants in receipt of Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security or Guaranteed Annual Income Supplement. In some cases, a "financial needs test" will be required to determine eligibility.

Website:

<https://www.london.ca/residents/social-services/discretionary-benefits/Pages/default.aspx>

Contact:

Ontario Works - London Office
151 Dundas St, 2nd Floor
London, ON N6A 5B6
Phone: 519-661-5910

Employment Insurance – Sick benefits

The Employment Insurance (EI) program offers temporary financial assistance to unemployed workers. This assistance includes providing sickness benefits to people unable to work because of sickness, injury, or quarantine. If you cannot work because of sickness, injury or quarantine, but you would otherwise be available to work, you could be eligible to receive up to a maximum of 15 weeks of EI sickness benefits.

Website: <http://www.esdc.gc.ca/en/ei/sickness/index.page>

Contact:

Service Canada
Canada Enquiry Centre
Ottawa ON K1A 0J9
Phone: 1-800-277-9914
TTY: 1-800-255-4786
Fax: 1-613-941-1827

Service Canada - London
Dominion Public Building
457 Richmond Street
London, Ontario
N6A 3E3

HRSDC - Canada Disability Savings Bond

Through the Canada Disability Savings Bond, the Government deposits money into your RDSP. The Government provides a maximum of \$1000 each year, with a limit of \$20,000 over your lifetime to low and modest income Canadians. Applicants must be 49 years of age or under and be the beneficiary of a current RDSP.

Website: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability_issues/disability_savings/cdsb.shtml

Contact:

You must apply at the Financial Organization where you have your RDSP.

HRSDC - Canada Disability Savings Grant

Through the Canada Disability Savings Grant, the Government deposits money into your RDSP to help you save. The Government provides matching grants of up to 300%, depending on the amount contributed and the beneficiary's family income. The maximum is \$3,500 each year, with a limit of \$70,000 over your lifetime. Applicants must be 49 years of age or under and be the beneficiary of a current RDSP.

Website: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability_issues/disability_savings/cdsg.shtml

Contact:

You must apply at the Financial Organization where you have your RDSP.

MCSS - Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) - Employment Supports

The Ontario Disability Support Program Employments Supports helps fund employment training and initiatives of eligible applicants. To be eligible, applicants must be 16 years of age or older, be an Ontario resident and have a disability that presents a substantial barrier to employment. Applicants do not need to be recipients of ODSP Income Supports to be eligible.

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

Contact:

Ministry of Community and Social Services
Ontario Disability Support Program
London Regional Office
217 York Street, 3rd Floor Box 5217
London, ON N6A 5R1

Phone: 1-800-265-4197
TTY: 519-663-5276
Fax: 519-672-4683

MCSS - Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) - Income Supports

ODSP Income Supports provides financial support to adults who have a substantial or severe mental or physical disability, expected to last a year or longer. The disability must impact personal care, social and/or vocational abilities. Financial eligibility requirements must be met. Income Supports may provide funding for daily expenses; housing expenses; assistive devices; medical, dental and vision expenses; and more.

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

Contact:

Ministry of Community and Social Services
Ontario Disability Support Program
London Regional Office
217 York Street, 3rd Floor Box 5217
London, ON N6A 5R1

Phone: 1-800-265-4197
TTY: 519-663-5276
Fax: 519-672-4683

MCYS - Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)

Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities is a monthly allowance for intended to help compensate for expenses directly resulting from or incurred as a result of the child's disability. These include:

- living expenses (extraordinary transportation, accommodation and meal costs, specialized childcare, clothing, linen and laundry)
- medical expenses (equipment for hearing, vision, or speech; drug costs; medical/surgical supplies; dental costs; diapers; special diet; special shoes),
- and educational and social expenditures (special learning/development equipment; specialized day care; special education; special summer camp fees; parental relief).

Application forms can be obtained directly from a Ministry of Children and Youth Services.

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

Contact:

Ministry of Children and Youth Services
South West Region
217 York Street, Suite 203
P.O. Box 5217
London, Ontario N6A 5R1
Phone: 1-800-265-4197
Fax: 519-672-9510

MTO - Accessible Parking Permit (APP)

The Province of Ontario's Accessible Parking Permit (APP) program offers no fee parking permits designed to allow the designated user to access designated spaces throughout the province. In order to qualify for an APP the applicant must meet medical criteria as certified by a health care professional. Information on qualifying conditions and criteria is available at the website or by contacting the Ministry of Transportation.

Website: <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/dandv/vehicle/app.shtml>

Contact:

Ministry of Transportation
Service Ontario - License Renewals Unit
P.O. Box 9800
Kingston, ON K7L 5N8
Phone: 1-800-387-3445
TTY: 1-866-471-8929

Ministry of Transportation
South-western Region
659 Exeter Road
London, ON N6E 1L3
Phone: 519-873-4100

Registered Disability Savings Plan

A Registered Disability Savings Plan is a federally regulated program designed to provide long-term financial security to persons with prolonged and severe mental or physical disabilities. Contributions that are made to an RDSP may be supplemented by payments from the Canada Disability Savings Grant program. To establish an RDSP, a person must first qualify for the federal Disability Tax Credit (DTC).

Website: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/rgstrd/rdsp/menu-eng.html>

Contact:

Canada Revenue Agency

Phone: 1-800-959-8281

TTY: 1-800-665-0354

VAC - Veterans Affairs Disability Pension Program

Veteran Affairs Canada offers a pension to eligible applicants who you have a medical disability that is related to his/her service. Applicants must be a Canadian Forces (CF) Veteran or a Merchant Navy Veteran of the First or Second World War or the Korean War; a current or former member of the Regular or Reserve Force; or a civilian who served in close support of the Armed Forces during wartime. The amount awarded varies depending on the nature of the disability and the degree to which his/her service time contributed to the disability.

Website:

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/services/after-injury/disability-benefits/disability-pension>

Contact:

Veterans Affairs Canada

Phone: 1-866-522-2122

Email: information@vac-acc.gc.ca

London District Office

417 Exeter Road

London, ON N6E 2Z3

MEDICAL/DENTAL (including medical supplies)

A Child's Voice Foundation - Angel Hair for Kids Program

A Child's Voice Foundation is a registered charity, founded with the purpose of enhancing the physical and emotional well being of any child who is physically or mentally challenged and/or disadvantaged.

A Child's Voice Foundation's Angel Hair for Kids Program provides wigs to financially challenged children in Canada. For application information, call or write the foundation or visit their website. An email information form is available on their website.

Website: <http://www.acvf.ca/index.php/our-programs/angel-hair-for-kids/>

Contact:

A Child's Voice

3034 Palstan Road, #301

Mississauga, ON L4Y 2Z6

Phone: 1-888-837-3354

Email: info@achildsvoicefoundation.com

A Child's Voice Foundation - Kids Life-line Program

A Child's Voice Foundation is a registered charity, founded with the purpose of enhancing the physical and emotional well being of any child who is physically or mentally challenged and/or disadvantaged.

A Child's Voice Foundation's Kids Life-line Program provides funding for otherwise not covered medical and dental treatment, including medical supplies, devices, therapies and transportation costs. For application information, call or write the foundation or visit their website. An email information form is available on their website.

Website: <http://www.acvf.ca/index.php/our-programs/kids-life-line/>

Contact:

A Child's Voice

3034 Palstan Road, #301

Mississauga, ON L4Y 2Z6

Phone: 1-888-837-3354

Email: info@achildsvoicefoundation.com

Canadian Diabetes Association - Ontario Monitoring for Health Program

The Ontario Health Monitoring Program is funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, but is operated by the Canadian Diabetes Association. The program is available to those that are insulin-using or have gestational diabetes. They must have no other coverage for the supplies covered by this program. Qualifying individuals can receive a 75% reimbursement for strips and lancets (to a maximum of \$600 annually). The program also covers the lesser of 75% or \$75.00 towards the purchase of a blood glucose meter once every five years (75% or \$300 for qualifying individuals who are visually impaired towards a talking meter).

Website: <http://www.diabetes.ca/in-your-community/local-programs-events/regional-events-programs/ontario-events/ontario-monitoring-for-health-program>

Contact:

Ontario Health Monitoring Program

Phone: 1-800-361-0796

Canadian Diabetes Association - South Western Ontario Regional Office

442 Adelaide St. N.

London, ON N6B 3H8

Phone: 519-673-1630

Fax: 519-660-8992

Charles Ray III Diabetes Association Assistance Program

The Charles Ray III Diabetes association offers free diabetes supplies (including glucose meters and testing strips) to individuals with diabetes who are unable to afford the cost. The program also offers insulin pumps and insulin pump supplies at discounted rates. Although this is an American-based program, it is available to Canadians.

Website: <http://www.cr3diabetes.org/>

Contact:

The Charles Ray III Diabetes Association, Inc

P. O. Box 792,

Apex, NC 27502

Phone: 919-303-6949

Easter Seals Ontario – Direct Financial Assistance

Easter Seals will fund Equipment, Services and Programs (or portions of). The level of funding assistance may vary based on: the cost of the item, did Easter Seals previously fund the same/or like item, and the availability of Easter Seals funds. Installation, labour, assessment, taxes, repairs, replacement parts, accessories, additions to existing equipment or delivery costs are not funded. No home or vehicle modifications are funded. Funding and items are subject to change. Funding application submission period January 1st to September 30th annually or until funds run out. Should funds run out before the submission deadline, a waitlist will be started.

Website: <http://www.easterseals.org/services/direct-financial-assistance/>

Contact:

Easter Seals Ontario
One Concorde Gate, Suite 700
Toronto, ON M3C 3N6
Phone: 1-800-668-6252
Fax: 416-696-1035

Easter Seals Ontario - Incontinence Supplies Grant Program for Children and Youth with Disabilities

The Incontinence Supplies Grant Program is for individuals 3 to 18 years of age with chronic, irreversible incontinence resulting from a disability. Some children under the age of 3 may be eligible for funding depending on their diagnosis (for example, Spina Bifida, Prune Belly Syndrome). The program is administered by Easter Seals, however eligibility standards are set by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Funding varies based on age and diagnosis (ranging from \$200 to \$900 annually).

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

Contact:

Easter Seals Ontario
One Concorde Gate, Suite 700
Toronto, ON M3C 3N6
Phone: 1-800-668-6252 x314
Fax: 416-696-1035

Easter Seals Ontario – Prism Medical Sling Program

Easter Seals Ontario and Prism Medical are pleased to provide a FREE sling program for clients who use lifts. To be eligible for the FREE sling program, the applicant must:

- be registered with Easter Seals Ontario, and;
- have purchased a Prism Medical lift and sling through the exclusive vendor Shoppers Home Health Care, or
- require a new sling for reasons of growth. In this case, the present lift system does not need to be a Prism Medical lift, but needs to accommodate loop style slings with a hook style carry bar.

Website: <http://www.easterseals.org/services/direct-financial-assistance/>

Contact:

Easter Seals Ontario
One Concorde Gate, Suite 700
Toronto, ON M3C 3N6
Phone: 1-866-630-3336
Fax: 416-696-1035
E-mail: services@easterseals.org

HABIT - Helping Acquired Brain Injury Treatment

HABIT provides assistance in funding and paying for necessary treatment for children and youth with brain injuries that otherwise cannot afford it. HABIT was created to assist in funding medical, healthcare, and supportive services for individuals, charitable organizations, and medical facilities with special emphasis on the needs of children and youth with brain injury. For more information on HABIT and to obtain an application visit their website.

Website: <http://www.habitbraininjury.ca>

Contact:

HABIT, c/o Lisa Bradshaw
Box 24136, London, ON N6H 5C4
Phone: 519-672-4942
Email: habit@rogers.com

HC - Non-Insured Health Benefits Program (First Nations & Inuit)

The Non-Insured Health Benefits Program is Health Canada's national program to provide medical and health benefits not covered by Provincial Health Care Plans (OHIP). Coverage is available for; a specified range of drugs, dental care, vision care, medical supplies and equipment, short-term crisis intervention mental health counselling and medical transportation for eligible First Nations people and Inuit.

Website: <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/nihb-ssna/index-eng.php>

Contact:

Non-Insured Health Benefits, First Nations and Inuit Health, Health Canada
1547 Merivale Road, 3rd floor, Postal Locator 6103A
Nepean, Ontario K1A 0L3
Phone: 1-800-640-0642 (health)
Phone: 1-888-283-8885 (dental)

Lilly Canada - The Lilly Patient Support Program

This program allows patients who have been prescribed a Health Canada-approved Lilly medication but are unable to afford it to request a supply at no cost. The application must be made through a physician. Physicians should call 1-877-545-5922 to obtain the Lilly Patient Support Program enrolment form.

Website: <http://www.lilly.ca/en/responsibility/giving.aspx>

Contact:

Ely Lilly Canada - Patient Assistance Program
Phone: 1-888-545-5972
Phone: 1-877-545-5922 (Information line for Health Care Professionals)

London Consistory Club Medical Equipment Loaner Program

The London Consistory Club, operated by the Masonic Order, loans medical equipment, such as crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, transfer benches and bath items. This program operates out of St Andrews Memorial Anglican Church.

Website: <http://standrewmemorial.org/ministry/>

Contact:

The London Consistory Club
243 Wellington Rd S
London, ON N6A 4V3
Phone: 519-438-5443, Tuesday and Thursday between 9:00 am to noon

MedicAlert - No Child Without Program

MedicAlert has partnered with the Lions Club of Canada to offer free MedicAlert protection to all elementary school aged children regardless of financial resources. Children with potentially life threatening conditions can obtain identification bracelets at no cost. The identification will allow professionals to quickly access medical information in the case of an emergency.

Website: <http://www.nochildwithout.ca/lcc/en/>

Contact:

MedicAlert Canada
c/o Monica Andrus,
Assistant Manager, Partner Relations
Email: mandrus@medicalert.ca

MHPS - Children In Need of (Dental) Treatment (CINOT)

The Children In Need of Treatment (CINOT) program provides emergency dental care and out-of-hospital anesthetic coverage for low-income children age 17 and under.

Website: http://www.healthunit.org/dental/program_services/cinot.htm

Contact:

Middlesex London Health Unit
50 King St
London ON N6A 5L7
Phone: 519-663-5317 x2231
Fax: 519-663-8235

MOHLTC – Assistive Device Program – Syringes for Seniors Program

The MOHLTC - Assistive Device Program has specialized funding available to residents of Ontario aged 65 or older (with a valid health card) who use insulin by injection on a daily basis to regulate diabetes.

Website:

<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/adp/publications/diabetic.aspx>

Contact:

Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
5700 Young St., 7th Floor
Toronto, ON, M2M 4K5
Phone: 1-800-268-6021 or 416-327-8804
Fax: 416-314-8721
Email: infoline@moh.gov.on.ca

MOHLTC - Healthy Smiles Ontario

Healthy Smiles Ontario program provides no cost regular dental service to children 17 and under who do not have access to any form of dental coverage (including other government-funded services). Families must satisfy a financial needs assessment.

Website: <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/dental/>

Contact:

Healthy Smiles Ontario Infoline

Phone: 1-866-532-3161

TTY: 1-800-387-5559

Middlesex London Health Unit

50 King St

London ON N6A 5L7

Phone: 519-663-5317 x2231

Fax: 519-663-8235

MOHLTC - Home Oxygen Program

Home Oxygen Program pays for long-term oxygen therapy and related equipment and supplies for eligible Ontario residents who need them. Your doctor must complete a Home Oxygen Program application form. Visit their website or call the toll-free number for more information.

Website: <http://health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/adp/publications/oxygen.aspx>

Contact:

Ministry of Health and Long-term Care

Home Oxygen Program

Phone: 1-800-268-1154

MOHTLC - Northern Health Travel Grant (Northern Ontario)

The Northern Health Travel 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. Although residents of London are not eligible for this program, those traveling into London for treatment may be. The NHTG Program provides an accommodation allowance of \$100 per eligible trip to patients whose closest specialist or designated health care facility able to provide the required services is at least 200 kilometres one-way.

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

Contact:

Service Ontario

Phone: 1-866-532-3161

TTY: 1-800-387-5559

MOHLTC - Ontario Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial Dental Program

The Ontario Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial Dental Program provides financial assistance to children and youth, under the age of 18, for specialized medical treatment. The program may cover up to 75% of the cost of treatment (after private dental insurance) by members of the multidisciplinary team. Thames Valley Children Centre is the local designated centre providing service.

Website: <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/publications/child/cleft.aspx>
<https://www.tvcc.on.ca/service/cleft-lip-and-palate-clp-program>

Contact:

Thames Valley Children's Centre
Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial Clinic
Phone: 519-685-8700 x54086
<http://www.tvcc.on.ca>

MOHLTC – Ontario Drug Benefit Program

The Ontario Drug Benefit Program provides medications listed on the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary (over 3800 listed) at minimal cost (only reduced dispensing fees apply) to those who qualify. The program supports seniors, residents in care facilities and recipients of social assistance [City of London - Ontario Works (OW), MCSS - Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) - Income Supports, Contact: Ministry of Community and Social Services Phone: 1-800-265-4197
Ontario Disability Support Program TTY: 519-663-5276
London Regional Office Fax: 519-672-4683
217 York Street, 3rd Floor Box 5217
London, ON N6A 5R1
MCYS - Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)].

Website: <http://health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/drugs/>

Contact:

Ministry of Health and Long-term Care	Ontario Drug Benefit Program
Phone: 1-800-268-1154	INFO line: 1-866-532-3161
Email: infomoh@gov.on.ca	TTY: 1-800-387-5559

MOHLTC - Ontario Drug Benefit Program - Trillium Drug Program

If you or your family spend a large part of your income (4%) on prescriptions, the Trillium Drug Program may help cover the cost. Trillium application kits are available at your local pharmacy or by calling the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care's toll-free number or by visiting the Trillium Drug Program website.

Website:

http://health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/drugs/programs/odb/opdp_trillium.aspx

Contact:

Ministry of Health and Long-term Care
Phone: 1-800-268-1154
Email: infomoh@gov.on.ca

Ministry Trillium Drug Program
Phone: 1-800-575-5386
INFO line: 1-800-268-1154

MOHLTC - Ontario Drug Benefit Program - Exceptional Access Program

The Ontario Drug Benefit Program provides access to medications not listed on the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary under special circumstances. Medical Professionals can complete and submit requests for exceptional coverage on behalf of clients.

Website: http://health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/drugs/eap_mn.aspx

Contact:

Ministry of Health and Long-term Care
Exceptional Access Program
3rd Floor, 5700 Yonge St.
North York, ON M2M 4K5
Phone: 1-866-811-9893
Fax: 1-866-811-9908
Email: EAPFeedback.MOH@ontario.ca

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada – Quality of Life Grants

The MS Society Quality of Life Grants are designed to provide financial assistance to those requiring support with the purchase of mobility equipment, safety devices or needing services not provided by other government/community agencies.

Website: <https://mssociety.ca/support-services/programs-and-services/service/financial-assistance-ontario-nunavut-division>

Contact:

MS Society of Canada, National Office
175 Bloor Street East, Suite 700, North Tower
Toronto, Ontario M4W 3R8
Phone: 416-922-6065
Fax: 416-922-7538
Email: info@mssociety.ca
<http://mssociety.ca>

MS Society of Canada
London Middlesex Chapter
21 Grosvenor Street, Rm # W018A
London, ON N6A 4V2
Phone: 519-646-6030
Fax: 519-646-6304

Muscular Dystrophy Canada – Equipment Program

The MDC equipment loan program provides basic medical equipment, on loan, from a stock of recycled devices such as scooters, manual and electric wheelchairs. Some funding assistance may be available for the purchase of new equipment.

Website: <http://www.muscle.ca/we-can-help/financial-assistance/>

Contact:

London and Region Chapter
Phone: 1-800-567-2873 x172
Email: londonchapter@muscle.ca

Muscular Dystrophy Canada – Community Service Fund

The MDC Chapters can assist persons with neuromuscular disorders within their community, who are registered with Muscular Dystrophy Canada and a member of a Community Volunteer Chapter with financial assistance to support such needs as medical travel, respite care, adapted recreation programs, etc.

Website: <http://www.muscle.ca/we-can-help/financial-assistance/>

Contact:
London and Region Chapter
Phone: 1-800-567-2873 x172
Email: londonchapter@muscle.ca

OneSight

OneSight, in partnership with LensCrafters, provides free vision care and eyewear to those in need.

Website: <http://www.onesight.org>

Contact:
OneSight
4000 Luxottica Place
Mason, OH 45040
Phone: 1-888-935-4589
Email: info@onesight.org

Ontario Association of Optometrists - Eye See... Eye Learn

Eye See...Eye Learn provides comprehensive eye exams by participating local optometrists to junior kindergarten students across Ontario. The eye exams are covered under OHIP when you show a health card. If the child requires a pair of glasses, they will receive a complimentary pair donated by Nikon Lenswear, OGI and your participating optometrist.

Website: <http://www.eyeseeyelearn.ca>

Contact:
Ontario Association of Optometrists
20 Adelaide Street East, Box 16, Suite 801
Toronto, ON M5C 2T6
Phone: 1-800.540.3837
Fax: 905.826.0625
Email: info@optom.on.ca

Public Health Agency of Canada - Extraordinary Assistance Plan

The Extraordinary Assistance Plan (EAP) was established in 1990 to provide financial assistance to an estimated 1250 individuals infected by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) through blood or blood products received in Canada. This assistance plan is funded solely by the federal government and consists of one lump sum payment of \$120,000, tax free.

Website: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/id-mi/eapaid-ae-eng.php>

Contact:

Extraordinary Assistance Plan
Associate Director General's Office
Public Health Agency of Canada
130 Colonnade Rd, AL 6503B
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0K9
Email: ccdic-clmti@phac-aspc.gc.ca

Shriners Hospital (Mocha Shriners)

The Shrine of North America is an international fraternity operating a network of 22 hospitals that provide expert, no cost treatment for Orthopaedic Care, Spinal Cord Rehabilitation, Cleft Lip and Palate Repair and Non-Emergency Burn to children under the age of 18. Self referrals are accepted. The Mocha Shriners of London will accept written requests for individual funding for specialized equipment.

Website: <http://www.mochashriners.org>

Contact:

Mocha Shriners c/o The President
468 Colborne Street
London, ON N6B 2T3
Phone: 519- 672-1391
Fax: 519- 672-7723
Email: mochashriners@rogers.com

VAC - Veterans Health Care Program

The Veterans Health Care Program offers qualifying individuals a range of medical services including; medical/hospital/nursing service, prescription drug coverage, dental, vision care, hearing services, and assistive devices. Veterans, former and current Canadian Forces members, RCMP, and some civilians, as well as their survivors and dependants, may qualify.

Website: www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/department/reports/pia/pia_nvc_health_benefits

Contact:

Veterans Affairs Canada

Phone: 1-866-522-2122

Email: information@vac-acc.gc.ca

War Amps of Canada - Adult Amputee Program

The War Amps of Canada Adult Amputee Program provides financial assistance to Canadian amputees, age 18 and over, towards the cost of artificial limbs. Child Amputees (under 18 years of age) may receive service through the War Amps of Canada - Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program.

Website: <http://www.waramps.ca/>

Contact:

The War Amps - Adult Prosthetics Program

2827 Riverside Drive

Ottawa, ON K1V 0C4

Phone: 1-877-622-2472

Fax: 613-731-3234

Email: nac@waramps.ca

War Amps of Canada - Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program

The War Amps of Canada CHAMP program provides financial assistance to child amputees and their families for artificial limbs, recreational devices, and travel to prosthetic facilities. Contact the CHAMP program for further information.

Website: <http://www.waramps.ca/ways-we-help/child-amputees/>

Contact:

The War Amps of Canada - CHAMP Program

2827 Riverside Drive

Ottawa, ON K1V 0C4

Phone: 1-800-267-4023

Fax: 1-866-235-0350

Email: champ@waramps.ca

War Amps of Canada - CHAMP - Jumpstart program

The CHAMPS Jumpstart program provides computer systems, educational software, adaptive technology and training to children with multiple amputations (already registered in the CHAMP program).

Website: <http://www.waramps.ca/ways-we-help/child-amputees/>

Contact:

The War Amps of Canada - Jumpstart Program

2827 Riverside Drive

Ottawa, ON K1V 0C4

Phone: 1-800-267-4023

Fax: 1-866-235-0350

Email: jumpstart@waramps.ca

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AND DEVICES

Adaptech - Free and Inexpensive Adaptive Technology Database

Adaptech, a Canadian company, has compiled a listing of over 150 free or inexpensive (less than \$200) adaptive technology programs. These programs cover assisted writing, magnification, screen reading, dictation, alternative mice, adaptive keyboards, scanning and optical character recognition (OCR) programs.

Website: <http://www.adaptech.org/en/downloads/fandi>

Contact:

Adaptech Research Network
3040 Sherbrooke West
Montréal, Québec H3Z 1A4
Phone: 514-931-8731 x1546
Fax: 514-931-3567
Email: info@adaptech.org

MOHLTC - Assistive Device Program

The objective of the ADP is to financially assist Ontario residents with long-term physical disabilities to obtain basic, competitively priced, personalized assistive devices appropriate for the individual's needs and essential for independent living. ADP covers over 8,000 separate pieces of equipment or supplies in the following categories: prostheses; wheelchairs/mobility aids and specialized seating systems; ostomy and enteral feeding supplies, needles and syringes for insulin-dependent seniors; monitors and test strips for insulin-dependent diabetics (through agreement with the Canadian Diabetes Association); hearing aids, respiratory equipment; orthoses (braces, garments and pumps); visual and communication aids; oxygen and oxygen delivery equipment, such as concentrators, cylinders, liquid systems and related supplies, such as masks and tubing. ADP will cover up to 75% of the cost of these devices. Forms and applications are available from the website provided or by calling the toll free number.

Website: http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/adp/adp_mn.html

Contact:

Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
5700 Yonge St., 7th Floor
Toronto, ON, M2M 4K5
Phone: 1-800-268-6021
Fax: 416-314-8721
Email: infoline@moh.gov.on.ca or ccu@moh.gov.on.ca

Ontario March of Dimes - Assistive Device Program

Ontario March of Dimes Assistive Devices Program provides financial assistance for device repair and equipment purchase. Devices include wheelchairs, braces, mobility aids and communication aids for non-speaking adults. Contact the provincial office or Southwest office for further information.

Website: <http://www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/programs/adp/Pages/Adp.aspx>

Contact:

Ontario March of Dimes
Provincial Office
10 Overlea Blvd.
Toronto, ON M4H 1A4
Phone: 1-800-263-3463
Fax: 416-425-1920
Email: info@dimes.on.ca

Ontario March of Dimes
South West Region
700 Richmond St. Suite 310
London, ON, N6A 5C7
Phone: 519-642-3999
Fax: 519-642-7665

Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy - Assistive Device Program

The Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy Assistive Devices Funding Program is available to persons with cerebral palsy in the province of Ontario and who have a valid Ontario Health Card. The level of funding assistance may vary based on the cost of the item and the availability of Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy funds at the time the request is received. The request for financial assistance must be submitted prior to the equipment/item being ordered or purchased. Labour/installation, delivery, therapy or assessment costs are not funded. Maximum funding is up to \$2,500.00 per year per person (not to exceed 25% of total cost per item). The application period for submission of applications will be September 10 to June 1 annually. The following must accompany the completed application:

- copy of ADP approval
- health professional's current authorization
- 2 price quotes from Ontario vendors
- other sources of funding that have been accessed or denied

For more information and an application form please visit the website below or contact the federation.

Website: <http://ofcp.ca/programs/funding/assisted-devices/>

Contact:

Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy
Assistive Devices Funding Program
1630 Lawrence Avenue West, Suite 104
Toronto, ON M6L 1C5
Phone: 1-877-244-9686
Email: adfp@ofcp.on.ca

HOME AND VEHICLE OWNERSHIP

Bronwen's Rainbow Fund

The Bronwen's Rainbow fund provides assistance to cover the cost associated with home modifications designed to improve child safety. The fund is managed by the Toronto Community Foundation. No formal website exist currently for this fund.

Contact:

Bronwen's Rainbow Fund

Phone: 416-921-2035

Fax: 416-921-1026

Chrysler Automobility Program

Chrysler will provide cash reimbursement, up to \$1000, to help cover the cost of installing adaptive driver or passenger equipment on new or leased Chrysler vehicles.

Website: <http://www.chryslerautomobility.com/>

Contact:

Chrysler Automobility Program

Phone: 1-800-265-6908 or contact your local dealer

CMHC - Home Adaptations for Seniors' Independence (HASI) Program On-Reserve

HASI On-Reserve helps First Nations and First Nation members pay for minor home adaptations to on-reserve properties to extend the time seniors can live in their own homes independently.

Website:

<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/first-nation/financial-assistance/renovation-programs/>

Contact:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Phone: 1-800-668-2642

Aboriginal Housing - Ontario office

100 Sheppard Avenue East, Suite 500

Toronto, Ontario M2N 6Z1

Phone: 416-218-3341

Fax: 416-250-3202

Email: kcampbel@cmhc-schl.gc.ca

Ford Mobility Program

Open to all Canadians buying a new Ford Vehicle, Ford will grant up to \$1,000.00 towards installation of lifts, hand controls and other equipment. Application is made through the dealership where purchased and must be made within 6 months of purchasing a new vehicle. Modifications must be made at a partnering mobility equipment dealer within 6 months of vehicle purchase.

Website: <https://www.fordmobilitymotoring.com/#>

Local Partnering Mobility Dealers' Contacts:

Goldline Mobility & Conversions

1759 Trafalgar St.

London, ON N5W 1X4

Phone: 519-453-0480

Web Site: <http://www.goldlinemobility.on.ca>

GM Mobility Program

Also open to all Canadians, the GM Program will grant \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of modifications to a new vehicle, but you have to call their mobility assistance program to find out if you qualify at 1-800-GM-DRIVE. Their web site lists several steps you should follow when purchasing adaptive equipment.

Website: <http://www.gm.ca/gm/english/corporate/mobility/home>

Contact:

GM Canada Mobility Assistance Centre

Phone: 1-800-GM-DRIVE (1-800-463-7483)

TTY: 1-800-263-3830

Honda Vehicle Modification Program for the Disabled

Honda's Vehicle Modification for the Disabled program offers up to a \$1000 reimbursement for the conversion of any new Honda vehicle. Persons who have a physical disability which requires some modification to their vehicle to permit them to drive the vehicle may qualify for a rebate. The modification should be arranged through the Honda dealer where they purchase the vehicle. Consult your dealer for an application and/or more details.

Kia Mobility Program

Kia Canada welcomes the opportunity to assist individuals with disabilities or special needs by providing up to \$750 towards the purchase and installation of specialty equipment on your Kia vehicle. See your Kia dealer for full details. Some conditions apply.

Website: <http://www.kia.ca/promos?so-button>

Ontario Energy Board – Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP)

The OESP lowers electricity bills for low-income households. The OESP provides a monthly credit to eligible customers based on household income and household size. The OESP credits are applied directly to eligible customers' bills.

Website: <https://ontarioelectricitysupport.ca/>

Contact:

Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP)

PO Box 1540 STN B

Ottawa, ON, K1P 0C7

Phone: 1-855-831-8151

TTY: 1-800-855-1155

Email: help@ontarioelectricitysupport.ca

Ontario March of Dimes – Home and Vehicle Modification

Ontario March of Dimes Home and Vehicle Modification Program financial assistance to eligible Ontario residents with disabilities who require modifications to their home or vehicle. Up to \$15,000 (lifetime maximum) is available for home modifications. Up to \$15,000 (every 10 years) is available for vehicle modifications.

Website: www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/programs/hvmp/Pages/HomeandVehicle.aspx

Contact:

Ontario March of Dimes

Provincial Office

10 Overlea Blvd.

Toronto, ON M4H 1A4

Phone: 1-800-263-3463

Fax: 416-425-1920

Email: info@dimes.on.ca

Ontario March of Dimes

South West Region

700 Richmond St. Suite 310

London, ON, N6A 5C7

Phone: 519-642-3999

Fax: 519-642-7665

Ontario Renovates

This program offers financial assistance to increase accessibility of their dwelling through minor modifications and adaptations. Eligible clients may receive up to \$3,500 in the form of a grant, which does not have to be repaid. The Program covers permanent modifications which enhance safety or ease of living.

Website: <http://www.london.ca/housing>

Contact:

City of London, Housing Access Centre

379 Dundas Street, Suite 116,

London, ON N6B 1V5

Phone: 519-661-0861

E-mail: housing@london.ca

Toyota Mobility Program

To help cover the costs of installing adaptive driving aids or mobility assistance equipment, the Toyota Mobility Program offers up to a \$1,000 allowance to physically-challenged customers who acquire a new Toyota vehicle. Adaptive driving or passenger equipment includes, but is not limited to, wheelchair or other lift equipment, hand or other driving controls, and lifts or cart storage. Upon verification of the claim, a cheque will be mailed directly to the customer.

Website: <http://www.toyota.ca/cgi-bin/WebObjects/WWW.woa/37/wa/vp?vp=Home.AboutToyota.Mobility&wosid=UaSAAtH8vqK16jrwyEXVLw&language=english>

Volkswagen Mobility Access Program

Volkswagen will refund \$1000 on the purchase or lease of a new Volkswagen vehicle if vehicle access equipment is installed.

Website: www.vw.ca/en/shopping_tools/volkswagen_finance/mobility_program.html

See also...

MTO - Accessible Parking Permit (APP)

Property Tax Relief for Residences Built or Modified to Accommodate Persons with Disabilities

Refund of Federal Excise Tax on Gasoline

Specially Equipped Motor Vehicle GST/HST Rebate Application

RECREATION AND LEISURE

Ability Online

Ability Online is a free and monitored online support community that links kids with disabilities or illness to other kids and adults who care. Monitored topical discussion threads, chat facilities, and games and activities are provided in a secure environment, where kids can come together and just be kids. Links to health information, peer support, and opportunities for skill development are just a mouse click away.

Website: <http://www.abilityonline.org/>

AMICI Camping Charity

AMICI Camping Charity provides assistance to families demonstrating financial need to provide their child, aged 7 to 16, with a summer camp experience. Apply directly to the charity for assistance with summer camp fees. Families must contribute minimum \$60 to camp fees.

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

Contact:

Amici Camping Charity
150 Eglinton Ave. East, Suite 204
Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E8
Phone: 416-588-8026
Fax: 416-486-3854
email: info@amicicharity.org

Autism Ontario – March Break Reimbursement Fund

Autism Ontario refunds up to \$600 to families of children, up to age 18, with Autism Spectrum Disorders for the cost of a support worker needed for their child to attend a community summer camp or March Break program.

Website: <http://www.autismontario.com/client/aso/ao.nsf/web/Camp+Programs>

Contact:

Autism Ontario
1179 King Street West, Suite 004
Toronto, ON M6K 3C5
Phone: 416-246-9592
Fax: 416-246-9417
<http://www.autismontario.com>

Autism Ontario - London
Salvation Army building
1340 Dundas Street, East
London ON N5W 3B6
Phone: 519-433-3390
Email: autismlondon.office@gmail.com
www.autismontario.com/london

Boys and Girls Club of London

The Boys and Girls Club of London provides structured, scheduled, and drop-in recreational programming. Annual membership fees can be subsidized (Club will cover up to 88% of the cost) based on a sliding scale.

Website: <http://www.bgclondon.ca/home.html>

Contact:

Boys and Girls Club of London
184 Horton Street East
London, ON N6B 1K8
Phone: 519-434-9114
Fax: 519-432-9306

Canadian Tire - Jump Start Program

The Canadian Tire Jump Start program provides financial assistance to families demonstrating need to help offset registration fees, transportation and equipment, so all children can take part in organized sports and recreation programs. Up to \$300 per child, aged 4 to 18 years of age, per session (2 sessions annually), is available.

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

Contact:

Canadian Tire Jumpstart
2180 Yonge Street, P.O. Box 770, Station K
Toronto, ON, M4P 2V8
Phone: 1-877-616-6600
Email: jumpstart@cantire.com

City of London - Recreation Programs

The City of London encourages residents to take part in community based recreation and leisure activities. Those families and individuals demonstrating financial need, including those already in receipt of ODSP or ACSD, can receive a subsidy of up to \$150 per person per session (2 sessions annually). This assistance may cover up to 100% of the program registration costs.

Website: <http://www.london.ca/residents/Recreation/>

Contact:

City of London – Parks and Recreation
151 Dundas Street, 3rd Floor,
London ON N6A 4L9
Phone: 519-661-5575
Fax: 519-661-5607

CNIB - Client ID Card

The CNIB Client ID Card offers free or reduced rates to various attraction, travel etc. across Canada, including Via rail, local theatres and the Western Fair District, amongst others. Canadians who are Blind or partially sighted may be eligible for the card. The card costs \$10 and is valid for 5 years.

Website: <http://www.cnib.ca>

Contact:

CNIB

749 Baseline Road

London, ON N6C 2R6

Phone: 519-685-8420

Easter Seals Canada - Access 2 Program

The Easter Seals Canada Access 2 program allows free admission for support staff accompanying persons with disabilities at various venues and attractions. Some venues may offer reduced rates to the card holder (person with a disability) as well. A \$30 administrative cost applies to the card, valid for 5 years (or a 3 year/\$20 option exists).

Website: <http://www.access2card.ca/>

Contact:

Access 2 c/o Easter Seals Canada

40 Holly St, Suite 401

Toronto, Ontario M4S 3C3

Phone: 1-877-376-6362

Email: a2e@easterseals.ca

Easter Seals Canada - Disability Travel Card

The Disability Travel card is identification for a person with a permanent disability which will permit an adult attendant to travel at no cost with the person with a permanent disability. A person with a permanent disability who is unable to travel alone will be granted reduced fares when accompanied by an adult attendant. The person with a disability must apply to the Easter Seals Society by filling out an application.

Website: <http://easterseals.ca/english/disability-travel-card>

Contact:

Easter Seals/March of Dimes National Council

332 Wellington Rd.

London, ON, N6C 4P6

Phone: 519-432-9669 or 1-800-668-6252

Email: info@dimes.on.ca

George Bray Sports Association

Since 1968, the George Bray Sports Association offers an organized hockey program for young people with special learning needs. The Association offers league play, as well as hockey and skating schools. The cost of league registration for the 2016-17 season was \$60.

Website: <http://georgebraysports.ca/>

Contact:

George Bray Sports Association
9606 Tower Rd. RR3
St. Thomas On. N5P 3S7
Phone: 519-200-8422

Kidsport Canada

Kidsport Canada provides financial assistance to families demonstrating need to help offset the cost of registration fees and equipment, so all children have an opportunity to be active and take part in organized sports. Funding is available to youth 18 years of age and under. The application process is completely confidential.

Website: <http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/>

Contact:

KidSport Canada
180 - 3820 Cessna Drive
Richmond, BC V7B 0A2
Phone: 604-333-3650
Fax: 604-333-3653

KidSport Ontario
3 Concorde Gate, Suite 313,
Toronto, Ontario M3C 3N7
Phone: 1-866-641-7767
Fax: 416-426-7177
Email: adamv@kidsportcanada.ca

MNRF – Recreational Fishing Licence

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry automatically deems a person who has a valid Accessible Parking Permit, CNIB Client ID Card or other licence, permit, certificate or identification card issued by the Government to possess a valid recreational fishing licence. Those who qualify to fish with a deemed licence must follow the same catch and possession limits as a Sport Fishing Licence.

Website: <https://www.ontario.ca/faq/do-i-need-fishing-licence-if-i-have-disability>

Contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Information Centre (NRIC)
300 Water Street
Peterborough ON K9J 8M5
Phone: 1-800-667-1940
TTY: 1-866-686-6072

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada – Day Away Program

The London Branch of the MS Society hosts the Day Away Program. Held every other Wednesday (September through June), it gives members an opportunity to meet with each other for the day, for a nice lunch, to get a manicure/pedicure, to have their hair cut, enjoy healing touch or a massage, and tune ups are done on equipment.

Website: <https://mssociety.ca/support-services/programs-and-services/service/day-away-program-londonmiddlesex>

Contact:

MS Society of Canada
London Middlesex Chapter
21 Grosvenor Street, Rm # W018A
London, ON N6A 4V2
Phone: 519-646-6030
Fax : 519-646-6304

Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy - Life Enriching Activity Fund (LEAF)

The Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy LEAF Program offers its members access to funding to enrich, enhance or augment an activity the member currently participates in or is interested in.

Website: <http://ofcp.ca/programs/funding/leaf/>

Contact:

OFCP Leaf Program
Suite 104 - 1630 Lawrence Avenue West
Toronto, Ontario M6L 1C5
Phone: 1-877-244-9686 x222
Email: leaf@ofcp.ca

Scouts Canada – No One Left Behind

Scouts Canada offers co-ed programming to youth ages 5 to 26. Through Scouts Canada's "No One Left Behind" program, youth registration and additional cost (i.e. uniforms, program costs) may be subsidized. Subsidy recipients are expected to participate in any available fundraising opportunities throughout the year.

Website: <http://www.scouts.ca/ca/no-one-left-behind>

Contact:

Scouts Canada – No One Left Behind
1345 Baseline Road
Ottawa ON K2C 0A7
Phone: 1-844-300-6652
Email: NOLB@scouts.ca

Tim Hortons Foundation – Send a Kid to Camp

This program provides children the opportunity to go to a Tim Hortons overnight camp. Participants are selected by a community agency working with the local Tim Hortons owners. Applicants must be under the age of 18 and demonstrate financial need.

Website: <https://www.timhortons.com/ca/en/childrens-foundation/index.php>

Contact:

Tim Horton Children's Foundation
RR#2, 264 Glen Morris Road E.
St. George, ON, Canada N0E 1N0
Tel: 519-448-1248
Fax: 519-448-1415
Registration & Travel Coordinator
Email: thcf_registrar@timhortons.com

West Jet – Special Arrangements

West Jet offers additional seating to persons with disabilities at no additional cost through their One Person One Fair program. The additional seating can be for support or attendant care, or person accommodation for your disability and comfort.

Website:

www.westjet.com/guest/en/travel/special-arrangements/special-needs/index.shtml

Contact:

West Jet – General Inquiries
Phone: 1-888-937-8538 (1-888-WESTJET)
TTY: 1-877-952-0100
West Jet Medical Desk
Phone: 1-800-581-9499
Fax: 1-866-737-1202

Western Fair District Community Access Program (CAP)

CAP provides a person with a disability free or discounted admission and free admission for one support person to Western Fair District events. Easter Seals Access 2 Card and the CNIB Client ID Card are both accepted in lieu of the CAP card.

Website: <https://www.westernfairdistrict.com/visitor-info/cap-card>

Contact:

Western Fair Association
316 Rectory St.
London, ON N5W 3V9
Attention: B. Sayler.
Phone: 519-438-7203 ext 381
Email: bsayler@westernfairdistrict.com

YMCA of Western Ontario Financial Assistance Program

The YMCA of Western Ontario Financial Assistance Program can subsidize up to 50% of the membership cost to those individuals and families who demonstrate financial need.

Website: <http://ymcawo.ca/centre-branch>

Contact:

YMCA of Western Ontario

382 Waterloo Street,

London, ON N6B 2N8

Phone: 519-667-3300

SUPPORT SERVICES

INAC – Assisted Living Program

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's Assisted Living services are provided to registered First Nations individuals with a disability, living on-reserve, and who require care. The program is administered by First Nations officers who assess the financial and social needs of individuals. There are three components to the Assisted Living program: in-home care, foster care, and institutional care (type I and II institutions – see webpage for more information).

Website: <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/eng/1100100035250>

Contact:

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Ontario Region
8th Floor 25 St. Clair Avenue East
Toronto, ON M4T 1M2
Phone: 416-973-6234
Fax: 416-954-6329

London Transit – Support Person Pass

In compliance with Section 38 of the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (191-11), London Transit offers a Support Person Pass which is valid on both the conventional and specialized service. Eligibility for this pass is based on the applicant's need for support person assistance during the transit trip. The transit trip is defined to include travel to and from the transit stop.

Website: <http://www.ltconline.ca/Accessibility.htm>

Contact:

London Transit Commission
c/o Customer Service
450 Highbury Avenue N
London, ON N5W 5L2
Phone: 519-451-1347
Email: lrc@londontransit.ca

MCSS – Passport Initiative

The Passport Initiative is funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services and administered by Developmental Services Ontario. It is designed to support young people with a developmental disability to transition to adult services and supports; or adults who have a developmental disability, are no longer in school, and are seeking transition planning and community participation supports. The program provides mentoring, support and planning assistance in the development of a transition plan, and fund necessary to purchase community participation services and supports.

Website: <http://www.dsontario.ca/community-participation-supports>

Contact:

Developmental Services Ontario
171 Queens Ave, Ste. 750
London, ON N6A 5J7
Phone: 1-877-480-2726
Fax: 519-673-1509

MCYS – Enhanced Respite Funding

The Enhanced Respite Funding grant is paid to families with a child needing care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The child must be medically fragile and/or dependant on a technological device. This funding is paid in addition to other respite services. Families may be eligible for up to \$3,500 per child, per year. To be eligible for funding, the child must be under 18 years of age, living at home and require intensive care and constant monitoring on a 24-hour basis.

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

Contact:

Ministry of Children and Youth Services
South West Region
217 York Street, Suite 203
P.O. Box 5217
London, Ontario N6A 5R1
Phone: 1-800-265-4197
TTY: 519-663-5276
Fax: 519-672-9510

MOHLTC – Self-managed Attendant Outreach Services (Direct Funding)

Direct Funding Program is funded through the Ontario Ministry of Health, enables adults with a physical disability to become employers of their own attendants. Attendants assist with routine activities of living, such as dressing, grooming and bathing. Contact the Independent Living Centre in London for more information.

Website: <http://www.ilcla.ca>

Contact:

Independent Living Centre London and Area
433 King Street, Suite 101
London, ON N6B 3P3
Phone: 519-660-4667
Fax: 519-660-6818
Email: info@ilcla.ca

Sean Ryan Children's Fund

The Sean Ryan Children's Fund provides financial assistance for respite nursing care only. It is available for families of chronically ill or disabled children. The application is submitted via telephone from a professional (family doctor, social worker, CCAC, etc).

Contact:

Sean Ryan Children's Fund
306 Wilkins St.
London, ON, N6C 5B2
Phone: 519-685-5328
Fax: 519-685-7208

Snow Angels

Snow Angels London connects you with neighbours who you help with snow shoveling and removal. You can submit your request, search for snow angels in your area and/or have them contact you to make the arrangements through the website.

Website: <http://www.snowangelslondon.ca>

VON - Special Services at Home (SSAH)

Special Services at Home (SSAH) is a respite program that helps primary caregivers by providing temporary relief support, thus enhancing the caregiver's capacity to provide quality care to individuals with disabilities. SSAH offers respite and support on an individualized basis. SSAH is for children under the age of 18 who have a physical or developmental disability. SSAH is administered locally by VON Middlesex Elgin.

Website: <https://vonmiddlesexelgin.ca/family-supports-programs>

Contact:

VON Canada Central Region
7100 Woodbine Avenue, Suite 402
Markham, ON M4S 2Z2
Phone: 905-415-1208
Fax: 905-415-3750
Email: central@von.ca

VON London
Suite 100 - 1151 Florence Street
London, ON N5W 2M7
Phone: 519-659-2273
Fax: 519-659-6191
<http://www.vonmiddlesexelgin.com/>

SERVICE ANIMALS

Autism Dog Services

Autism Dog Services places dogs with children in between the ages of 3-18. ADS does not require an Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis to be considered for our program. If a child has challenges which present in a similar manner to Autism we will evaluate the child's needs to determine if one of our dogs could provide beneficial support to the child. ADS is accredited by Assistance Dog International and is a member of the Canadian Association of Guide and Assistance Dog Schools. ADS does not have any fees to receive training or to graduate with a service dog, however a non-refundable \$50 application processing fee applies.

Website: <http://www.autismdogservices.ca/>

Contact:

Autism Dog Services Inc.
1488 2nd Concession Rd.
W. Lynden, Ontario,
Canada L0R 1T0

Phone: (519) 721-1068

Email: daleg@autismdogservices.ca (Executive Director Dale Gellatly)

City of London/London Animal Care Centre – Service Dog Registration

In the City of London, certified service animals can be registered with the city at no cost. Licenses are provided through the London Animal Care Centre.

Website: <http://www.accpets.ca/Default.aspx>

Contact:

London Animal Care Centre
121 Pine Valley Blvd,
London, ON N6K 3X4
Phone: 519-685-1330

Farley Foundation

The Farley Foundation subsidizes the cost of non-elective veterinary care for pets owned by:

- Seniors receiving the Federal Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS);
- Disabled individuals receiving the Ontario Disability Support Payment (ODSP) or the Canada Pension Plan – Disability (CPP Disability);
- Women at risk of abuse entering registered women’s shelters, and who are participating in the [OVMA SafePet Program](#);
- Individuals receiving financial assistance through Ontario Works; and
- Facilities catering to seniors who require special care, including supporting housing, retirement homes and long-term care facilities.

The foundation subsidizes up to 100% of the cost of care, to a maximum of \$1,000 per pet or pet owner per year. Applications for funding are submitted by the veterinarian. Individuals are asked to speak with their veterinarian about the possibility of applying for Farley Foundation funding.

Website: <http://www.farleyfoundation.org/>

Contact:

Farley Foundation
420 Bronte St. South, Suite 205
Milton, ON L9T 0H9
Phone: 1-888-262-9811
Email: info@farleyfoundation.org

Land of PureGold Foundation

Land of PureGold Foundation is a non-profit organization providing financial aid for oncology treatment for working dogs. Dogs must be professionally trained and certified. Land of PureGold Foundation grants are \$1000 per individual working dog for oncology-related expenses and are provided directly to veterinarians, hospitals or clinics in the United States and Canada. All breeds, pure or mixed, may apply.

Website: <http://grants.landofpuregold.com/>

Contact:

Land of PureGold Foundation, Inc.
3731 Greenway Lane
Owings Mills, MD 21117
Phone: 410-363-1434
Email: foundation@landofpuregold.com

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide Program

The Dog Guide Program meets the needs of three client categories:

- Canine Vision Canada Dog Guide for the legally blind
- Special Skills Dogs of Canada for individuals with physical disabilities
- Hearing Ear Dogs of Canada for the Deaf, Deafened and Hard-of-Hearing

The Lions Foundations Committee bases qualifications for the program on assessment. For the assessment, applicants must submit a video, medical reports, character references with an application and in an in-home assessment. Successful applicants attend must attend 19 consecutive days of training. Dogs are provided free of charge, but the ongoing cost of care is the responsibility of the applicant.

Website: <http://www.dogguides.com>

Contact:

Special Skills Dogs of Canada – Lions Foundation of Canada

P.O. Box 907

Oakville, ON, L6J 5E8

Phone: 1-800-768-3030

Fax: 905-842-3373

Email: info@dogguides.com

National Service Dogs (NSD)

National Service Dogs trains assistance dogs for children with disabilities including:

- Autism
- Physical Disabilities - such as Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Sclerosis as well as other disabilities
- Blindness
- Dual disabilities such as visual impairment, deafness, seizure disorders and physical disabilities.

To apply for a dog, write a one-page letter describing what you and your child's life is like and how you think a service dog would help. Once the letter is received, NSD will recommend alternatives or send an application for a dog. The waiting list for a dog is generally two years. The cost of a dog is a one-time fee of \$125 but the new owner is responsible for all food and veterinary costs. Please visit the NSD website to fill out their online application form and request more information.

Website: <http://www.nsd.on.ca>

Contact:

National Service Dogs

1286 Cedar Creek Road,

Cambridge ON N1R 5S5

Phone: 519-623-4188

Fax: 519-623-9997

Email: info@nsd.on.ca

TAX BENEFITS

Attendant Care Expenses

You can claim amounts paid for attendant care or care in any of the following places:

- self-contained domestic establishments;
- retirement homes, homes for seniors, or other institutions;
- nursing homes (full-time care);
- some special schools, institutions, or other places; and
- group homes in Canada.

You can claim attendant care expenses that include your share of the salaries paid for care in an establishment that was made to employees performing; food preparation; housekeeping services for a resident's personal living space; laundry services for a resident's personal items; health care (registered nurse, practical nurse, certified health care aide, PSW); activities (social programmer); salon services, if included in the monthly fee; transportation (driver); and security for a secured unit.

Website: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/tg/rc4064/rc4064-e.html>

Contact:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency
London Office
451 Talbot Street
London ON N6A 5E5
Phone: 1-800-959-8281
TTY: 1-800-665-0354
Fax: 519-645-4029

Child Care Expense Deductions

You or your spouse or common-law partner may have paid for someone to look after your child who is under 16 years of age or has a mental or physical disability.

Generally, the spouse or common-law partner with the lower net income can claim these expenses, but only if they were paid so one of you could earn income, go to school, or conduct research.

Website: www.cra-adrc.gc.ca/E/pbg/tf/t778/README.html

Contact:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency
London Office
451 Talbot Street
London ON N6A 5E5
Phone: 1-800-959-8281
TTY: 1-800-665-0354
Fax: 519-645-4029

Disability Tax Credit T2201

This is a non-refundable tax credit that you can use to reduce the amount of income tax you have to pay. If you are making a new application for this amount, you have to file a completed T2201 Form- Disability Tax Credit Certificate.

Website: <http://www.cra.gc.ca/E/pbg/tf/t2201/README.html>

Contact:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency - London Office

451 Talbot Street

London ON N6A 5E5

Phone: 1-800-959-8281

TTY: 1-800-665-0354

Fax: 519-645-4029

Healthy Home Renovation Tax Credit (HHRTC)

The HHRTC is a refundable personal income tax credit for seniors and family members who live with them. If you qualify, you can claim up to \$10,000 worth of eligible home improvements on your tax return. The amount of money you get back for these expenses is calculated as 15 per cent of the eligible expenses you claim. The HHRTC can help with the costs of improving safety and accessibility in your home.

Website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/healthy-homes-renovation-tax-credit>

Contact:

Ontario Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit Program

33 King Street West PO Box 627

Oshawa ON L1H 8H5

Phone: 1-866-ONT-TAXS (668-8297)

TTY: 1-800-263-7776

Fax: 1-866-888-3850

Medical Expense Tax Credit

The medical expense tax credit provides tax relief for individuals. The medical expense tax credit applies to individuals who have sustained significant medical expenses for themselves or their dependants.

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

Contact:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency - London Office

451 Talbot Street

London ON N6A 5E5

Phone: 1-800-959-8281

TTY: 1-800-665-0354

Fax: 519-645-4029

Property Tax Relief for Residences Built or Modified to Accommodate Persons with Disabilities

Modifications to a residence to accommodate the needs of a person with a disability may be eligible for property tax relief. Where an existing home is renovated or additions are made to the premises to accommodate a person with a disability, the value of the "alteration, improvement or addition" is exempt from property taxation. Where a new home is built to accommodate a person with a disability, 10% of the assessed value of the home is exempt from property taxation.

Website: www.mpac.ca/PropertyOwners/Procedures/procedureSeniorAndDisabledTaxRelief

Contact:

Ontario Ministry of Finance

Phone: 1-800-263-7965

TTY: 1-800-263-7776

Refund of Federal Excise Tax on Gasoline

The program refunds a portion of the federal tax on gasoline bought for use by eligible individuals (or organizations providing service to individuals) who suffer from a permanent mobility disability preventing the use of public transportation.

Website: http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/goc/gasoline_tax_refund.shtml

Contact:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency - London Office

451 Talbot Street

London ON N6A 5E5

Phone: 1-800-959-8281

TTY: 1-800-665-0354

Fax: 519-645-4029

Refundable Medical Expense Supplement

The Refundable Medical Expense Supplement (line 452 of a tax return) provides a credit of up to \$1074 to those claiming disability support deductions (line 215) and having an income of at least \$3135 after eligible deductions.

Website:

www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdls/tpcs/ncm-tx/rtrn/cmpltng/ddctns/Ins409-485/452-eng.html

Contact:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency - London Office

451 Talbot Street

London ON N6A 5E5

Phone: 1-800-959-8281

TTY: 1-800-665-0354

Fax: 519-645-4029

Specially Equipped Motor Vehicle GST/HST Rebate Application

You can apply to claim a motor vehicle rebate if you paid HST in the purchase of a qualified motor vehicle or if you paid HST in a modification service performed on your motor vehicle.

Website: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/tpcs/gst-tps/thr/sctrs/mtrvhcl-eng.html>

Contact:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency - London Office

451 Talbot Street

London ON N6A 5E5

Phone: 1-800-959-8281

TTY: 1-800-665-0354

Fax: 519-645-4029

Working Income Tax Benefit (WITB) - Disability Supplement

The WITB – Disability supplement is available to low-income working Canadians with disabilities, 19 and older, not attending school full-time, as these individuals generally face even greater barriers to workforce participation. Employed individuals who are eligible for Disability Tax Credit T2201 will qualify for the WITB disability supplement.

Website: http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/wtb/fq_qlfyng-eng.html#q3

Contact:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency - London Office

451 Talbot Street

London ON N6A 5E5

Phone: 1-800-959-8281

TTY: 1-800-665-0354

Fax: 519-645-4029

See also...

Registered Disability Savings Plan

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NOTE: No one involved in the production of this document is a tax specialist. Please consult the Canada Revenue Agency, a certified professional accountant or other tax specialist before claiming any of these tax benefits.

PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS AND SERVICE CLUBS

Aviva Community Fund

Started in 2009, the Aviva Community Fund allows groups or individuals to propose community initiatives which could qualify for funding. Ideas are sorted by requested funding (up to \$25,000, \$25,000 - \$100,000, and \$100,000+) and posted on the website during the annual campaign. The public then vote to support various projects. The 30 most supported ideas in each funding category, after 2 rounds of voting, are then judged by a panel. The highest ranked ideas in each category will share the \$1,000,000 Aviva Community Fund. More than one idea per category may be funded.

Website: <http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/>

Contact:

The Aviva Community Fund receives comments or questions through their website.

Easter Seals

Easter Seals provides financial assistance to families of children and young adults with physical disabilities. The Society awards over \$2 million in financial assistance each year. The Society acts as a third party funder and as such has no role in prescribing, recommending equipment, selecting a vendor/contractor or in the relationship between the parent and the vendor. The Society provides funding for:

- Accessibility/activities of daily living equipment (ramps, porch lifts, van lifts); bath/toilet aids (shower chair, bath chair, grab bars)
- Communication devices (computers for basic communication for children who cannot talk)
- Environmental aids (hospital beds, touch operated controls)
- Mobility aids (wheelchairs, walkers)
- Orthotics (braces, splints)
- Transportation (van tie downs)
- Camps (Easter Seals camping fees, individual recreational experience)
- Other (rental equipment, meals/accommodations if child is admitted to hospital)
- Oversees the Easter Seals Ontario - Incontinence Supplies Grant Program for Children and Youth with Disabilities

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

Contact:

Easter Seals – London Office

332 Wellington Rd.

London, ON, N6C 4P6

Phone: 519-432-9669 or 1-800-668-6252

Fax: 519-432-7679

***Elks of Canada – The Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children
(Personal Assistance Program)***

The purpose of the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children is to provide financial assistance for any purpose for the good and welfare of a person prior to attaining his/her 19th birthday when sponsored by a Lodge. The fund also assists charitable programs addressing the needs of children with hearing and speech disorders.

Website: <http://www.elks-canada.org/our-national-charity/programs>

Contact:

Elks of Canada
National Office (Grand Lodge)
#100 - 2629 - 29th Avenue
Regina SK S4S 2N9
Phone: 1-888-843-3557
Fax: 306-565-2860

Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire (IODE)

The mission of IODE is to improve the quality of life for children, youth and those in need, through educational, social service and citizenship programs. To make a request for funding contact your local chapter. Your local chapter can be found by visiting the website or by calling the National Office.

Website: <http://www.iode.ca>

Contact:

National Chapter
40 Orchard View Blvd.
Toronto, ON M4R 1B9
Phone: 1-866-827-7428
Fax: 416-487- 4417
Email: iodecanada@bellnet.ca

Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity

The mandate of the Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity is to assist seriously ill children and their families with special treatment needs, medical expenses and financial assistance. The Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity requests that you investigate all other funding options before making a request. The Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity provides assistance in the following areas:

- Emergency financial relief
- Care giving
- Therapies – excluding Hyperbaric Oxygen, ABA, IBI or RDI Therapy
- Educational programs, materials or instruction
- Computers – specially adapted computer hardware and specialized software to augment a child's communication and learning
- Medical treatment
- Recreation

Please visit the Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity for their full requirements before applying.

Website: <http://jenniferashleighfoundation.ca>

Contact:

Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity
10800 Concession 5
Uxbridge, ON, L9P 1R1
Phone: 905-852-1799
Fax: 905-852-0124
Email: generalmail@jenash.org

Kin Clubs of Canada

Kinsmen, Kinette, Kin, and Kinsmen clubs are the country's largest all Canadian service groups made up of active community volunteers. Members work together to serve their communities' greatest needs by promoting service, fellowship, family values, and national pride. For more information about requesting funding, contact the clubs by phone, email or write to the national headquarters. The national headquarters does not grant funding but they will be able to provide contact information to local clubs that do grant funding.

Website: <http://www.kincanada.ca>

Contact:

Kin Canada National Office
1920 Hal Rogers Drive P.O. Box KIN
Cambridge, ON N3H 5C6
Phone: 1-800-742-5546 or 519-653-1920
Fax: 519-650-1091
Email: kinhq@kinclubs.ca

Kiwanis Clubs

Kiwanis International is a thriving organization of service and community-minded individuals who support children and young adults around the world. Service projects address other needs within the community, such as working to stop substance abuse, helping the elderly, promoting literacy, supporting youth sports and recreation, responding to disasters, and supporting specific persons in need. Kiwanis Clubs generally award funding to charitable organizations but have been known to help individuals from time to time. Contact the club in your area to ask about application procedures.

Website: <http://www.kiwanis.org>

Contact:

Kiwanis Club of Forest City
PO Box 312, Station B
900 King Street
London, ON N6A 4W1
Phone: 519-472-5165

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus has become the largest lay organization in the Catholic Church. The Order continues to break all previous records for charitable contributions and volunteer service. In the past decade, the Knights donated nearly \$1 billion to numerous charitable causes and nearly 400 million hours of volunteer service. Requests for funding must be made in writing. Requests should be sent to the Ontario State Council or to your local council. To find the council in your area, contact the Ontario State Council.

Website: <http://www.kofc.org/en//index.html>

Contact:

Ontario State Office, Knights of Columbus
393 Rymal Rd. W., Suite 201
Hamilton, ON, L9B 1V2
Phone: 1-800-759-0959
Fax: 905-388-8738
Email: stateoffice@ontariokofc.ca

Lions Club

Since 1917, Lions clubs have offered people the opportunity to give something back to their communities. Lions clubs have always embraced those committed to building a brighter future for their community. Contact the Lions Club in your area to inquire about funding requests. A club locator is provided on their website.

Website: <http://www.lionsclubs.org>

Contact:

London Central Lions Club
PO Box 24121, RPO Westtown
London, ON N6H 5C4
Phone: 519-679-0606

Masonic Foundation of Ontario

The provincial clubs' mandate is to receive, maintain, manage, control and use donations exclusively for charitable purposes within the Province of Ontario. To apply for funding, send a letter of proposal to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario and a selection committee will review the request.

Website: <http://www.masonicfoundation.on.ca/>

Contact:

The Masonic Foundation of Ontario
361 King Street West
Hamilton, ON L8P 1B4
Phone: 905-527-9105
Fax: 905-527-8859
Email: mel_duke@masonicfoundation.on.ca

Optimist International of Canada

Optimist Clubs conduct positive service projects aimed at providing a helping hand to youth. Optimists conduct 65,000 service projects each year, serving six million young people. Optimists also spend \$78 million on their communities annually. To find the Optimist Club in your area, visit their website and click on the "Visitors" link followed by the "Club Directory" link.

Website: <http://www.optimist.org>

Contact:

Optimist International of Canada
5205 Metropolitan Blvd. E. Suite 200
Montreal, QC, H1R 1Z7
Phone: 1-800-363-7151
Fax: 514-721-1104
Email: info@oifoundation.org

President's Choice Children's Charity

This charity helps physically and developmentally challenged kids and their families with the financial assistance they need to help pay for expensive equipment, physical therapy and more. Requests for financial assistance require a letter that describes:

- Your child and his or her condition, date of birth, address and phone number
- The family situation
- funding amount needed (including 2 quotes for the needed equipment)
- How the funding will help
- A letter of diagnosis about the child's disability
- A letter from a secondary party (e.g. Social Worker, Occupational Therapist)
- Documentation confirming that family income is below \$60,000
- Any funds secured or being sought from other sources; or funds that the family is able to contribute

This information should be sent to the charity at the address provided. Please note that the charity currently has a waiting list of about four months. Faxed applications will not be accepted, please only send your application by mail.

Website: http://www.presidentschoice.ca/en_CA/community/pccc.html

Contact:

President's Choice Children's Charity

1 President's Choice Circle

Brampton, ON L6Y 5S5

Phone: 1-866-966-9918

Fax: 416-226-8905

Email: pccharity@loblaw.ca

Rotary International

The main objective of Rotary is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence. They also support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals, and vocational and career development. Contact the Rotary Club in your area to inquire about funding requests.

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

Contact:

Rotary Club of London

785 Wonderland Road South, P.O. Box 29056

London, ON N6K 4L9

Phone: 519-641-1776

Fax: 519-641-6872

Royal Canadian Legion

Legions sponsor sports, youth programs, seniors programs, as well as supporting other organizations both financially and by supplying meeting rooms and halls for events. To find the branch in your area, visit their website and use the "Branches" link.

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

Contact:

Royal Canadian Legion
Ontario Provincial Command
89 Industrial Parkway North
Aurora, ON L4G 4C4
Phone: 905-841-7999
Fax: 905-841-9992
Email: info@on.legion.ca

Tara "Boom" Houston Children's Foundation

The Tara "Boom" Houston Children's foundation assists families living in South-western Ontario that are facing financial difficulties due to a child's life-threatening illness. The child must be 17 years of age or younger. The Foundation will provide financial assistance for:

- Travel expenses for medical treatment
- Accommodation expenses while the child is receiving treatment if the facility is 200 kilometres or farther of the family's home
- Treatment not funded by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) or by private insurance held by the family.
- Assistive devices or specialized equipment required as part of the treatment
- Funds to subsidize daily living expenses (mortgage, utilities, groceries) of the primary caregiver(s) should they become unable to work because of caring for their child as a result of their illness

Website: <http://www.tbhcf.com/>

Contact:

TBHCF
P.O. Box 20171,
St. Thomas, ON N5P 4H4
Phone: 519-631-5359
Email: info@tbhcf.com

WISH-GRANTING PROGRAMS

Children's Wish Foundation of Canada

The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada is a federally chartered, non-profit organization dedicated to fulfilling a favourite wish for children afflicted with a high risk, life-threatening illness. Arranging a trip to some far away destination, providing a customized computer for a child with special needs, tracking down a favourite celebrity, or simply finding exactly the right puppy, all are given equal care and consideration. Children are eligible from three years of age and over but under the age of 18 years before the time the request is received. They must be legal residents of Canada and have an illness, which is categorized as a high risk, life-threatening condition. Referrals can be made through a healthcare professional or family; but the wish must be communicated by the parents or legal guardians to the foundation directly. Contact the Ontario Chapter to refer a child. Referrals can also be made on the Children's Wish Foundation Website.

Website: <http://www.childrenswish.ca>

Contact:

Children's Wish Foundation of Canada
Ontario Chapter
725 Westney Rd., S., Unit 7
Ajax, ON L1S 7J7

Phone: 1-800-267-9474
Fax: 905-427-0536
Email: on@childrenswish.ca

Dreams Take Flight

Dreams Take Flight is a national volunteer charitable organization dedicated to providing the trip of a lifetime, a trip to a Disney theme park in the United States, to medically, mentally, physically, socially or emotionally challenged children. With the aid of Air Canada, other national and local organizations and businesses, money is raised to make the dream a reality. Children must be between the ages of 6 and 12, never have visited a Disney theme park, and the family must demonstrate financial need.

Website: <http://www.dreamstakeflight.ca/>

Contact:

Dreams Take Flight
Email: canada@dreamstakeflight.ca

Dreams Take Flight
PO Box 7000 Airport Station
Dorval, QC H4Y 1J2

Make-a-Wish Foundation

The Make-a-Wish Foundation grants wishes to children ages three to eighteen years of age with a life threatening medical condition. There is no financial eligibility requirement for wish requests to be made. Referrals are accepted from family, friends, medical professionals, teachers and social workers.

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

Contact:

Make-A-Wish Canada

Phone: 1-888-822-9474

Email: nationaloffice@makeawish.ca

Email (for referrals): wishreferrals@makeawish.ca

Make-A-Wish Foundation of South-Western Ontario

307 Commissioners Road West,

London, ON, N6J 1Y4

Phone: 519-471-4900

Fax: 519-471-4933

Email: swontariochapter@makeawish.ca

Starlight Children's Foundation Canada

Starlight Children's Foundation is an international non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for seriously ill children and their families. Working with more than 1000 hospitals, the Foundation provides both in-hospital and outpatient programs and services. The foundation addresses the needs of seriously ill children and their families through six core programs, some directed specifically to the hospital environment, others designed to support a child's eventual return to home and daily routine. Understanding that when a child is sick the whole family suffers, their programs always incorporate the entire family. For more information, call or email the foundation.

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

Contact:

Starlight Children's Foundation

Ontario Chapter – c/o Wish Program Coordinator

2770 14th Ave., Suite 100

Markham, ON, L3R 0J1

Phone: 1-800-880-1004

Fax: 905-752-7828

Email: info@starlightcanada.org

Sunshine Foundation of Canada

The Sunshine Foundation can fulfill individual dreams all year round for children living in Canada. To bring a dream to a child, the national office staff and volunteers must review a formal request. There are four criteria for eligibility. The child must:

- Be 3-19 years of age (not yet turned 20) and have at least the cognitive ability of a three year-old
- Have a severe physical disability or a life-threatening illness
- 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 (however may have participated on a Sunshine Dreamlift)

To refer a child, visit the foundation's website, email or call the toll-free number.

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

Contact:

Sunshine Foundation

495 Richmond St., Suite 400

London, ON, N6A 5A9

Phone: 1-800-461-7935 or 519-642-0990

Fax: 1-800-461-7475 or 519-642-1201

Email: info@sunshine.ca

TLC – Teresina Larizza Charities Foundation

As a lasting testament to his late Mother, Leo Larizza established the Teresina Larizza Charities Foundation (TLC). TLC is committed to assisting under-privileged and seriously ill children by providing gifts at Christmas, birthdays, special occasions. TLC works with parents, siblings, and caregivers, as well as social service agencies such as Life Spin, Big Brothers/Sisters, Children's Hospital.

Website: <http://www.tlcfoundation.ca/>

Contact:

Teresina Larizza Charities Foundation

c/o Larizza Residence

27-7222 Clayton Walk

London, Ontario, Canada N6P 1W1

Phone: 519-652-6865

EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL (including internships)

Note: Application deadlines, scholarship/bursary availability and values may vary annually. For current information please visit the website.

1800wheelchair.ca scholarship

1800Wheelchair.ca sponsor an annual scholarship available to Canadian citizens (or those holding a valid student visa) 16 years of age or older who are currently enrolled at an accredited high school, college or university in Canada. There is no requirement for physical disability to qualify, although applicants are expected to demonstrate an understanding of disability issues through a written essay.

Value: \$500

Application Deadline: Varies annually

Website: <http://www.1800wheelchair.ca/scholarship/>

Contact:

1800Wheelchair.ca Scholarship
PO Box 275 Succ. Snowdon
Montreal, QC H3X 3T4

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf Scholarship Awards

The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf Scholarship is available to students with bilateral hearing loss in the moderate to profound range currently enrolled full-time at an accredited post-secondary institution. Spoken language must be the applicant's primary method of communication. The applicant's hearing loss must have been diagnosed before their fourth birthday. Although this is an American scholarship it is open to Canadians provided they meet the application requirements, including a 3.25 GPA (80%).

Value: varies; \$2500 to \$10000 USD

Application Deadline: March (exact date varies annually)

Website: <http://agbell.org/scholarshipprogram>

Contact:

College Scholarship Program
AG Bell
3417 Volta Place, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians - Scholarship Program

The Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians offers two scholarships, to blind, Deafblind and partially sighted post-secondary students. Students at undergraduate, graduate (including doctoral levels as well as those in training programs), educational upgrading, and enrolled in the performing arts are encouraged to apply. Applicants are automatically considered for both scholarships and do not need to submit separate applications.

Value: \$1000-\$2000

Application Deadline: November 1

Website: <http://www.blindcanadians.ca/programs/scholarship>

Contact:

The Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians

P.O. Box 20262

RPO Town Centre

Kelowna, BC V1Y 9H2

Phone: 1-800-561-4774

Email: scholarship@blindcanadians.ca

Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired - Donald Blasch Scholarship Award

The Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER) provides scholarships named in honour of Donald Blasch, available to students who are legally blind and are studying for a career in the field of services to the blind or visually impaired. 2 awards are given each June.

Value: \$1000

Application Deadline: February 15

Website:

www.aerbvi.org/about/divisions/orientation-mobility-division/resources/scholarships

Contact:

The William & Dorothy Ferrell Scholarship,

AERBVI, 1703 North Beauregard Street, Suite 440,

Alexandria, VA 22311-1717

Phone: 1-877-492-2708

Fax: 703-671-6391

Email: scholarships@aerbvi.org

AUCC - Mattinson Endowment Fund Scholarship for Disabled Students

Scholarships are available annually to students with a permanent disability wishing to attend university or to enrol in college academic courses towards full-time studies of a first undergraduate degree. May be renewed upon re-application. Any Canadian degree-granting institution is eligible or community college where the applicant is following a degree program under the college-university transfer system. Candidates must have a minimum average of 80%.

Value: \$2,500 (X4)

Application Deadline: Varies annually

Website: <https://juno.aucc.ca/wes/hes.aspx?pg=834>

Contact:

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC)
Canadian Awards Program,
350 Albert Street, Suite 600
Ottawa, ON, K1R 1B1.
Phone: 613-563-1236
Fax: 613-563-9745
Email: awards@aucc.ca

AUCC - Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities

The objective of this scholarship program is to encourage Canadian students with disabilities interested in obtaining a first university degree, to pursue university studies.

Value: \$5000

Application Deadline: June 1

Website: <http://www.aucc.ca>

Contact:

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC)
Higher Education Scholarships, Program Development Branch,
350 Albert Street, Suite 600
Ottawa, ON K1R 1B1
Phone: 613-563-1236
Fax: 613-563-9745
Email: awards@aucc.ca

Autism Ontario – Eleanor Ritchie Education Scholarship

This award is for individuals on the autism spectrum entering the first year of a post-secondary program. The Eleanor Ritchie Education Scholarship was named after Eleanor Ritchie, a longstanding member of Autism Ontario.

Value: \$500

Application Deadline: Varies annually

Website: <http://www.autismontario.com/client/aso/ao.nsf/web/Education+Scholarships>

Contact:

Autism Ontario

Eleanor Ritchie Post-Secondary Scholarship Committee

1179 King Street West, Suite 004,

Toronto, ON M6K 3C5

Email: scholarships@autismontario.com

Autism Ontario - Jeanette Holden Post-Secondary Education Entrance Scholarship for Siblings of Students with ASD

This award is named after Dr. Jeanette Holden, a sibling of an individual with ASD, in recognition of her dedication to autism research and contributions to unraveling the mystery of autism. These awards will be given annually in recognition of the role and contributions of siblings to the welfare of individuals with ASD.

Value: \$500

Application Deadline: Varies annually

Website: <http://www.autismontario.com/client/aso/ao.nsf/web/Education+Scholarships>

Contact:

Autism Ontario

Jeanette Holden Post-Secondary Education Scholarship Committee

1179 King Street West, Suite 004,

Toronto, ON M6K 3C5

Email: scholarships@autismontario.com

Autism Ontario – McDonald Family Education Scholarship

This award is for children of a parent on the autism spectrum who are entering the first year of a post-secondary program. Autism Ontario's newest scholarship is named after Carole Ann MacDonald and her family. Ms. MacDonald is the first member of the Board of Directors of Autism Ontario who has a diagnosis of ASD.

Value: \$500

Application Deadline: June 1

Website: <http://www.autismontario.com/client/aso/ao.nsf/web/Education+Scholarships>

Contact:

Autism Ontario

MacDonald Family Post-Secondary Education Scholarship Committee

1179 King Street West, Suite 004,

Toronto, ON M6K 3C5

Email: scholarships@autismontario.com

Barney Danson Bursary

The Barney Danson Bursary will be awarded to a Canadian citizen (or have landed immigrant status for one year or longer) with vision loss for the purpose of attending a Canadian post-secondary institution. The recipient will be determined by the CNIB Scholarship Selection Committee in accordance with its application procedures, with preference given to a student with financial need.

Value: \$5000

Application Deadline: April 30

Website: <http://www.cnib.ca/en/about/awards/scholarships/barney-danson/default.aspx>

Contact:

Barney Danson Bursary

1929 Bayview Avenue

Toronto, Ontario M4G 3E8

Phone: 416-486-2500 x7622 (Shampa Bose, Research coordinator)

Fax: 416-480-7000

Email: shampa.bose@cnib.ca

Bloorview School Authority Bursary

This bursary is awarded to a student with a disability who:

- attended Bloorview School Authority (formerly Bloorview MacMillan Centre) and is/was a client of Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital,
- is starting studies in a recognized post-secondary institution (college or university), and
- has demonstrated achievement with a high academic record, participated in extra-curricular activities and made community contributions through volunteerism.

Value: \$5,000

Application Deadline: May 1

Website: <http://school.hollandbloorview.ca/scholarships/application%20forms>

Contact:

Bloorview School Authority

150 Kilgour Road

Toronto, ON, M4G 1R8

Phone: 416-424-3831

Fax: 416-425-2981

Email: school@bloorview.ca

www.bloorviewschool.ca

Bloorview School Authority - "Whipper" Billy Watson Education Bursary

This bursary is awarded to a full-time first year student with a physical disability which severely limits their physical activity, enrolled in an Ontario College of Applied Arts & Technology.

Value: \$2,000

Application Deadline: the last Friday in April

Website: <http://school.hollandbloorview.ca/scholarships/application%20forms>

Contact:

Bloorview School Authority

150 Kilgour Road

Toronto, ON, M4G 1R8

Phone: 416-424-3831

Fax: 416-425-2981

Email: school@bloorview.ca

www.bloorviewschool.ca

BMO Capital Markets Lime Connect - Equity Through Education Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

The BMO Financial Group/Lime Connect Equity Through Education Scholarship for Students with Disabilities is a program designed to attract talented students enrolled full-time in post-secondary education with an interest in pursuing a career in the financial services industry. Applications are accepted from current sophomore/second year or graduate student at a four-year university in the United States or Canada.

Value: \$5000

Application Deadline: May 15

Website: <http://www.limeconnect.com/opportunities/page/bmo-capital-markets-lime-connect-equity-through-education-scholarship-for-students-with-disabilities>

Contact:

BMO Financial Group/Lime Equity Through Education Scholarship Program
c/o Lime Connect Canada
2 Bloor Street West Suite 700
Toronto ON M4W 3R1
Phone: 212-521-4469
Email: info@limeconnect.com

BMO Financial Group Lime Connect Canada - Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities

The BMO Financial Group/Lime Connect Canada Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities is available to current undergraduate and graduate students with a visible or non-visible disability pursuing studies in Canada.

Value: \$2,500

Application Deadline: January 31

Website: <http://www.limeconnect.com/opportunities/page/bmo-financial-group-lime-connect-canada-scholarship-program-for-students-with-disabilities>

Contact:

BMO Financial Group/Lime Scholarship and Internship Program
c/o Lime Connect Canada
2 Bloor Street West Suite 700
Toronto ON M4W 3R1
Phone: 212-521-4469
Email: info@limeconnect.com

Canada Pension Plan Disability Vocational Rehabilitation Program

The Canada Pension Plan Disability Vocational Rehabilitation Program offers vocational counselling, financial support for training, and job search services to recipients of Canada Pension Plan (CPP) disability benefits to help them return to work.

Website: <http://www.esdc.gc.ca/en/cpp/disability/rehab.page>

Contact:

Service Canada
Canada Enquiry Centre
Ottawa ON K1A 0J9
Phone: 1-800-277-9914
TTY: 1-800-255-4786
Fax: 1-613-941-1827

Service Canada - London
Dominion Public Building
457 Richmond Street
London, Ontario
N6A 3E3

Canadian Braille Authority - The Edie Mourre Transcriber's Scholarship

The Canadian Braille Authority has established a scholarship in memory of Edie Mourre, a dedicated Braille transcriber and advocate for access to Braille. The scholarship is available to an individual who meets either of the following criteria:

- Registered to learn English Braille, Nemeth Code, Music Braille, Computer Braille or other Braille systems.
- Registered to participate in a professional development pursuit directly relevant to the transcription of Braille.

Value: \$1000

Application Deadline: April 1

Website: <http://www.brailleliteracycanada.ca/en/professional-development/edie-mourre-scholarship>

Contact:

The Canadian Braille Authority
The Edie Mourre Transcriber's Scholarship
C/O Joy Charlton
1929 Bayview Ave.
Toronto Ontario, M4G 3E8
Website: <http://www.canadianbrailleauthority.ca/>

Canadian Hard of Hearing Association – Scholarship Program

The purpose of the CHHA Scholarship Program is to offer financial assistance and recognition to hard of hearing and deafened students registered in a full time program at a recognized college or university, in any area of study, with the ultimate goal of obtaining a diploma or degree. Applications will be judged by a number of criteria including academic achievement, determination to cope with hearing loss, and community involvement.

Value: \$1,000

Application Deadline: Varies annually

Website: <http://www.chha.ca/chha/scholarships-index.php>

Contact:

Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Scholarship Program

2415 Holly Lane, Suite 205

Ottawa, ON K1V 7P2

Phone: 1-800-263-8068

Fax: 613-526-4718

TTY: 613-526-2692

Email: scholarship@chha.ca

Canadian Hemophilia Society (CHS) – James Kreppner Memorial Scholarship

The James Kreppner Memorial recognizes that a sound education is of utmost importance (particularly for those who might not be able to succeed in a vocation requiring strenuous physical labour). As scholarships are awarded for academic merit and are generally recognized as such in both the academic and business communities, the successful applicant for the Canadian Hemophilia Society scholarship must demonstrate superior academic achievement; an average of at least 80%, or a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, upon graduation from secondary school.

Value: \$5000

Application Deadline: April 30

Website: <http://www.hemophilia.ca/en>

Contact:

Canadian Hemophilia Society

Scholarship and Bursary Program

400-1255, University Street

Montreal, Quebec H3B 3B6

Phone: 1-800-668-2686

Email: chs@hemophilia.ca

Canadian Hemophilia Society (CHS) – Bursary Program

Recognizing that not all prospective students show outstanding academic achievement in secondary school, and acknowledging the fact that some students find it extremely difficult to afford a post-secondary education, the Canadian Hemophilia Society offers a non-academic bursary to those who demonstrate financial need.

Value: \$5000

Application Deadline: April 30

Website: <http://www.hemophilia.ca/en>

Contact:

Canadian Hemophilia Society
Scholarship and Bursary Program
400-1255, University Street
Montreal, Quebec H3B 3B6
Phone: 1-800-668-2686
Email: chs@hemophilia.ca

Canadian Hemophilia Society (CHS) – Mature Student Bursary Program

The purpose of the Mature Student Bursary program stems from recent changes in economic realities that have made many Canadians seriously look at new careers. Many persons with hemophilia or their spouses have had to leave their field of employment because of illness caused by either HIV, Hepatitis C (HCV), or the stress simply associated with living in a home that has been affected by the trauma of disease. But these changes often mean that further education is desirable or essential. With that in mind, the CHS has established a mature student bursary for those students, 30 years of age or older, returning to or beginning a course of studies at any post-secondary institution demonstrating a financial need.

Value: \$5000

Application Deadline: April 30

Website: <http://www.hemophilia.ca/en>

Contact:

Canadian Hemophilia Society
Scholarship and Bursary Program
400-1255, University Street
Montreal, Quebec H3B 3B6
Phone: 1-800-668-2686
Email: chs@hemophilia.ca

Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Support Programs Bursary

Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Support Programs Inc (CCCSP Inc) is dedicated to making education accessible. Part of that commitment includes the Carlson Wagonlit Bursary, that will ease the financial requirements of post-secondary education. Applicants must be 17 to 23 years of age and must have been treated for some form of childhood cancer, or still be on treatment.

Value: \$1,000

Application Deadline: March 31

Website: www.candlelighters.net

Contact:

Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Support Programs Inc.

9-21 Concourse Gate

Ottawa, ON, K2E 7S4

Phone: 613-715-9157

Fax: 613-715-9158

Email: information@candlelighters.net

CanLearn - Assistance Plan for Borrowers with Permanent Disabilities (RAP-PD)

Students with permanent disabilities who are having difficulty paying back their student loans are eligible for the Repayment Assistance Plan for Borrowers with Permanent Disabilities. RAP-PD makes debt repayment easier for students with permanent disabilities by allowing them to pay back what they can reasonable afford. Under RAP-PD: loan payments are based on family income, family size and disability related expenses; loan payments can not exceed 20% of their income (on loans covered by RAP-PD); and no student with a permanent disability should have a repayment period longer than 10 years.

Website: http://www.esdc.gc.ca/en/student_loans/repayment_assistance_plan.page

Contact:

CanLearn

National Student Loans Service Centre

Phone: 1-888-815-4514

TTY: 1-888-815-4556

P.O. Box 4030

Mississauga, ON, L5A 4M4

Email: info@canlearn.ca

Centennial Flame Research Award for Persons with Disabilities

This monetary award is offered each year to a person with a disability to enable him or her to conduct research and prepare a report on the contributions of one or more Canadians with disabilities to the public life of Canada or the activities of Parliament. The applicant must submit an outline in any medium of his or her proposed research project dealing with the contributions of a Canadian or Canadians with disabilities to public life in Canada or the activities of Parliament. The outline must explain the significance of these contributions and describe how the research will be undertaken.

Value: varies annually (\$5500 for 2016)

Application Deadline: May 29

Website: <http://www.parl.gc.ca>

Contact:

Centennial Flame Research Award For Persons With Disabilities
Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons With Disabilities
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6
Phone: 613-996-1542
TTY: 613-943-8399
Fax: 613-996-1962

Crohn's and Colitis Canada – AbbVie IBD Scholarship Program

The AbbVie IBD Scholarship Program awards students living with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis and who strive to sustain an optimal level of wellness, allowing them to excel and inspire others to do the same. Supported by an educational grant from AbbVie and made available through Crohn's and Colitis Canada, these scholarships are available to post-secondary students of any age who are living with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis

Value: up to \$5,000

Application Deadline: Varies annually

Website: <http://www.ibdscholarship.ca/EN/index.php>

Contact:

Crohn's and Colitis Canada
Phone: 416.920.5035 ext 247 (Charlotte Hall-Coates, Youth Programs Coordinator)
Email: info@ibdscholarship.ca

CNIB – Ross C. Purse Doctoral Fellowship

The Ross C. Purse Doctoral Fellowship encourages and supports theoretical and practical research and studies at the postgraduate or doctoral level, in the field of vision loss in Canada. The fellowship is awarded for research in the social sciences, engineering, or other fields of study that are immediately relevant to the field of vision loss. Applications will be considered from persons studying at a Canadian university or college, or at a foreign university where a commitment to work in the field of vision loss in Canada for at least two years can be demonstrated. Preference will be given to graduates of a Canadian university or college. On the completion of the program, one copy of the thesis must be forwarded to the Secretariat's administrative secretary, to be kept in the CNIB Sherman Swift Reference Collection.

Value: up to \$12,500

Application Deadline: Varies annually

Website: <http://www.cnib.ca/en/research/funding/ross-purse/>

Contact:

CNIB

Grants, Awards & Scholarship Program

1929 Bayview Avenue

Toronto, ON M4G 3E8

Phone: 416-486-2500 x7622 (Shampa Bose, Research Coordinator)

Fax: 416-480-7000

Email: shampa.bose@cnib.ca

Community Living Ontario - Anne Stafford Light Up The Future Bursary

Community Living Ontario offers the Anne Stafford 'Light Up The Future' bursary to applicants 18 years of age or older with an intellectual disability to pursue a personal development opportunity, including formal education or a personal interest course.

Value: \$1000

Application Deadline: Varies annually

Website: <http://www.communitylivingontario.ca/about-us/awards>

Contact:

Anne Stafford "Light Up the Future" Bursary

Community Living Ontario

240 Duncan Mill Road, Suite 403

Toronto ON M3B 3S6

Email: awards@communitylivingontario.ca

Diabetes Hope Foundation - Scholarship Program

The Diabetes Hope Foundation Scholarship is available to applicants with diabetes pursuing post-secondary education. Applicants are selected based on a number of factors including academic achievement, extra-curricular involvement and personal essay. Multiple year scholarships may be available.

Value: varies

Application Deadline: varies; mid-March

Website: <http://diabeteshopefoundation.com/content/scholarship-program>

Contact:

Diabetes Hope Foundation
6150 Dixie Road, Unit #1,
Mississauga ON L5T 2E2
Phone: 905-670-0557
Fax: 905-565-7296

Epilepsy Ontario - OBCL Epilepsy Scholarship Awards

The OBCL Epilepsy Scholarship is awarded to 16 to 29 year-old students with epilepsy based on an application that includes an essay on how epilepsy impacted their lives.

Value: \$1,500

Application Deadline: May 31

Website: www.epilepsyontario.org

Contact:

Epilepsy Ontario
1 Promenade Circle, Suite 308
Thornhill, ON, L4J 4P8
Phone: 1-800-463-1119
Fax: 905-764-1231
Email: info@epilepsyontario.org

Google Lime - Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

The Google Lime Scholarship for Students with Disabilities is open to applicants with a visible or non-visible disability entering their third or fourth year of a computer science or engineering (or closely related field). Selected students will also be invited to attend the annual Google Scholars' Retreat at the Googleplex in Mountain View, California.

Value: \$5000

Application Deadline: May 15

Website: www.limeconnect.com/opportunities/page/google-lime-scholarship-program

Contact:

Google Lime Scholarship for Students with Disabilities
c/o Lime Connect Canada
2 Bloor Street West Suite 700
Toronto ON M4W 3R1
Phone: 212-521-4469
Email: info@limeconnect.com

Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired – Scholarsip Fund

Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired offers scholarships to new and returning students based on academic achievement and/or financial need.

Value: varies

Application Deadline: on-going

Website: <http://www.hadley.edu/HSPS-Enrollment.asp?content=scholarships>

Contact:

Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired
700 Elm Street
Winnetka, IL 60093-2554 USA
Attn: Scholarships
Phone: 1-800-323-4238
TTY: 847-441-8111
Fax: 847-446-9820
Email: HIPS@hadley.edu

Joubin/Selig Scholarship Fund

The Joubin/Selig Scholarship fund is available to undergraduate students with a mobility disability enrolled in colleges and universities in Ontario. The fund is managed by the Toronto Community Foundation.

Value: up to \$5000

Application Deadline: varies; early spring

Website: <https://torontofoundation.ca/joubinseligscholarship-fund>

Contact:

Joubin/Selig Scholarship
Toronto Community Foundation
33 Bloor Street East, Suite 1603
Toronto, Ontario M4W 3H1
Fax: 416-921-1026

Justin Eves Foundation - Minds in Motion Award

The primary goal of the Justin Eves Foundation is to assist post secondary students with their education through scholarships. Students may apply for assistance for up to two years of their course of study. Applications are available on the website. Call or email the foundation for more information.

Value: up to \$3000

Application Deadline: April

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

Contact:

199 Bay St., Suite 2901
Commerce Court West P.O. Box 322
Toronto, ON M5L 1G1
Phone: 416-586-0085
Fax: 416-586-0050
Email: info@justinevesfoundation.com

LDAO - Roy Cooper Scholarship

The Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (LDAO) offers an annual scholarship award in the name of a long serving LDAO Board Member, Roy Cooper. Mr. Cooper spent his working life in the engineering/ physical sciences field and, as a parent of an adult with learning disabilities, has spent over 30 years volunteering at the local, provincial and national levels of the Learning Disabilities Association. He will take an active role in the awarding process. Recipient must be a high school student who has a documented Learning Disability and will be attending a University or College, majoring in an engineering and/or physical sciences discipline. To apply for the Roy Cooper Scholarship, please contact any of the LDAO's local chapters.

Value: \$1000

Application Deadline: May/June (varies annually)

Website: <http://www.ldao.ca/aboutLDAO/aboutLDAO.php#contact>

Contact:

Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario
365 Bloor Street East,
Suite 1004, Box 39,
Toronto, ON, M4W 3L4
Phone: 1-877-238-5322
Fax: 416-929-3905
Email: library@ldao.on.ca
Website: <http://www.ldao.on.ca>

LDA London Region
Phone: 519-438-6213
Email: ldainfo@ldalondon.ca
Website: www.ldalondon.ca

Microsoft Scholarship Program

A Microsoft scholarship applicant must be a student with a disability, enrolled full time in a Bachelor's degree program in computer science, computer engineering, or a related technical discipline such as electrical engineering, math, or physics at a 4-year college or university. Selection is based upon: eligibility; quality of application; displayed interest in the industry, financial need and commitment to leadership.

Value: varies, up to full tuition

Application Deadline: varies; Mid-March

Website: <http://careers.microsoft.com/careers/en/us/internships-scholarships.aspx#>

Contact:

Microsoft Corporation
One Microsoft Way
Redmond, WA 98052-8303
Email: scholars@microsoft.com

MAESD - Bursary for Students with Disabilities (BSWD)

The Bursary for Students with Disabilities provides financial assistance to full and part-time students to help with the additional costs of attending postsecondary education, incurred because of a disability. This bursary is available to full or part-time students with a permanent disability who are eligible for either a Canada-Ontario Student loan or a Part-Time Canada Student Loan. Applicants must have additional education-related expenses that result from your disability and are not covered by another agency. An application form is available on the website.

Value: up to \$2000

Application Deadline: variable, depending on length of study

Website: <http://osap.gov.on.ca>

Contact:

Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development
Student Support Branch
P.O. Box 4500, 189 Red River Road, 4th Floor
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6G9
Phone: 1-800-465-3957
Fax: 807-343-4248

MAESD - Canada Student Grant for Persons with Permanent Disabilities

Full-time or part-time students with permanent disabilities may be eligible to receive up to \$2,000 per loan year to help meet education (e.g., tuition, books and supplies) and living costs. To apply for a loan, you must fill out an OSAP Application for Full-Time Students. Applications are available online or from the financial aid office of the post-secondary institution you plan to attend. Applications must be received by December 31 of the student's current academic year.

Value: up to \$2000

Application Deadline: December 31

Website: <http://osap.gov.on.ca/>

Contact:

Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development
Student Support Branch
P.O. Box 4500, 189 Red River Road, 4th Floor
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6G9
Phone: 1-800-465-3957
Fax: 807-343-4248

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

The Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada's Canada Student Grant provides non-repayable financial assistance to students to help meet the costs of equipment and supplies related to their participation in postsecondary education which is incurred because of a disability. Eligible students can receive up to \$8000 per loan year. Applications are available at the website provided, from the office for students with disabilities at the school you plan to attend and from the Student Support Branch of the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development.

Value: up to \$8000

Application Deadline: December 31

Website: <http://osap.gov.on.ca/>

Contact:

Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development - Student Support Branch
P.O. Box 4500, 189 Red River Road, 4th Floor
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6G9
Phone: 1-800-465-3957
Fax: 807-343-4248

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada – KRG Follow the Leader Scholarship

The Follow the Leader Scholarship Program awards exceptional Ontario-based youth with the financial support they need to overcome the financial obstacles that come with a personal or familial diagnosis of multiple sclerosis, enabling them to attain the education they need to reach their full potential and become the next generation of MS leaders. The recipients must be enrolled in a science, technology, engineering or math undergraduate program and will receive \$25,000/year for four years to apply to tuition and living expenses – for a total scholarship of \$100,000 each.

Value: \$100,000

Application Deadline: Varies annually

Website: <https://mssociety.ca/support-services/young-people-with-ms/scholarship-program>

Contact:

MS Society of Canada, National Office
175 Bloor Street East, Suite 700, North
Tower
Toronto, Ontario M4W 3R8
Phone: 416-922-6065
Fax: 416-922-7538

Email: info@mssociety.ca
MS Society Scholarship Programs
Contact: Emily Knight
Email: emily.knight@mssociety.ca
Phone: 1-866-922-6065 x3149

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada – John Helou Scholarship

John Helou Scholarship awards exceptional Ontario-based youth enrolling full-time in a Canadian, American or Foreign university, specifically in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) program.

Value: \$6,250

Application Deadline: Varies annually

Website:

<https://mssociety.ca/support-services/young-people-with-ms/scholarship-program>

Contact:

MS Society of Canada, National Office
175 Bloor Street East, Suite 700, North
Tower
Toronto, Ontario M4W 3R8
Phone: 416-922-6065
Fax: 416-922-7538
Email: info@mssociety.ca
<http://mssociety.ca>

MS Society Scholarship Programs
Contact: Emily Knight
Email: emily.knight@mssociety.ca
Phone: 1-866-922-6065 x3149

NEADS - Equity Through Education Awards

The NEADS Equity Through Education Award is being offered to encourage full access to post-secondary education for persons with disabilities who often have greater barriers to participation in higher education and extra costs because of their disabilities. Students must be registered in a post-secondary institution and provide documented proof of registration. The awards will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution (in the students' accounts) that the recipients are attending to defray the cost of tuition fees for post-secondary study.

Value: \$3000

Application Deadline: Varies annually

Website: <http://www.neads.ca/en/about/projects/ete2/scholarship/>

Contact:

NEADS Equity Through Education Scholarships
C/O Scholarship Committee
National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS)
Rm. 426 Unicentre, Carleton University,
Ottawa, ON K1S 5B6
Email: etes@neads.ca

NEADS - Holly Bartlett Memorial Award

The Holly Bartlett Bursary is being offered to encourage full access to post-secondary education for persons with disabilities who often have greater barriers to participation in higher education and extra costs because of their disabilities. Students must be registered in a post-secondary institution and provide documented proof of registration. The award will be offered to outstanding applicants, who meet the criteria of the program. The awards will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution (in the students' accounts) that the recipients are attending to defray the cost of tuition fees for post-secondary study.

Value: \$1000 per academic year

Application Deadline: Varies annually

Website: <http://www.neads.ca/en/about/projects/ete2/scholarship/holly.php>

Contact:

Holly Bartlett Memorial Award
c/o National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS)
Rm. 426 Unicentre, Carleton University,
Ottawa, ON K1S 5B6

Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy (OFCP) – Eric Waldron Scholarship Award

This scholarship is provided to a student with cerebral palsy and a current Lifetime Member of OFCP and who is enrolled in an Ontario College or University and has successfully completed their first year and is entering into their second year of studies.

Value: \$500

Application Deadline: Varies annually

Website: www.ofcp.on.ca

Contact:

Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy
1630 Lawrence Avenue West, Suite 104
Toronto, ON M6L 1C5
Phone: 1-877-244-9686
Fax: 416-244-6543

Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy (OFCP) – Eric Waldron Scholarship Award

This scholarship is provided to a student with cerebral palsy and a current Lifetime Member of OFCP and who is enrolled in an Ontario College or University and has successfully completed their first year and is entering into their second year of studies. This Award will be presented to a student with cerebral palsy who has persevered in their studies and has successfully embraced all aspects of the post-secondary school education experience. This recipient, in keeping with Nicholas's character, would be an individual who brings joy to others and has a happy and positive disposition. The successful applicant will reflect all of the positive attributes reflected in Nicholas's character which include perseverance, positivity and strength.

Value: \$500

Application Deadline: Varies annually

Website: <http://ofcp.ca/programs/funding>

Contact:

Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy
1630 Lawrence Avenue West, Suite 104
Toronto, ON M6L 1C5
Phone: 1-877-244-9686
Fax: 416-244-6543

Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy (OFCP) – Therapy Scholarship

The scholarship is provided to an Ontario student, with or without a disability, who has completed his or her first year in one of the following courses:

- Speech and Language
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy

Value: \$500 and a one-year complimentary membership with OFCP

Application Deadline: Varies annually

Website: <http://ofcp.ca/programs/funding>

Contact:

Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy
1630 Lawrence Avenue West, Suite 104
Toronto, ON M6L 1C5
Phone: 1-877-244-9686 Ext 224
Fax: 416-244-6543
Email: cathy@ofcp.ca

Ontario March of Dimes - Wade Hampton Employment Training Bursary

No one embodied the spirit and vision of Ontario March of Dimes more than Wade Hampton, a WWII veteran, refused to be held back by the effects of polio. He was passionate about the importance of employment for people with disabilities, and eventually became Chief Executive Officer of Operation Reliance Inc., a program that helped people with disabilities secure regular employment. The bursary is available to any Ontarian with a physical disability whose plan for professional development requires at least one formal training course, and who requires financial assistance.

Value: \$1,500

Application Deadline: July 31

Website:

www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/AboutUs/VolEmpCommAwards/Pages/WadeHampton.aspx

Contact:

Awards Selection Committee

Ontario March of Dimes

10 Overlea Blvd.

Toronto, ON M4H 1A4

Phone: 1-800-263-3463

Fax: 416-425-1802

Email: awardscommittee@marchofdimes.ca

Rixon Rafter & Judge Brian Stevenson Scholarship Fund

The Rixon Rafter & the Judge Brian Stevenson Scholarship Funds both award scholarship funds to legally blind Canadians pursuing post-secondary studies with strong career aspirations. Grants will be made based on financial need, academic achievement, and career goals. Application forms are available from C.N.I.B. Divisional Offices or the W. Ross Macdonald School in Brantford.

Value: varies, \$300 - \$500

Application Deadline: September 30

Website: <http://www.disabilityawards.ca/>

Contact:

The W. Ross Macdonald School

Bursary Committee

350 Brant Avenue

Brantford, ON, N3T 3J9

Phone: 519-759-0730

Fax: 519-759-4741

Sabrina Shannon Memorial Award

The award is dedicated to the life of Sabrina Shannon, an inspirational teenager who tragically suffered a fatal anaphylactic reaction in 2003. Her parents, Mike Shannon and Sara Shannon, have kept Sabrina's spirit alive by advocating for safer school environments. Sabrina's Law, landmark legislation passed in Ontario in 2005, continues to influence school board policies in Canada. Applications will be evaluated on a submission essay (500 - 1500 words) which describes your efforts to raise awareness about severe allergies and anaphylaxis in your school or community. Applications will be considered for Canadian students under the age of 25.

Value: \$1,000

Application Deadline: Varies annually

Website: <http://www.whyriskit.ca>

Contact:

Anaphylaxis Canada
2005 Sheppard Ave. E., Suite 800
Toronto, ON, M2J 5B4

Severe Permanent Disability Benefit

The Severe Permanent Disability Benefit is a loan forgiveness program available to student loan borrowers who are unable to participate in the labour force or postsecondary studies due to the severity of their permanent disability.

This benefit is available to students who are in repayment status for any of the following provincial and/or federal student loans:

- Canada-Ontario Integrated Student Loans (federal and/or provincial portions)
- Canada Student Loans
- Part-Time Canada Student Loans
- Ontario Student Loans

Website: <https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal/en/A-ZListofAid/PRDR015106.html>

Contact:

National Student Loans Service Centre
P.O. Box 4030
Mississauga ON L5A 4M4
Phone: 1 888 815-4514
TTY: 1 888 815-4556
Fax: 1 888 815-4657

Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario - Dr. E. Bruce Hendrick Scholarship Program

The Dr. E. Bruce Hendrick Scholarship Program was established to encourage and support students with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus to develop independence and responsibility for their own future educational directions; and to assist students to pursue higher education with the ultimate goal of obtaining a degree or graduate certificate or diploma.

Value: Varies

Application Deadline: Last business day of April

Website:

www.sbhao.on.ca/programs-services/scholarships-bursaries/hendrick-scholarship

Contact:

Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario
Dr. E. Bruce Hendrick Scholarship Program
555 Richmond Street West
P.O. Box #103, Suite #1006
Toronto, ON M5V 3B1
Phone: 1-800-387-1575
Email: provincial@sbhao.on.ca

Spinal Cord Injury Canada – Copnick/Hilliard Scholarship

The Copnick/Hilliard Scholarship goes to a student with a physical disability enrolled at the post-secondary level in Canada. The Copnick/Hilliard Scholarship is granted annually in memory of the late Morton Copnick and Craig Hilliard through a fund endowed by members of their families. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist students with a Spinal Cord Injury to advance their post secondary education.

Value: \$1000

Application Deadline: August 15

Website: <http://www.sciontario.org/sci-ontario-news/2016-07-11/scholarships-students-spinal-cord-injuries>

Contact:

Spinal Cord Injury Ontario
Attn: Lynn Francis
520 Sutherland Drive,
Toronto, ON M4G 3V9
Email: info@sci-can.ca
Submission via email to: bill@sci-can.ca

Spinal Cord Injury Canada - Sun Life Financial - Peer Support Scholarship

The purpose of the peer scholarship is to assist peer volunteers with a Spinal Cord Injury to advance their post-secondary education in the disability field. Applicants must be involved in volunteer or peer support work.

Value: \$1000

Application Deadline: August 15

Website: <http://www.sciontario.org/sci-ontario-news/2016-07-11/scholarships-students-spinal-cord-injuries>

Contact:

Spinal Cord Injury Ontario

Attn: Lynn Francis

520 Sutherland Drive,

Toronto, ON M4G 3V9

Email: info@sci-can.ca

Submission via email to: bill@sci-can.ca

TD Finance Lime Connect Canada - Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities

The TD Financial Lime Connect Canada Scholarship program is open to third and fourth year undergraduate students with a visible or non-visible disability in Canada pursuing an undergraduate degree in accounting, finance, actuarial science, mathematics and/or business. Selected recipients will also be offered a paid summer internship as a Financial Analyst with TD Bank Financial Group.

Value: \$2500 + paid internship

Application Deadline: varies; mid-January

Website: <http://www.limeconnect.com/opportunities/page/td-bank-group-lime-connect-canada-scholarship-program>

Contact:

TD Financial Lime Connect Canada Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities

c/o Lime Connect Canada

2 Bloor Street West Suite 700

Toronto ON M4W 3R1

Phone: 212-521-4469

Email: info@limeconnect.com

Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program

This program encourages Canadian youth to seek the ideals of Terry Fox; demonstration of good citizenship and humanitarian service, perseverance in overcoming obstacles, the pursuit of academic excellence, and the pursuit of excellence in amateur sport, fitness and health.

Value: \$7000

Application Deadline: February 1

Website: <http://www.terryfoxawards.ca/index.html>

Contact:

Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program
AQ 5003, Simon Fraser University
Burnaby BC V5A 1S6
Phone: 778-782-3057

Thames Valley Children's Centre – Ellie O'Connor Bursary

TVCC created this bursary in memory of Ellie O'Connor, to assist clients in achieving their participation goals. Clients should contact the centre directly for information.

Website: <http://www.tvcc.on.ca/>

Contact:

Thames Valley Children's Centre
779 Baseline Rd.E.
London, Ontario N6C 5Y6
Phone: 1-866-590-8822
Fax: 519-685-8689

UCB Inc. - UCBeyond Scholarship Program

The UCBeyond Scholarship is available to individuals diagnosed with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis seeking a degree from a Canadian university, a diploma or certificate from a Canadian college, or enrolled in a trade school educational program.

Value: \$5,000

Application Deadline: May 31

Website: <http://ucbeyond.ca/about.html>

Contact:

UCBeyond Scholarship Program
Phone: 1-855-UCBYOND (822-9663)
Email: info@ucbeyond.ca

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Thank you to the National Educational Association of Disabled Students for their significant contribution to this section. For information on additional scholarships, bursaries or internships available to persons with disabilities available outside London and across Canada visit www.neads.ca.

FAMILY EDUCATION (free courses related to disabilities for families)

Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)

CMHA routinely runs support groups and educational sessions/series for family members of those living with a mental health disability. To be notified of events throughout the community (both offered directly by CMHA and other organizations) ask to be added to their email distribution list.

Website: <http://www.london.cmha.ca>

Contact:

CMHA - London-Middlesex Branch

648 Huron St.

London, ON N5Y 4J8

Phone: 519-434-9191

Fax: 519-438 1167

Email: mailbox@london.cmha.ca

Community Living London - Sibshops

Community Living Loindon offers "Sibshops", a series of workshops designed for siblings of children who have special needs. They provide siblings an opportunity to interact with others in a safe and fun environment.

Website: <http://www.cll.on.ca/>

Contact:

Community Living London

190 Adelaide St. S.

London, ON N5Z 3L1

Phone: 519-686-3000

Fax: 519-686-5490

CPRI

CPRI offers a series of specialized clinical services related to Children's Mental Health. Each service provides support and education to family members, caregivers, schools and the community.

Website: <http://www.cpri.ca>

Contact:

Child and Parent Resource Institute (CPRI)

600 Sanatorium Road

London, ON N6H 3W7

Phone: 1-877-494-2774

TTY: 519-858-0257

H.A. Leeper Speech & Hearing Clinic

The H.A. Leeper Speech & Hearing Clinic offers a series of courses and programs related to hearing loss, including Speechreading, and Improved Communication Strategies.

Website: <http://www.uwo.ca/fhs/csd/resources/haleeper/index.html>

Contact:

H.A. Leeper Clinic
Elborn College Rm 1231C
1201 Western Road,
Western University
London, ON N6A 1H1
Phone: 519-661-2001

Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired offers free distance education courses to blind or low-vision individuals and their families. Courses range from academics, communication, and medical/disability related, to social skills, recreation and life skills. A fee applies to course offered to professionals.

Website: <http://www.hadley.edu/>

Contact:

Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired
700 Elm Street
Winnetka, IL 60093-2554 USA
Phone: 1-800-323-4238
TTY: 847-441-8111
Fax: 847-446-0855
Email: info@hadley.edu

Thames Valley Children Centre (TVCC)

TVCC offers a series of educational opportunities to families. Topic range from finances to medical need, education to community involvement. Visit TVCC's calendar of events on their website for a current list of opportunities.

Website: <http://www.tvcc.on.ca/>

Contact:

Thames Valley Children's Centre
779 Baseline Rd.E.
London, Ontario N6C 5Y6
Phone: 1-866-590-8822
Fax: 519-685-8689

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Ontario Centre for Excellence for Child and Youth Mental Health - Dare to Dream Program

The Dare to Dream Program funds youth-driven, individual or group project that promote awareness of mental health issues in the province of Ontario. Applicants must be 18 years of age or under. Individual applicants can receive up to \$1000; groups can receive \$5000 to fund their projects. Successful applicants will work under the guidance of a Dare to Dream adult mentor

Website: <http://www.daretodreamprogram.ca/>

Contact:

Dare to Dream Program

Attn: Tammy Youssef

The Centre for Excellence for Child and Youth Mental Health at CHEO

401 Smyth Rd.

Ottawa, ON K1H 8L1

Phone: 1-866-282-7601

Email: grantsandawards@cheo.on.ca

Places of Worship

Check with your local place of worship. Many may have funds available to help congregation members in need.

Private Benefits and Personal Insurance

Contact your personal insurance company to inquire about assistance for the cost of equipment not covered by the Assistive Devices Program. Most other funding sources will request that you investigate this first.

FUNDING FOR EMPLOYERS OR SERVICE PROVIDERS

Employment and Social Development Canada - Enabling Accessibility Fund

The Enabling Accessibility Fund is a federal Grants and Contributions program that supports capital costs of construction and renovations related to improving physical accessibility and safety for people with disabilities in Canadian communities and workplaces. The program includes the following two funding streams:

- The Workplace Accessibility Stream provides funding to eligible recipients for projects that improve accessibility in workplaces across Canada.
- The Community Accessibility Stream provides funding to eligible recipients for projects that improve accessibility in communities across Canada.

Website: <http://www.edsc.gc.ca/eng/disability/eaf/index.shtml>

Contact:

Enabling Accessibility Fund
Office for Disability Issues
Employment and Social Development Canada
105, rue Hôtel de Ville
Bell Building, First Floor
Gatineau, QC K1A 0J9
Phone: 1-800-O-Canada (1-800-622-6232)
TTY: 1-800-926-9105

Employment and Social Development Canada – Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities

The objective of the Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities is to assist persons with disabilities prepare for, obtain and keep employment or become self-employed, thereby increasing their economic participation and independence. Eligible applicants include both for and not-for-profit organizations and municipal and Provincial governments. Funding may be used towards:

- skills for employment;
- wage subsidy;
- self-employment;
- enhanced employment assistance services; and,
- employer awareness.

Website: http://www.esdc.gc.ca/en/funding/disability_opportunity/eligibility.page

Contact:

Service Canada - Kitchener office
4295 King Street East,
Kitchener, ON N2P 0C6

Government of Canada Youth Employment Strategy – Skills Link

The Skills Link program is a component of the Government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy (YES). Through funding of organizations, the Skills Link program helps youth overcome barriers to employment, develop a broad range of skills and knowledge in order to participate in the current and future labour market and to promote education and skills as being key to labour market participation. These barriers include, but are not limited to, challenges faced by recent immigrant youth, youth with disabilities, single parent youth, youth who have not completed high school, Indigenous youth, and youth living in rural or remote areas.

Website: <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/epb/yi/yep/newprog/skillslink.shtml>

Contact:

Government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy (YES)

Skills Link Program

Email: sl-cc@servicecanada.gc.ca

Ontario Chamber of Commerce - Abilities Connect Fund

The Abilities Connect Fund provides financial assistance to employers to create experiential learning employment opportunities for persons with a disability. Preference will be given to applicants that hire students/recent graduates with a disability. The Fund also helps to remove financial barriers associated with accommodating employees with disabilities in the workplace. The fund can cover:

- Up to \$20,000 for the employment (co-ops, internships, part-time, fulltime) of persons with a disability with preferences given to college/university students or recent graduates with disabilities; and
- Up to \$3,000 for the purchase of assistive devices, training, and assessments for ANY employee(s) with a disability.

Website: <http://www.occ.ca/programs/accessibility-works/abilities-connect/>

Contact:

Ontario Chamber of Commerce

Attention: Louie DiPalma

Phone: 416-482-5222 ext. 2270

Email: louiedipalma@occ.ca

This document was compiled by Michael Dawthorne, in collaboration with the City of London's Accessibility Advisory Committee. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to Thames Valley Children's Centre (TVCC), the National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS) and wheelchair.ca for their significant contributions and cooperation in the development of this compilation.

If you want this information in alternate formats or to contribute additional information or identify incorrect, missing or outdated information please contact:

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London, Ontario, Canada
N6A 4L9
Phone: 519-661-2500
TTY: 519-661-4889
Email: accessibility@london.ca
Website: <http://www.london.ca>

Notes about cross references, funding eg service dog costs can be claimed as medical expense on taxes