FAMILY RESOURCE: Funding

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Funding & Financial Supports Guide for families who have children with disabilities



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This is a list of some government funding programs, charitable organizations, recreation and housing funding sources and other financial resources that may be helpful to families.

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How to read this guide

The Funding and Financial Supports Guide was created by Family Support Specialists at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital. This reference guide is meant to make funding information as accessible as possible to families. It is updated once or twice per year or as needed.

The information in this guide is organized as follows:

| Agency or Funding Source Name and a symbol $(\Box, \triangle, \Leftrightarrow, \bigcirc)$ *Please see below for | | |
|--|---|--|
| more information on what they mean | | |
| Description | Eligibility | |
| This explains what the funding or | This explains if your family is able or not | |
| financial assistance program is about | able to apply | |
| More Information | | |
| Website | | |
| • Phone | | |
| Email | | |

The symbol beside the name of the funding source helps you to sort through eligibility, based on age. Here is a table to show you what the symbols mean:

| Symbol* | Meaning |
|-------------------------------|---|
| | This funding source is meant to support children between the ages of 0-12 |
| \triangle | This funding source is meant to support teens between the ages of 13-17 |
| $\stackrel{\wedge}{\searrow}$ | This funding source is meant to support adults 18 years of age and older |
| * | This funding source supports people of many/all ages |
| ∞ | This funding source supports caregivers (parents, siblings, grandparents, etc.) |

You will see also the symbols in the table of contents so that you can pick out which sources are most relevant for your family.

Please note that some of the resources listed in this guide appear in more than one section because they fund a broader range of programs and services.

Thank you for reading, and we hope this is helpful to you!

Municipal Government Programs (City of Toronto)

Child Care Fee Subsidy $\square \infty$

Description

A Child Care Fee Subsidy helps a family with the cost of licensed child care. There is a waitlist, so apply as soon as possible. You can apply as soon as you know you are pregnant or expecting a child through adoption.

Eligibility

A family who needs help with the cost of licensed child care for their children (up to 12 years old) and meet the following criteria. Your family

- lives in Toronto,
- is moving to Toronto, or
- you are an employee of the City of Toronto

Each parent/guardian is either

- employed,
- looking for work,
- in school or planning to go to school, or
- if you or your child has a special need you can also apply

Each parent/guardian has submitted their most recent Income Tax Return

 If you are a new immigrant to Canada this year or if you are under 18 years of age, you may apply without your most recent Tax Return

More Information

- https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/employment-social-support/child-family-support/child-care-support/
- Call 311

Rent-Geared-to-Income Subsidy $\diamondsuit \infty$

Description

 Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) or subsidized housing is a housing subsidy or benefit offered by the City of Toronto to make rent affordable for households. In most cases the rent at a subsidized unit is set to be 30 per cent of a household's total monthly income before taxes and adjustments. If you

Eligibility

Anyone may apply for Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) housing as long as they meet the following criteria:

- At least one member of the household is 16 years or older;
- At least one member of the household is able to live independently, with or without support services.

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- receive social assistance the rent is based on the rent benefit set by the Ontario government.
- Access to Housing manages the waiting list for subsidized housing. Once an applicant reaches the top of the wait list and housing becomes available, housing providers, for example Toronto Community Housing Corporation, will contact the applicant with an offer of housing.
- Each member of the household can prove status in Canada as one of the following:
 - a Canadian citizen;
 - o a permanent resident of Canada;
 - has applied for Canadian permanent resident status; or
 - is a refugee claimant or Convention refugee.

- https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/employment-social-support/housing-support/rent-geared-to-income-subsidy/
- 416-338-8888
- <u>ask@housingconnections.ca</u>

Toronto Welcome Policy ❖∞

Description

- The City of Toronto's Welcome Policy provides a fee subsidy to help individuals and families with lowincome who live in Toronto access Cityoperated recreation programs. If you are approved for Welcome Policy, you will receive an annual financial credit that can be spent on any of the wide variety of high-quality recreation programs offered by the City throughout the year.
- Effective January 2, 2019, the individual annual credit amounts will be increased.

Eligibility

 To be an Applicant (Main Contact on Application Form), you must be at least 18 years of age or older

Applicants and their families must:

- Live in the City of Toronto
- Have a before tax family income of less than the amounts listed on the website
- See website for additional information on Ontario Works (OW), ODSP, and ACSD recipients

- https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/employment-social-support/child-familysupport/subsidy-for-recreation-programs/
- 416-338-2000

Provincial Government Programs (Government of Ontario)

AffordAbility Fund ❖

Description

- If the cost of energy-saving upgrades is out of reach, Ontario's new Affordability Fund is here for you.
- Your local electric utility and community services are working together to help you improve your home's energy efficiency with free energy-saving upgrades, which can lower home energy use and your electricity bill.
- You may qualify for free upgrades, including Energy Star® certified LEDs, Energy Star® certified appliances, or insulation and weatherstripping

Eligibility

- Three levels of support available:
- Receive a Home Energy Kit with upgrades that you can easily install yourself. This may include Energy Star® light bulbs, a power bar and/or faucet aerators along with energy-saving tips
- Receive an in-home visit from a professional Home Energy Advisor, a Home Energy Plan and upgrades that may include Energy Star ® appliances
- For electrically heated homes only: receive an in-home visit from a professional Home Energy Advisor, a Home Energy Plan and upgrades that may include insulation and/or an Energy Star® heat pump
- The level you qualify for depends on your net income and average energy bill.

More Information

- https://www.affordabilityfund.org/
- 1-855-494-FUND (1-855-494-3863)
- info@AffordAbilityFund.org

Assistance to Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD) \Box \triangle

Description

If you are a parent caring for a child with a severe disability, you may be able to receive financial support through the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities Program. This program provides financial support for low- to moderate-income families to cover some of the extra costs of caring for a child who has a severe disability.

Depending on the income and size of the family, the program may provide between \$25 and

Eligibility

A parent or a legal guardian whose child:

- is under 18 years of age,
- lives at home,
- and has a severe disability
 may be eligible to receive help under this
 program depending on the family's income

\$500 a month to help with costs, such as:

- travel to doctors' appointments, hospitals and other appointments related to the child's disability
- special shoes and clothes
- parental relief such as respite
- wheelchairs and other assistive devices, including repairs
- hearing aids and batteries
- prescription drugs
- dental/vision care, including eyeglasses

More Information

- http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/disabilities.aspx
- Toronto (416) 325-0500
 Toronto TTY: (416) 325-3600
- Ministry Line Toll Free: 1-866-821-7770
 Ministry TTY: 1-800-387-5559
- Ministry email: mcsinfo@mcys.gov.on.ca

Assistive Devices Program (ADP) <

Description

Through the Assistive Devices Program (ADP), we help people with long-term physical disabilities pay for customized equipment, like wheelchairs and hearing aids.

- The ADP also helps cover the cost of specialized supplies, such as those used with ostomies.
- ADP covers 75% of the cost for equipment and supplies. For these items, they are billed directly by the supplier and you pay 25% when you buy the item.

Eligibility

To qualify, you must:

- be an Ontario resident
- have a valid Ontario health card
- have a disability requiring the equipment or supplies for six months or longer

ADP does not consider your income.

- https://www.ontario.ca/page/assistive-devices-program
- Toronto 416-327-8804
 Toll-free 1-800-268-6021
 TDD/TTY 416-327-4282
 TDD/TTY 1-800-387-5559
- adp@ontario.ca

Exceptional Access Program (EAP) <

Description

The Exceptional Access Program (EAP) facilitates patient access to drugs not funded on the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB)* Formulary, or where no listed alternative is available. In order to receive coverage, the patient must be eligible to receive benefits under the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program.

*Please see below for information on the ODB and Trillium Drug Program

Eligibility

- For a drug to be considered for funding, the EAP reimbursement criteria must always be met and the request approved prior to the initiation of treatment with the drug being requested, unless otherwise specified within the criteria.
- Selected drug-specific criteria used in the consideration of EAP requests are available on the ministry website at: www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/drugs/eap_criteria.aspx

More Information

- http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/drugs/eap mn.aspx
- Call Service Ontario, INFOline at: 1-866-532-3161 (Toll-free) In Toronto, (416) 314-5518 TTY 1-800-387-5559. In Toronto, TTY 416-327-4282

Healthy Smiles Ontario \Box \triangle

Description

Healthy Smiles Ontario is a government-funded dental program that provides free preventive, routine, and emergency dental services for children and youth 17 years old and under from low-income households. The program includes regular visits to a licensed dental provider and covers the costs of treatment including:

- check-ups
- cleaning
- fillings (for a cavity)
- x-rays
- scaling
- tooth extraction
- urgent or emergency dental care

Eligibility

Children are automatically enrolled in the program if:

- they receive assistance under: Temporary Care Assistance or Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- they or their family receive: Ontario
 Works or Ontario Disability Support

You can apply for your children if they:

- are 17 years of age and under
- live in Ontario
- come from a household with an income equal to or less than the levels in the table listed on the website

 Cosmetic dentistry, including teeth whitening and braces, are not covered by the program

More Information

• www.ontario.ca/healthysmiles

Toll-free: 1-844-296-6306
 TTY toll-free: 1-800-387-5559
 416-327-4282 (TTY Toronto only)

Northern Health Travel Grants ∞❖

Description

For eligible applicants, travel grants are based on the distance to their closest medical specialist or ministry funded health care facility able to provide the required health care services.

 An applicant must travel at least 100 kilometres (km) one-way to access the closest medical specialist, or ministry funded health care facility services that are not available locally.

- you are an OHIP- insured Ontario resident on the date of treatment, and your primary place of residence is in the districts of Algoma, Cochrane, Kenora, Manitoulin, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, or Timiskaming;
- a northern physician, dentist, optometrist, chiropractor, midwife or nurse practitioner has referred you before the travel takes place;
- you are referred to a medical specialist who is certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)
- you are referred for a ministry funded health care facility-based procedure under the Health Insurance Act performed by a provider in the facility (e.g. a midwife for hospital childbirth; technician for PET scan, or chemotherapy); or you are referred for a ministry-funded health care facilitybased service/procedure
- the nearest specialist or approved health care facility able to provide the type of care you require in Ontario is at least 100 kilometres from your area of residence.

- http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/publications/ohip/northern.aspx
- Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Claims Services Branch, Northern Health Travel Grant, Sudbury office: (705) 675-4010 or 1 800 461-4006

Ontario Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial Dental Program $\Box \triangle$

Description

 The Ontario Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial Dental Program covers up to 75% of the pre-approved dental specialist treatment costs not covered by private dental insurance.

These costs may include:

- Dental infant orthopaedics
- Orthodontic treatment
- Some restorative dentistry
- Dental prosthetics
- Dental implants and oral surgery not funded by OHIP

The program will not cover the cost of regular dental check-ups, some procedures that are not deemed eligible and long-term follow-up care.

Eligibility

To be eligible for funding an individual must be:

- A resident of Ontario in possession of a valid OHIP number, and
- Diagnosed as having a cleft lip and/or palate, a craniofacial anomaly or other severe dental dysfunction, and
- Be registered in the program before their 18th birthday

To determine eligibility for financial assistance through the program, an individual must contact, or be referred to, one of the designated centres for a screening assessment.

More Information

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/publications/child/cleft.aspx

TORONTO (please note there are other designated centres online)

- The Hospital for Sick Children Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial Dental Program 416-813-5882
- Holland Bloorview Kids Rehab Hospital Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial Dental Program 416-425-6220, ext. 3466

HBKRH also offers an annual assessment in Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and Timmins. Please call HBKRH for more information

Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) ☆❖

Description

ODSP offers two types of support:

 Income support - Financial assistance provided each month to help with the costs of basic needs, like food, clothing

Eligibility

 Each type of support has its own eligibility requirements and application process.

To qualify for **ODSP income support**, you must:

- and shelter. Income support also includes benefits, like drug coverage and vision care, for clients and their eligible family members.
- Employment supports Services and supports to help clients with disabilities find and keep a job, and advance their careers.
- be at least 18 years old
- be an Ontario resident
- be in financial need and
- meet the program's definition of a person with a disability, or be a member of a Prescribed Class

A person does not have to be in receipt of ODSP Income Support to be eligible for **ODSP Employment Supports**. All applicants must provide documentation that he/she:

- has a disability/impairment that results in substantial barriers to employment that is verified by a prescribed professional (excluding people with disabilities receiving ODSP Income Support);
- is 16 years of age or more;
- is a resident of Ontario (not including tourists, visitors or temporary residents); and
- is legally entitled to work in Canada

More Information

http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/programs/social/odsp/index.aspx

General Inquiry: 416-325-5666
 Toll Free: 1-888-789-4199
 TTY Toll Free: 1-800-387-5559

Ontario Drug Benefit ❖∞

Description

The Ontario Drug Benefit program covers most of the cost of more than 4,400 prescription drug products. It also helps you pay for: allergy shots and EpiPen®, some products used in monitoring and testing for diabetes, some prescribed over-the-counter drugs under specific circumstances, some nutrition products, some drugs used in treatment of HIV/AIDS, some drugs used in palliative care, and help to quit smoking.

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Eligibility

You will qualify for the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program when you turn **65 years old**. Some of you will qualify before you reach that age because you're:

- living in a long-term care home or a home for special care, or
- enrolled in one of these programs:
- Home care
- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Trillium Drug Program

Exceptional Access Program (EAP) facilitates patient access to drugs not funded on the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) Formulary, or where no listed alternative is available.

*Please see above for information on the Exceptional Access Program (EAP) and below for information on the Trillium Drug Program - OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare You can search the Formulary online to see if a generic or brand-name drug or product is covered by the ODB program. But it's best to verify the results of your search with your doctor, nurse practitioner or pharmacist because some of the information is technical.

More Information

- https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-coverage-prescription-drugs
- Call ServiceOntario, INFOline at 1-866-532-3161
 In Toronto, 416-314-5518
 TTY 1-800-387-5559
 In Toronto, TTY 416-327-4282

Passport $\triangle \stackrel{\wedge}{\approx} \infty$

Description

Passport provides funding for services and supports so adults with a developmental disability can:

- take part in community classes or recreational programs
- develop work, volunteer, and daily life skills
- hire a support worker
- create their own life plans (this is called person-directed planning) to reach their goals
- get temporary respite for their caregivers

Eligibility

The Passport program is for people with a developmental disability who are 18-years-old or older and:

- need support to participate in the community while they are still in school, or:
- have left school and are living on their own, with family or independently in a supportive living arrangement

More Information

- http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/programs/developmental/servicesupport/passport.a spx
- Passport is funded by the Ontario Government and administered by local Passport
 Agencies

Family Service Toronto: 416-780-1106 Service Ontario Info Line: 1-866-532-3161 Service Ontario TTY: 1-800-387-5559

Toronto TTY: 416-327-4282

Special Services at Home (SSAH) $\square \triangle \infty$

Description

The program helps families pay for special services in or outside the family home as long as the child is not receiving support from a residential program. For example, the family can hire someone to:

- help the child learn new skills and abilities, such as improving their communications skills and becoming more independent
- provide respite support to the family families can get money to pay for services that will give them a break, or respite, from the day-to-day care of their child.

Eligibility

Families can apply for this support if their children have a developmental or physical disability:

- live in Ontario; and,
- need more support than most families can provide

and

- are living at home with their family, or
- if they are not living at home with their family and are not being helped by other residential services

More Information

http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/specialservices.aspx

TORONTO (please note there are other regional offices listed online)

Tel: (416) 325-0500
 TTY: (416) 325-3600

The Trillium Drug Program (TDP) 💠

Description

The Trillium Drug Program is for people who spend approximately 3 to 4% or more of their after-tax household income on prescription-drug costs.

If you want to see the drugs covered by the Trillium Drug Program, you can search a list on the website.

Eligibility

To qualify for the TDP, you must:

- not already qualify for Ontario Drug Benefit (e.g. you're under 65 years old and not enrolled in a program such as Ontario Works)
- have a valid Ontario health card

- https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-help-high-prescription-drug-costs
- 1-800-575-5386 (toll free)
 1-800-387-5559 (TTY)
 416-642-3038 (in Toronto area)
- trillium@ontariodrugbenefit.ca

Federal Government Programs (Government of Canada)

Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) ❖

Description

A registered disability savings plan (RDSP) is a savings plan that is intended to help parents and others save for the long term financial security of a person who is eligible for the disability tax credit (DTC).

You can open an RDSP at a local bank.
 The banks that offer the RDSP can be found here:

http://www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/disability/savings/rdsp.shtml#financial

Eligibility

You can designate an individual as beneficiary if the individual:

- is eligible for the disability tax credit (DTC);
- has a valid social insurance number (SIN):
- is a resident in Canada when the plan is entered into; and
- is under the age of 60 (a plan can be opened for an individual and contributions can be made to it until the end of the year in which he or she becomes 59 years of age).

More Information

- https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/registereddisability-savings-plan-rdsp.html
- To open an RDSP, call your local financial organization, or for more general information, call 1-800-959-8281 (or TTY 1-800-665-0354)

Tax Credits

Canada Caregiver Credit (CCC) ∞

Description

If you support a spouse or common-law partner, or a dependent with a **physical or mental impairment**, the Canada caregiver credit (CCC) is a non-refundable tax credit that may be available to you.

Eligibility

You may be able to claim the CCC if you support your spouse or common-law partner with a physical or mental impairment.

You may also be able to claim the CCC for one

or more of the following individuals if they depend on you for support because of a physical or mental impairment:

- your or your spouse's or common-law partner's child or grandchild
- your or your spouse's or common-law partner's parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, niece, or nephew (if

resident in Canada at any time in the year)

An individual is considered to depend on you for support if they rely on you to regularly and consistently provide them with some or all of the basic necessities of life, such as food, shelter and clothing.

More Information

- https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/about-your-tax-return/tax-return/completing-a-tax-return/deductions-credits-expenses/canada-caregiver-amount.html
- 1-800-267-6999

Canada Child Benefit (CCB) ∞

Description

The Canada child benefit (CCB) is a **tax-free** monthly payment made to eligible families to help them with the cost of raising children under 18 years of age. The CCB might include the child disability benefit and any related provincial and territorial programs.

Eligibility

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) uses information from your income tax and benefit return to calculate how much your CCB payments will be.

 To get the CCB, you have to file your return every year, even if you did not have income in the year. If you have a spouse or common-law partner, they also have to file a return every year.

More Information

- https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/child-family-benefits/canada-child-benefit-overview.html
- 1-800-387-1193 (TTY: 1-800-665-0354)

Child Disability Benefit ∞

Description

The child disability benefit is a tax-free monthly payment made to families who care for a child under age 18 with a severe and prolonged impairment in physical or mental functions.

Eligibility

To get the child disability benefit:

- You must be eligible for the Canada child benefit
- Your child must be eligible for the disability tax credit

If you are already getting the Canada child benefit for your child who is eligible for the disability tax credit, you do not need to apply

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for the child disability benefit. You will get it automatically.

More Information

- https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/child-family-benefits/child-disability-benefit.html
- 1-800-387-1193 (TTY: 1-800-665-0354)

Disability Supports Deduction ❖

Description

Individuals who have an impairment in physical or mental functions and have paid for certain medical expenses can, under certain conditions, claim the disability supports deduction.

Eligibility

If you have an impairment in physical or mental functions, you may be able to deduct the expenses that you paid in the year so that you could:

- work
- go to school
- do research for which you received a grant

There is also an online list of eligible expenses for the disability supports deduction, and any certification from a medical practitioner that may be needed.

More Information

- https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/about-your-tax-return/tax-return/completing-a-tax-return/deductions-credits-expenses/line-215-disability-supports-deduction.html
- 1-800-267-6999 (TTY 1-800-665-0354)

Disability Tax Credit 💠

Description

The disability tax credit (DTC) is a non-refundable tax credit that helps persons with disabilities or their supporting persons reduce the amount of income tax they may have to pay. An individual may claim the disability amount once they are eligible for the DTC. This amount includes a supplement for persons under 18 years of age at the end of the year.

 The purpose of the DTC is to provide for greater tax equity by allowing some

Eligibility

You are eligible for the DTC only if we approve Form T2201, Disability Tax Credit Certificate. A medical practitioner has to fill out and certify that you have a severe and prolonged impairment and must describe its effects. There are different ways for which a person can be eligible for the disability tax credit (DTC). In all cases, the impairment must be prolonged. Also, the person must meet one of the following criteria:

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- relief for disability costs, since these are unavoidable additional expenses that other taxpayers don't have to face.
- Being eligible for the DTC can open the door to other federal, provincial, or territorial programs such as the registered disability savings plan, the working income tax benefit, and the child disability benefit.
- is blind
- is markedly restricted in at least one of the basic activities of daily living
- is significantly restricted in two or more or the basic activities of daily living (can include a vision impairment)
- needs life-sustaining therapy

In addition, the person's impairment must meet all of the following:

- is prolonged, which means the impairment has lasted, or is expected to last for a continuous period of at least 12 months
- is present all or substantially all the time (at least 90% of the time)

There is a questionnaire online to find out if the person with the disability may be eligible, along with more detailed eligibility criteria.

More Information

- https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/disability-tax-credit.html
- 1-800-959-8281

Eligible medical expenses you can claim on your return ❖∞

Description

You can claim only eligible medical expenses on your tax return if you, or your spouse or common-law partner:

- paid for the medical expenses in the 12month period
- did not claim them in the previous year Generally, you can claim all amounts paid, even if they were not paid in Canada.

Eligibility

Please see website for list of items that you can claim on your return – this can include therapy, travel costs, wheelchairs, and renovations. The list of common medical expenses shows:

- types of medical expenses
- if the expense is eligible
- if you need any supporting documents

- https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/about-your-tax-return/tax-return/tax-return/completing-a-tax-return/deductions-credits-expenses/lines-330-331-eligible-medical-expenses-you-claim-on-your-tax-return.html
- 1-800-959-8281

Excise gasoline tax refund ❖∞

Description

If you have a permanent mobility impairment and cannot safely use public transportation, you can ask for a refund of part of the federal excise tax on the gasoline you buy. A qualified medical practitioner must certify the impairment.

Eligibility

https://www.canada.ca/en/revenueagency/services/formspublications/forms/xe8.html

More Information

- https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/excise-gasoline-tax-refund.html
- 1-800-267-6999 (TTY 1-800-665-0354)

GST/HST Information ❖∞

Description

There are goods and services used by persons with disabilities that are exempt supplies or zero-rated supplies for purposes of the goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST). This means you will not pay GST/HST on these goods and services.

 If you paid GST/HST in error, you can ask the supplier for a refund or credit instead of applying for a rebate from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)

Eligibility

- Medical and disability-related services, such as:
 - Home care services
 - Care and supervision services
 - Recreational programs
- Specially equipped motor vehicles

More Information

- https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/gst-hst-information.html
- 1-800-267-6999 (TTY 1-800-665-0354)

Home Buyer's Plan $\diamondsuit \infty$

Description

The Home Buyers' Plan (HBP) is a program that allows you to withdraw up to \$25,000 in a calendar year from your registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs) to buy or build a qualifying home for yourself or for a related person with a disability.

Eligibility

- You must be considered a first-time home buyer.
- You must have a written agreement to buy or build a qualifying home for yourself.

OR

You must have a written agreement to



buy or build a qualifying home for a related person with a disability, or to help a related person with a disability buy or build a qualifying home (obtaining a pre-approved mortgage does not satisfy this condition).

- https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/rrsps-related-plans/what-home-buyers-plan/participate-home-buyers-plan.html
- 1-800-267-6999 (TTY 1-800-665-0354)

Home and Car Modifications

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation – Home Modifications for Persons with Disabilities (RRAP-D) On-Reserve ❖∞

Description

This fund is for a First Nation member with a disability who needs to make modifications to their home. Financial support is available for a wide range of home modifications related to the disability. For example, RRAP-D can help with accessibility features such as:

- ramps
- handrails, chair lifts and bath lifts
- height adjustments to countertops
- cues for doorbells, fire alarms and smoke detectors

RRAP-D will provide up to \$60,000 for the needed accessibility modifications.

Eligibility

You can apply for support if you live on-reserve and need changes made to your home to accommodate your disability. You must also meet the following criteria:

- Your total household income must be within or below an established range, based on your household size and geographic region.
- Your home must already meet minimum health and safety standards.

A First Nation can also apply for funding on behalf of a home occupant who meets these criteria.

More Information

- https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/developing-and-renovating/funding-opportunities/on-reserve-renovation-programs/residential-rehabilitation-assistance-program/home-modifications-for-persons-with-disabilities
- 1-800-668-2642

Driveability $\stackrel{\wedge}{ m t} \infty$

Description

- Get up to a \$1,000 rebate when you purchase adaptive equipment for your vehicle.
- If you require assistance with financing an adapted vehicle purchase/lease, we can help. Conventional financing is available through Chrysler Capital to all qualified new vehicle buyers.

- Conversions to Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep®, Ram or FIAT® vehicles qualify for a maximum reimbursement of \$1,000.
- Running boards qualify for a maximum reimbursement of \$400.
- Alerting devices qualify for a maximum reimbursement of \$200.
- Consult your dealer or call Driveability Program Headquarters for eligibility requirements and program expiration dates.
- More info on eligibility located on the website's Program Guidelines

- https://www.fcausdriveability.com/program-overview/
- (800) 255-9877
- rebates@fcagroup.com

Easter Seals Ontario ❖∞

Description

- Easter Seals' Financial Assistance
 Program picks up where the Ministry of
 Health and Long Term Care's Assistive
 Devices Program (ADP), insurance and
 other family resources leave off. Many
 ADP items are only partially
 funded. Easter Seals helps make up the
 balance to a set limit. Other items not
 funded by ADP may be
 funded. Examples of items funded
 include, wheelchairs, ramps, porch and
 van lifts, and bathing and toileting
 equipment.
- Easter Seals will fund up to \$3,000 per individual per year. (As of 2016)

Eligibility

- Children, youth and young adults up to the age of 19 years who are registered with Easter Seals Ontario
- Children and youth must have a physical disability that restricts independent mobility and has an impact on performing daily living activities. Eligibility does not extend to children with a primary diagnosis of developmental disabilities such as Autism or a correctable condition.

More Information

- http://www.easterseals.org/services/parent-resources/easter-seals-financial-assistance/
- 416.421.8146 or toll free at 1.866.630.3336
- services@easterseals.org

First Hand Foundation ❖∞

Description

- First Hand accepts applications from anywhere in the world. If you or someone you know would like to apply for assistance on behalf of a child, please review the financial guidelines and the criteria listed on the website. Expenses covered include:
- **Treatment**: Clinical procedures, medicine, therapy, prosthesis, etc.
- Equipment: Wheelchairs, assistive

- The child must be 18 years of age or younger (a person 19–21 may be considered if they are in a child-like mental state)
- The child must be under the care of a pediatrician
- The case must involve a child with a specific health care need
- The request must be clinically relevant

- technology equipment, care devices, hearing aids, etc.
- Displacement: Lodging (only if charitable housing is unavailable), gas (\$0.33 per mile), parking and transportation related to a child's care
- **Vehicle modifications**: Lifts, ramps and transfer boards
- Expenses not covered are listed online

- to the health of the child
- There must be no existing insurance coverage for the requested expenses
- One request per year, per child for a maximum of three times in a child's lifetime

- https://www.firsthandfoundation.org/request-funding/
- (816) 201-1569 (please note: this is a US number)
- myfirsthand@cerner.com

Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital – Family Support Fund $\Box \triangle \infty$

Description

 The Family Support Fund offers financial support to Holland Bloorview families during a time of transition or stress. It may support family accommodations at Holland Bloorview, equipment, recreation and life skills programs, modifications to home or car, medications or respite.

Eligibility

- Be a registered client of Holland Bloorview
- Have had a clinical appointment with Holland Bloorview in the two years prior to the date on this application
- Be under the age of 19

More Information

- http://hollandbloorview.ca/ClientFamilyResources/FamilyResourceCentre/Respite/Holland BloorviewFamilySupportFund
- 416-425-6220 ext. 6303
- abudin@hollandbloorview.ca

Mobility Basics – list of Automotive Manufacturer's Mobility Programs $\stackrel{\iota}{ m th} \infty$

Description

 There are car companies which may help cover some costs of installing adaptive modifications to their vehicles.
 A number of them cover up to \$1000.
 See the website for a list of Automotive Manufacturer's Mobility Programs.

Eligibility

 Each listing has different eligibility. See online for details.

https://mobilitybasics.ca/canfund

National Organization for Vehicle Accessibility (NOVA) $\stackrel{\wedge}{\sim}$

Description

- The National Organization for Vehicle Accessibility works to provide vehicle modification grants to individuals with disabilities throughout the United States and Canada in need of financial assistance.
- This program is directed to individuals with disabilities who have secured the majority of the money needed to fund vehicle modification products and just need some additional help to reach their goal.
- Our mobility assistance grant program is designed to bridge the funding gap that prevents people in need of mobility products from achieving their mobility goals.

Eligibility

- Mobility equipment considered for this grant program must be essential mobility transportation equipment. This includes conversions for accessible vans, wheelchair lifts, scooter or truck lifts, car-top carriers, etc. Wheelchairs, scooters and home modifications are not eligible for this program. We are unable to provide assistance toward repair of existing equipment. Only the purchase of equipment that is deemed needed and necessary to meet the needs of the applicant will be considered for grant assistance.
- Mobility equipment must be purchased from a retail dealer in the customer's geographical service area who is certified by the National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association. The manufacturer of the mobility product must also be certified by NMEDA. All NMEDA principles and guidelines are applicable. These dealers can be located at www.nmeda.com/locate-a-dealer/. Equipment must be essential mobility transportation equipment identified as a result of an evaluation and appropriate to a significant and lasting disability.

- https://novafunding.org/grant-program/
- 574-607-5995
- info@novafunding.org

Ontario March of Dimes Home and Vehicle Modification Program $\not \propto \infty$

Description

- March of Dimes Canada's Home & Vehicle Modification Program provides funding for basic home and/or vehicle modifications. The program is intended to assist permanent Ontario residents with a substantial impairment expected to last one year or more, with their disability management.
- Consumers who meet program criteria can apply for grant funding:
- Up to \$15,000 lifetime maximum for home modifications
- Up to \$15,000 every ten years for vehicle modifications

Eligibility

To be eligible for funding of home or vehicle modifications under the Home and Vehicle Modification Program (HVMP), you must be:

 A permanent Ontario resident -- the person must make his/her permanent and principal home in Ontario.
 Temporary residents and visitors (e.g. tourists, students, foreign workers on a work permit, etc.) are not eligible.

AND

 A person with a substantial impairment caused by bodily injury, birth defect or illness that is ongoing and/or recurring and is expected to last one year or more.

AND

 The impairment impedes mobility and results in substantial restriction in activities of daily living e.g. personal care and functioning in the community

More Information

- http://www.marchofdimes.ca/hvmp/
 http://www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/programs/hvmp/Pages/NationalProvincialHMPrograms.
 http://www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/programs/hvmp/Pages/NationalProvincialHMPrograms.
 http://www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/programs/hvmp/Pages/NationalProvincialHMPrograms.
- Toll Free: 1-877-369-4867hvmp@marchofdimes.ca

Toronto Renovates Homeowners Program $\not \simeq \infty$

Description

 The Toronto Renovates Homeowners Program offers federal/provincial funding for lower-income seniors and people with a disability who wish to make health and safety repairs or accessibility modifications to their homes.

Eligibility

- You must be 65 or over or disabled, or both
- Your household income must be below the limits on the website
- The value of your home must be no more than \$693,524. (As of 2016)

- http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=ea5e3b894bba0410VgnVCM1 0000071d60f89RCRD&
- 416-392-7620

Transportation

First Hand Foundation ❖∞

Description

- First Hand accepts applications from anywhere in the world. If you or someone you know would like to apply for assistance on behalf of a child, please review the financial guidelines and the criteria listed on the website. Expenses covered include:
- **Treatment**: Clinical procedures, medicine, therapy, prosthesis, etc.
- **Equipment**: Wheelchairs, assistive technology equipment, care devices, hearing aids, etc.
- Displacement: Lodging (only if charitable housing is unavailable), gas (\$0.33 per mile), parking and transportation related to a child's care
- Vehicle modifications: Lifts, ramps and transfer boards
- Expenses not covered are listed online

Eligibility

- The child must be 18 years of age or younger (a person 19–21 may be considered if they are in a child-like mental state)
- The child must be under the care of a pediatrician
- The case must involve a child with a specific health care need
- The request must be clinically relevant to the health of the child
- There must be no existing insurance coverage for the requested expenses
- One request per year, per child for a maximum of three times in a child's lifetime

More Information

- https://www.firsthandfoundation.org/request-funding/
- (816) 201-1569 (please note: this is a US number)
- myfirsthand@cerner.com

Hope Air ❖∞

Description

 Hope Air is the only registered, national charity that provides free flights to people who cannot afford the cost of an airline ticket to get to medical expertise

Eligibility

 Lower-income children, their families, and adults who cannot afford airfare.
 Patients will be asked about their household income. or specialized medical technologies that usually exist only in larger urban centres.

- A confirmed medical appointment is required
- The appointment has to be covered by a provincial healthcare plan
- The patient is medically cleared to fly on a commercial plane
- Route and travel dates must be available; Last-minute flight requests will be much more difficult to fulfill

More Information

- http://www.hopeair.ca/
- 416-222-6335 or toll free 877-346-4673
- mail@hopeair.ca

Northern Health Travel Grants ❖∞

Description

For eligible applicants, travel grants are based on the distance to their closest medical specialist or ministry funded health care facility able to provide the required health care services.

 An applicant must travel at least 100 kilometres (km) one-way to access the closest medical specialist, or ministry funded health care facility services that are not available locally.

- you are an OHIP- insured Ontario resident on the date of treatment, and your primary place of residence is in the districts of Algoma, Cochrane, Kenora, Manitoulin, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, or Timiskaming;
- a northern physician, dentist, optometrist, chiropractor, midwife or nurse practitioner has referred you before the travel takes place;
- you are referred to a medical specialist who is certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)
- you are referred for a ministry funded health care facility-based procedure under the Health Insurance Act performed by a provider in the facility (e.g. a midwife for hospital childbirth; technician for PET scan, or chemotherapy); or you are referred for a ministry-funded health care facilitybased service/procedure

 the nearest specialist or approved health care facility able to provide the type of care you require in Ontario is at least 100 kilometres from your area of residence.

More Information

- http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/publications/ohip/northern.aspx
- Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Claims Services Branch, Northern Health Travel Grant, Sudbury office: (705) 675-4010 or 1 800 461-4006

Shine Through the Rain – Rainy Day Fund ❖∞

Description

The Rainy Day Fund provides emergency payments directly to the utility companies and landlords, ensuring that each patient has a warm, safe place to call home while recovering.

- The Rainy Day Fund also provides grocery gift cards & hospital transportation and parking costs.
- Shine Through The Rain also reviews special requests for consideration above and beyond the scope of services already covered.
- A maximum funding award of \$1000.00 may be considered per family, per calendar year. Please note we also apply a minimum financial support request of \$15.00.
- The deadline for all applications is the 15th of every month, unless the 15th falls on a weekend, in which case the deadline will be the Friday.

Eligibility

- The patient, a Canadian Citizen, must currently be in treatment for a lifethreatening illness to be eligible for financial assistance, regardless of when the expense was incurred.
- All patients must be currently receiving active treatment to qualify for consideration.
- A maximum of \$1,000 may be approved per family, per year.
- You can apply for funding to help with transportation, rent, utility, phone costs, and to get a grocery card.
- Transportation is defined as parking, taxi, bus, and train expenses. Please provide proof of original receipts and record of appointments which must correspond to the date on the original receipts. STTRF reserves the right to reimburse for transportation expenses for the current year and up to January of the following year.

- https://www.shinethroughtherain.ca/rainydayfund/
- 905-477-7743
- program.services@shinethroughtherain.ca

TTC City of Toronto Fair Pass Program ☆∞

Description

 The Fair Pass Discount Program is for eligible adult residents receiving Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW) assistance who are not in receipt of any transportation supports equal to or greater than \$100.

Eligibility

Adult residents who meet all the following criteria are eligible for the Fair Pass Discount Program:

- Living in Toronto; and
- In receipt of Ontario Works (OW) or Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP); and
- Not receiving transportation supports equal to or greater than \$100 in the current month (i.e. Employment or Medical Related) through OW or ODSP

Youth, post-secondary students, and seniors already receive the same level of discount, and therefore do not need to apply for the Fair Pass Discount Program.

More Information

- https://www.ttc.ca/Fares and passes/Passes/Fair Pass Discount Program.jsp
- OW recipients may call your caseworkers and ODSP recipients may call 416-338-8888 and select option 3 (available starting April 4)

TTC Support Person Card ❖∞

Description

 A support person accompanying a person with a disability is not required to pay a fare when travelling on the TTC. Customers with disabilities who travel with a support person on the TTC must apply for a TTC Support Person Assistance Card to be eligible for this fare exemption. A support person is someone who assists the card holder with communication, mobility, personal care/medical needs or with access to goods, services or facilities.

Eligibility

The Support Person Assistance Card application is available on the website and is available on request by phone. Customers can call TTC Customer Service at 416-393-3030. A regulated authorized health care professional must certify that the applicant:

- has a temporary or permanent disability
- requires a support person

Eligible applicants will be provided with a Support Person Assistance Card, issued to the person with the disability, when the completed form is processed. There is no charge for the Support Person Assistance Card.

- https://www.ttc.ca/Fares and passes/Support Person Card/index.jsp
- 416-393-3030

Recreation and Respite

Ability Gives $\Box \triangle$

Description

Ability Gives is a Canadian equipment grant program for members of Ability Online who have a child with a disability or complex medical condition under 18 years of age. Equipment can include:

- therapy bikes
- ipads with communication software for non-verbal children
- adapted strollers
- specialized seating/feeding chairs
- lifts and turners
- serial casting/orthotics
- orthotic shoes
- walkers
- splints

More Information

- http://abilitygives.org/about/
- 416-650-6207 Toll free 1-866-650-6207
- <u>information@abilityonline.org</u>

Eligibility

- Applicants must be active members of Ability Online (for a minimum of 3 months) who reside in Canada
- The device/equipment requested will make a significant difference in the life of a child/youth 18 years of age or under
- Family must be willing to post their child's story and picture on our web site (first names only).
- Only one equipment request per family

Active Assist ❖∞

Description

- ActiveAssist is a fee-assistance program designed to help low-income families and individuals in Mississauga participate in Recreation and Culture programs. Confidentiality is always maintained. This assistance is given in the form of a credit to your Recreation account.
- Once your application is received and approved your account will be activated.
 Each family member on your application will receive a credit of \$275 which is

- To qualify you must be a resident of Mississauga and;
 - have a total net individual or combined family income below the Low Income Cut Off amounts (Statistics Canada).
 - be able to provide current, official documentation that shows total family net income, and proof that all dependants are the legal responsibility of the adult and reside in the adult's household, using one or more of the documents listed online (see website)

| valid for one year. | Exception: Refugees are eligible to apply |
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| | for Active Assist within the 1st year of |
| | receiving refugee status without proof |
| | of income. Confirmation of Permanent |
| | Residency and permanent address will be required. |

- http://www7.mississauga.ca/Departments/Rec/active-assist/index.html
- 905-615-4100 or TTY: 905-896-5151

Amici Camping Charity $\Box \triangle$

Description

- Amici provides funding for children from low-income families to attend an overnight partner camp in Ontario.
- Amici works with several partner camps who are dedicated to serving children with special needs. There is a different application process for families with special needs campers:
- Apply directly to the Partner Camp:
 Apply to the Amici partner camp whose
 program you feel best meets your
 child's unique needs. The partner camp
 will conduct an initial screening of each
 new applicant according to their typical
 application process. The camp will
 assess your child's medical and
 developmental needs to determine if
 their camp is a suitable environment for
 your child.
- Partner Camp Provides a Referral to Amici: Once a child is approved by the camp, the family will be referred to Amici to apply for funding. Amici will then conduct a financial analysis and complete reference checks according to our typical application process.
- Please note that we are not able to review funding applications for special

- Parents who are looking for an overnight summer camp for their child. Amici does not provide funding for day camps.
- Parents of children between the ages of
 7 17 years
- Parents who are in need of financial support in order to send their child to camp. Amici campers are from lowincome households and have limited access to recreation programs and similar outlets.
- Girls and boys between the ages of 7 17 years are eligible to apply for Amici funding

needs campers without accompanying referral from a partner camp

More Information

- http://amicicharity.org/
- 416-588-8026
- info@amicicharity.org

Autism Ontario One-to-One Summer Support Worker Reimbursement Fund $\Box \triangle$

Description

- The One-to-One Summer Support
 Worker Reimbursement Fund is
 available to Ontario families of children
 or youth with ASD who retain the
 services of a one-to-one support worker
 for their child to attend a community
 summer camp or summer program.
 Maximum reimbursements of \$600, per
 child or youth, (up to 18th birthday) will
 be made to subsidize services purchased
 between a time period listed on the
 website (typically end of June to
 beginning of September)
- A minimum of 500 families from across Ontario are expected to receive reimbursements.

Eligibility

- Will accept completed and signed applications between an application period listed online, to be entered into a random draw. Your application must include evidence of a clear ASD diagnosis from a professional who is qualified to make the diagnosis.
- Note: A diagnosis written on a Doctor's prescription pad will not be accepted.
- Applications are accepted for children up to their 18th birthday

More Information

- http://www.autismontario.com/camp
- 416-246-9592 ext 225
- ginny@autismontario.com

Canadian Music Therapy Trust Fund ❖

Description

 The Canadian Music Therapy Trust Fund (CMTTF) exists to create access to music therapy for Canadians who need it most.

Eligibility

 Will subsidize music therapy services at the Music Therapy Centre (1175 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON, M6H 1M9).
 Families should contact organization directly for application

More Information

http://musictherapytrust.ca/

- 416 535 0200
- info@musictherapytrust.ca

Canadian Tire Jumpstart $\Box \triangle$

Description

- Physical activity is the key to what we fund. The list is long (more than 70 activities!) and every kid can find something they would like to do for the love of play. A variety of sports, dancing, swimming, martial arts and community programs are on the list. Even Girl Guides and YMCA memberships can be funded by Jumpstart.
- Funding is up to \$500/per child, subject to Jumpstart's other funding maximums and/or local demands. For a list of what is funded: http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/en/wh at-we-do/what-we-fund

Eligibility

- Kids aged 4 to 18 from families in financial need can receive funding to help with registration fees, equipment and/or transportation.
- Families must meet financial need criteria in order to qualify for Jumpstart funding. Jumpstart recommends following Revenue Canada's Low Income Cut-offs (LICOs) which are based on a family's size, the size of their community and the total family unit income (before tax).

More Information

- http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/content/microsites/jumpstart/en/apply.html
- 1-844-YES-PLAY
- jumpstart@cantire.com

Ceridian Cares ❖∞

Description

- Ceridian Cares will provide grants for the following types of needs:
- Clothing and Footwear:
 Winter clothing, boots, children's clothing, work clothing
- Food and Basic Household Needs:
 Food, blankets, mattresses,
 cookware/dishes, small appliances,
 towels, diapers, cribs, personal hygiene
- Medical Devices and Therapies:
 Prosthetics, eyewear, medical equipment, special therapies, home

Eligibility

- Applicant must be 18+ years of age
- Recipient must be a Canadian resident
- Recipient must be an individual or family in need of financial assistance related to the types of items supported by Ceridian Cares
- For the Basic Essentials grant type, recipient annual household income must be at or below the "Low Income Cut Off before tax" level as defined by Stats Canada

http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/75f0002

adjustments for barrier free living, respite services, braille books, counseling services, physiotherapy

Personal Development and Recreation:
 Children's programs, camp, art supplies,
 books, athletic programs

m/2014003/tbl/tbl02-eng.htm

 For the Quality of Life grant type, recipient annual household income must be at or below the "median total income in their province or territory" as defined by Stats Canada http://www.statcan.gc.ca/tables-tableaux/sum-som/l01/cst01/famil108a-eng.htm

More Information

- http://www.ceridiancares.ca/evaluation
- info@ceridiancares.ca

Chai Lifeline ❖∞

Description

 Offers retreats and respite vacations, as well a programs for families

More Information

- https://www.chailifelinecanada.org/
- 647-430-5933 ext. 1801
- mrothman@chailifeline.org

Eligibility

 Please contact the email below for eligibility requirements

Choices That Can Change Lives Fund ❖∞

Description

- Through the Choices that can Change Lives Fund grants will be provided to individuals and families as they pursue dreams and goals or are seeking extra supports when all other resources have been exhausted.
- Examples of the types of grants funded:
 - Classes or tutoring
 - Music lessons
 - Camp or recreational activities
 - Concerts or sporting events
 - Assistive technology
 - Travel assistance for family visits or vacations
 - Gym memberships or sports team

- Individuals and families receiving service from or attending a Community Living Toronto program are eligible to apply for a Choices that can Change Lives Fund grant.
- Must currently receive service from or attend a Community Living Toronto program
- Must be a current Member of Community Living Toronto prior to submitting an application
- Must have exhausted all other options and provide proof of this in the application

fees

- Community outings to support travel-training goals
- Relax and spend the day at the spa
- Purchase sports equipment
- Extra daytime relief or evening respite support
- Must show that the request matches goals or plans they have been working on. Goal and planning documents can include individualized service plans, education plans, plans of care, formalized goal setting processes, or person directed plans.
- Must show that they have been working towards these goals or dreams (see website for more details)
- Individuals employed by Community Living Toronto who meet the above criteria may apply to the Fund.

More Information

- http://www.choiceschangelives.ca/
- 647-729-180
- sylvie.labrosse@cltoronto.ca

Easter Seals Ontario ❖∞

Description

Easter Seals offers a number of different funding opportunities:

- The Financial Assistance Program picks up where the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care's Assistive Devices Program (ADP), insurance and other family resources leave off.
- The Incontinence Supplies Grant
 Program is for children and youth
 between the ages of 3 to 18 years with
 chronic disabilities (physical or
 developmental) that result in
 irreversible incontinence or retention
 problems lasting longer than six months
 and requiring the use of incontinence
 supplies
- The Prism Medical Sling Program provides a FREE sling program for clients who use lifts
- The Top Up Program is available to

Eligibility

Each program has different eligibility requirements. Please see the below links:

- Financial Assistance Program funds the following items: http://www.easterseals.org/wp-content/uploads/118/RFA-eligible-items-2019.pdf
- Incontinence Supplies Grant:
 http://www.easterseals.org/services/inc
 ontinence-supplies-grant/

- Prism Medical Sling Program:
 http://www.easterseals.org/services/prism-medical-sling-program/
- The Top Up Program:

eligible clients receiving the Incontinence Supplies Grant (funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care) and Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD) (funded by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services/Ministry of Community and Social Services). The program "tops up" the annual amount from the Incontinence Supplies Grant Program.

http://www.easterseals.org/services/top-up-program/

More Information

- http://www.easterseals.org/services/parent-resources/easter-seals-financial-assistance/
- 416.421.8146 or toll free at 1.866.630.3336
- services@easterseals.org

Family Directed Respite $\Box \triangle \infty$

Description

- Family Directed Respite (FDR) funding is a reimbursement program intended to assist families who are not currently connected to Ministry funded respite/camp programs, to develop and direct their own unique respite plans.
- Family Directed Respite funding is administered by respiteservices.com on behalf of the Toronto Respite Network.

Eligibility

- Child must be diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
- Child is eligible from the age of 2 until their 18th birthday.
- Child must reside with a caregiver and be a permanent resident of Toronto.
- Family required to have made an application to Special Services at Home.
- Families accessing Ministry funded respite/camp programs may not be eligible. If you have questions about the programs you are currently accessing please contact them directly to inquire about funding received.

- https://www.respiteservices.com/Toronto/index.aspx?ArticleID=1536&lang=en-CA
- 416-322-6317 x10
- fdr@respiteservices.com

| Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital – Family Support Fund $\Box \triangle \infty$ | |
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| Description | Eligibility |

- The Family Support Fund offers financial support to Holland Bloorview families during a time of transition or stress. It may support family accommodations at Holland Bloorview, equipment, recreation and life skills programs, modifications to home or car, medications or respite.
- Be a registered client of Holland Bloorview
- Have had a clinical appointment with Holland Bloorview in the two years prior to the date on this application
- Be under the age of 19

- http://hollandbloorview.ca/ClientFamilyResources/FamilyResourceCentre/Respite/Holland-BloorviewFamilySupportFund
- 416-425-6220 ext. 6303
- abudin@hollandbloorview.ca

Kids in Camp $\square \triangle$

Description

- Camperships are available for day and overnight camps accredited by the Ontario Camps Association. KIDS IN CAMP considers every campership application submitted by the Camp Directors of OCA accredited camps.
- Please begin the process early so your Camp Director may submit applications by mid-March each year.
- Please visit the website of the Ontario Camps Association:
- Go to the Parents heading and select "Find a Camp" to review the camp options available to you.
- Select your preferred camp(s) after researching the options.
- Contact the Camp Director(s) and discuss your situation.
- Determine if there is space at the time you have selected.
- Ask the Camp Director to apply to KIDS IN CAMP on your child's behalf. (All OCA Accredited Camps have received information from KIC about how to

- Camperships are available for day and overnight camps accredited by the Ontario Camps Association.
- Will fund 1 session at camp. The length of time varies with each camp and is something you should discuss with the camp director.
- Camperships are determined by the Kids in Camp Campership Committee and are considered based on need and a camp director's recommendation.
- The earlier you apply the better to ensure that the application can be reviewed in time.
- Funds are limited.

apply for a camper subsidy).

More Information

- http://kidsincamp.com/
- 416-948-KIDS (5437)
- info@kidsincamp.com

Kidsport Toronto (other cities in Ontario can also access funding) $\Box \triangle$

Description

- KidSport™ is a grass roots Canadian nonprofit organization that provides support to under-resourced children and youth 18 years of age and under across the country by removing financial barriers that prevent them from playing organized sport.
- The KidSport grant covers up to \$250 and up to \$500 for hockey, per calendar year, to go towards registration fees and personal sports equipment.

Eligibility

- Please note this information is specific to the Toronto chapter of Kidsport. To check if there is a chapter in your city, please visit the website. If there is not a chapter in your city, you would apply to the provincial office.
- KidSport Toronto provides grant assistance to Toronto children and youth 18 years old and younger who are facing financial barriers preventing them from joining organized sport.
- The KidSport Toronto grant covers organized sports that are instructed by qualified coaches and represent a sustainable sport experience of at least 8 weeks or more. In addition, the sport club must be a member of the recognized Toronto provincial sport organization for that sport. If you would like to verify if your sport qualifies for funding please email Toronto@kidsportcanada.ca . Camps or sport skills schools do not qualify for funding

- Ontario specific: http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/ontario/
- Toronto specific: http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/ontario/toronto/
- Toronto phone number: 416-283-0940
- Toronto email: Toronto@kidsportcanada.ca

Labatt Better Together ❖∞

Description

- Labatt Better Together makes a positive impact on Canadian communities by providing basic essentials and other support services to improve the quality of life of individuals and families in need.
- Types of grants:
- Necessities (clothing, footwear, food and household needs)
- Health (medical devices, therapies, support services, assistive devices)
- Elderly Support (support services)
- Youth Development (programs and supplies)

Eligibility

- Applicant must be 19+ years of age
- Recipient must be a Canadian resident
- Recipient must be an individual or family in need of financial assistance related to the types of items supported by Labatt Better Together
- For the Basic Essentials grant type, recipient annual household income must be at or below the "low Income Cut Off before tax" level as defined online
- For the Quality of Life grant type, recipient annual household income must be at or below the "median total income in their province or territory" as defined online

More Information

- http://www.labattbettertogether.ca/apply-for-help
- <u>bettertogether@labatt.com</u>

Muscular Dystrophy Canada: Community Services Fund Ontario $\diamondsuit \infty$

Description

 Financial assistance for the purchase of medical equipment or to support such needs as medical travel, respite care, adapted recreation programs, therapies, etc.

Eligibility

 Through this fund 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.

- http://www.muscle.ca/get-involved/community-volunteer-chapters/chapter-newsresources-and-links/community-services-fund-ontario-nunavut/
- 1-800-567-2873 ext. 160, or 416-488-2699
- infoontario@muscle.ca

| Nadine Dee Chiu Memorial Fund ❖∞ | |
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| <u>Description</u> | Eligibility |

- The Nadine "Dee" Chiu Memorial Fund helps families or individuals receiving supports and services from Community Living Toronto to pay for communitybased programs or to buy assistive devices which are not covered – or fully funded – by government.
- This Fund is intended to assist with the purchase of services or equipment which will improve the quality of life and the community participation of a person with an intellectual disability; help an individual participate more fully in their local neighbourhood; help a person achieve their personal goals and dreams; or meet new people and develop personal relationships.
- Must be a current Member of Community Living Toronto prior to submitting an application
- Must live in Toronto
- Any age
- Must demonstrate financial need

- http://cltoronto.ca/resources/
- 647-729-1210

Ontario Camps Association $\Box \triangle$

Description

- Each camp has their policies as to whether or not they offer subsidies and/or the specific nature of their subsidies. In addition there are various organizations and government programs with funding opportunities.
- Applications can be found on organization's websites or by request.
 Please see the list of organizations and/or camps that provide subsidies on the OCA Camps website.

Eligibility

 Each camp has a different eligibility, please go to the website below for more information

More Information

http://www.ontariocampsassociation.ca/finding-the-right-camp/subsidies/

Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy – Life Enriching Activity Fund ❖∞ Description Eligibility

- Financial assistance to enrich, enhance or augment an activity the member currently participates in/is interested in.
- Up to \$500.00 per application. Up to \$100.00 per night for hotel accommodation while on vacation
- Up to \$15.00 per hour for the Physical Support Services
- Individual members of OFCP who have cerebral palsy, and reside in Ontario.
- Members who have not already been approved for funds in the LEAF program from the current year

- http://www.ofcp.ca/programs/funding/leaf/
- 416-244-9686 ext. 222
- leaf@ofcp.ca

Special Services at Home (SSAH) $\square \triangle \infty$

Description

The program helps families pay for special services in or outside the family home as long as the child is not receiving support from a residential program. For example, the family can hire someone to:

- help the child learn new skills and abilities, such as improving their communications skills and becoming more independent
- provide respite support to the family families can get money to pay for services that will give them a break, or respite, from the day-to-day care of their child.

Eligibility

Families can apply for this support if their children have a developmental or physical disability:

- live in Ontario; and,
- need more support than most families can provide

and

- are living at home with their family, or
- if they are not living at home with their family and are not being helped by other residential services

More Information

http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/specialservices.aspx

TORONTO (please note there are other regional offices listed online)

Tel: (416) 325-0500
 TTY: (416) 325-3600

The War Amps – CHAMP $\square \triangle$

Description

• CHAMP provides financial assistance to child amputees and their families.

Eligibility

 CHAMP serves children in Canada (under 18) who are born missing a limb

- Standard Artificial Limbs CHAMP
 assists with the costs of standard or
 "everyday" artificial limbs and ongoing
 adjustments and repairs by paying the
 portion not covered by provincial or
 private medical plans, or group
 insurance.
- Recreational Limbs and Devices The program covers 100 per cent of the cost of recreational limbs and devices, such as those designed for swimming, biking or playing a musical instrument.
- Travel to Prosthetic Centres CHAMP provides financial assistance towards travel costs to and from prosthetic centres for its members.
- War Amps Bursaries Members of CHAMP between the ages of 18 and 24 who are pursuing post-secondary education are eligible to become part of the CHAMP Development Program, with a focus on developing skills and knowledge that can set them out on the road to independence.

or have lost a limb due to an accident or medical causes.

More Information

- http://www.waramps.ca/ways-we-help/child-amputees/
- 1 800 267-4023
- champ@waramps.ca

Tim Hickman Memorial Fund 💠

Description

 The Tim Hickman Memorial Fund will assist in the acquisition and adaptation of equipment to allow mentally and/or physically challenged individuals to participate in sporting and recreational activities, while advancing accurate information for accessible and safe participation of all individuals.

Eligibility

The main objectives are:

- To assist mentally and/or physically challenged individuals to participate in sporting and/or recreational activities, where specialized equipment and/or facilities are required.
- To assist in the adaptation of equipment to allow mentally and/or physically challenged individuals to participate in

- sporting and/or recreational activities.
- To assist specialized programs or individuals to acquire equipment to allow mentally and/or physically challenged individuals to participate in sporting and/or recreational activities.
- To provide accurate, focused information and awareness programming on the topics of accessible and safe participation for mentally and/or physically challenged individuals in sporting and recreational activities.

- http://www.timhickmanfund.com
- 250-890-1717 or 905-428-7867
- shirley.hickman67@gmail.com or paddeejoarnold@rogers.com

Tim Hortons Foundation □

Description

- Our Summer Camp Program offers a once-in-a-life time opportunity for children, aged 9-12, from low-income families to attend summer camp. Tim Hortons Restaurant Owners work with local youth serving organizations and schools to find qualified children for each session. This program is also offered during the school breaks in March.
- Unlike most camps, parents don't apply directly to send their children to a Tim Horton Children's Foundation camp. If you are a parent wishing for your child to be involved, your first step is to contact your child's school or a local agency he/she is involved with, and ask whether a Tim Hortons restaurant owner has asked them to refer children.
- If they have not been asked, but someone at your child's school or

- All children who attend our camps are selected and referred by local organizations that work with children from low-income families. Tim Hortons owners ask these organizations to refer children between the ages of 9 and 12 who meet our criteria.
- In order to attend a Foundation camp, children must be:
- From a low-income family. (As specified by Statistics Canada's Low Income Cutoffs and the U.S. Census Bureau's Poverty Thresholds.)
- In the appropriate program age group
- Selected by a Community Agency or school working with local Tim Hortons Restaurant Owners, or be invited to apply by the Foundation
- Able to fully participate in all aspects of the program (physically, emotionally and behaviourally)

agency would be willing to recommend them, please ask that person to contact the Foundation's Home Office. Their contact information will then be added to a list of people interested in referring.

 If spaces become available in your community, the Foundation will contact your school or agency representative to complete an application for camp.

More Information

- http://www.timhortons.com/ca/en/childrens-foundation/summer-camp.php
- (519) 448-1248
- registrar@thcf.com

| Toronto Welcome Policy ❖∝ | clcome Policy ❖∞ |
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Description

 Fee subsidy to help low income individuals and families who live in Toronto access City-operated recreation programs

Eligibility

 To be an Applicant (Main Contact on Application Form), you must be at least 18 years of age or older

Applicants and their families must:

- Live in the City of Toronto
- Have a before tax family income of less than Statistics Canada's Low Income Cut-Off (LICO) shown on the website
- See website for additional information on Ontario Works (OW), ODSP, and ACSD recipients

More Information

- Go to http://www1.toronto.ca/ and search for 'Welcome Policy' or click this link:
 http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=a048a4bd35341410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD
- Call: 416-338-2000

Vacations and Wishes

| Chai Lifeline ❖∞ | |
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| Description | Eligibility |

 Offers retreats and respite vacations, as well a programs for families Please contact the email below for eligibility requirements

More Information

- https://www.chailifelinecanada.org/
- 647-430-5933 ext. 1801
- mrothman@chailifeline.org

Children's Wish Foundation $\Box \triangle \infty$

Description

 The Children's Wish Foundation is a 100% Canadian charity that grants the single-most heartfelt wishes of Canadian children diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses.

Eligibility

- Any child residing in Canada between the ages of three and seventeen who has been diagnosed with a life threatening illness qualifies for a wish. This illness must be verified by the child's treating physician.
- Most referrals come from parents, family members or the network of doctors, nurses and social workers engaged with the child. Referrals can also come from child-life specialists, friends, the potential wish child; other wish families, community or support organizations, school teachers or caregivers.

More Information

- http://www.childrenswish.ca/wishes/
- 1-800-267-WISH (9474)

Dreams Take Flight $\square \infty$

Description

- Offers vacations to families who have children with disabilities
- Dreams Take Flight uses specific criteria to choose the children from physically, mentally and socially challenged backgrounds

- Be between the ages of 6 12
- Financially, not have the opportunity to experience Disneyland/Disney World
- Be a Canadian citizen
- Be able to legally enter the United States
- Be medically, mentally, physically, socially or emotionally challenged
- Have never been to a Disney Theme

Park Be able to communicate orally or in sign language Be able to function in a group situation, be able to endure an extremely long day Attend the mandatory Orientation Meeting before the Day of Flight

More Information

- http://www.dreamstakeflight.ca/ (Canada site)
- http://yyz.dreamstakeflight.ca/children/ (Toronto site)
- canada@dreamstakeflight.ca (Canada-wide email)
- toronto@dreamstakeflight.ca (Toronto-wide email)

Make A Wish Foundation $\Box \triangle \infty$

Description

- The mission of Make-A-Wish® Canada is to grant the wishes of children with lifethreatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy
- Referrals are accepted from medical professionals, parents or guardians, or a potential child directly
- Referrals from any other sources should be directed to ask the family to contact the Foundation
- The family will always be contacted once the referral is made before taking the wish to the next step

Eligibility

- The child is between the ages of 3 and 17
- The child has a life-threatening medical condition that is currently in the lifethreatening stage
- The child has not received a prior wish from any wish-granting organization
- The child's treating physician and our Medical Advisor deem the child medically able to participate in the wish

More Information

- https://makeawish.ca/refer-child
- 416-224-9474

Toll Free: 1-888-822-9474

• nationaloffice@makeawish.ca

Million Dollar Smiles □ △∞ Description Eligibility • Million Dollar Smiles is a non-profit • If you know of a child that is suffering

organization that provides support for families with children facing adversity from life threatening illnesses. This is accomplished through a wide range of fundraising campaigns for gift-giving targeted to children up to the age of 18.

 This organization builds backyard playgrounds and delivers 4-foot teddy bears to kids in the GTA and surrounding areas from an illness and believe the family would like support, or if you are a family member requesting support, please fill out the email form on the website, and the organization will send you eligibility requirements and a referral questionnaire

More Information

- http://www.milliondollarsmiles.ca/
- Contact form online (no phone or email)

Starlight Children's Foundation Canada $\Box \triangle$

Description

- In-Hospital Program: From activity kits and interactive gaming stations to toy-filled playrooms, Starlight offers a comprehensive menu of in-hospital programs that bring fun, joy and laughter where it's needed most.
- Out-of-Hospital Program: Whether it's a trip to the zoo or an action-packed sporting event, Starlight's families enjoy all of the excitement, laughs and fun of a getaway from the hospital

Eligibility

- Any child with a serious, chronic or life threatening illness between the ages of 4-18 can be referred to Starlight for a Wish
- Must be a Starlight Family (fill out application online)
- Your child would not be eligible for a wish if they have had a wish from Starlight or from another wish granting organization for the same illness.

More Information

- http://www.starlightcanada.org/programs/
- 1-888-782-7947
- <u>info@starlightcanada.org</u>

Sunshine Foundation $\Box \triangle$

Description

 A Sunshine Dream is an individual experience, dreamed by a child. These experiences are unique and can include family members joining in a once-in-a-

- Be between the age of seven and seventeen
- Have a severe physical disability or a lifethreatening illness

- lifetime customized adventure.
- Sunshine defines "severe physical disability" as a severe impairment including all childhood diseases in which a physical disorder is present (examples include, but are not limited to severe cerebral palsy, muscular distrophy, spina bifida). Sunshine defines "lifethreatening illness" as an illness likely to lead to death during childhood or early adult life. Children with primary global delays are not eligible.
- Be able to endure a very long day
- Have the ability to communicate with or without technical assistance
- Live in Canada
- Be of the cognitive age of a three year old or higher
- Has not previously participated in a Sunshine DreamLift

- http://www.sunshine.ca/dreams
- Toll-free: 1-800-461-7935 Local: 519-642-0990
- info@sunshine.ca

Computers

Free Geek Toronto ❖∞

Description

 Free Geek's goal is to make Toronto a place where e-waste is disposed of responsibly, safely and ethically, and where everyone has access to computers and the Internet.

Eligibility

- Shop for refurbished desktops and laptops
- Also offers a community hub which provides free access to computers and the Internet, including a WiFi hotspot for those with their own devices, during our operating hours. Our team also offers basic computer troubleshooting and knowledge so community members can make informed decisions about their hardware selections.

More Information

- https://www.freegeektoronto.org/
- 416-572-3737

Little Geeks $\Box \triangle \infty$

Description

 The Little Geeks Foundation is a registered charity that provides computer hardware to disadvantaged families and community service organizations in the Greater Toronto Area. Led now by Hamish Sutherland, Little Geeks continues to make a difference in the lives of young students in the GTA.

- If you are a student between the ages of 6 and 18, the first thing that needs to happen is that you have to get a parent, guardian or caseworker to fill out an application on your behalf. We also need a signed "Parental Release" form (that we will provide at pick-up). This lets us know that your parent, guardian or caseworker is agreeing to supervise your use of the computer. Parents/guardians, please follow the instructions online.
- If you are a community, school or social centre that serves students, we can also help you. We are pleased to work with any organization that removes the barriers to our students having ready and safe access to a computer. Please

| complete the application form and let us | |
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| know how we can help. | |

 We do not need proof of family income, simply a declaration that you meet our requirements.

More Information

- http://littlegeeks.org/
- Contact form online (no phone or email)

reBOOT Canada – reSTART ❖∞

Description

- reBOOT Canada is a registered charity that refurbishes donated computer equipment to provide non-profits, charities, and individuals, with access to subsidized technology, software, and training.
- Refurbished workstations are available for eligible applicants subsidized in part by our recycling partner, TechReset, donations from the general public, corporations and a applicable fees.
- *Units carry a 30 day warranty and licensed Windows 10 is installed, thanks to Microsoft's support.

Eligibility

- If you are currently registered with Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support, Old Age Security, OSAP, Veteran's assistance or equivalents in other provinces or you are a social services case worker working on a client's behalf, please complete the application through the online form.
- *Please note there is a minimum \$145 fee plus tax applicable to the end user per unit.

More Information

- http://www.rebootcanada.ca/restart/
- (416) 534-6017 x2 (Toronto location)
- info@rebootcanada.ca

Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) – OUTREACH program $\diamondsuit \infty$

Description

 The RCTech OUTREACH program provides low income individuals with affordable ownership of quality renewed computers, ready to use software & learning modules all in one package.

Eligibility

In order to qualify, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Ontario
- Must meet current Low Income Cut-off (LICO) standards

*Please note that applications being submitted for anyone under the age of 18 require a parent

or legal guardian to accompany them and provide both proof of income and signature at the scheduled time for pick-up in order to qualify.

More Information

- http://www.rcto.ca/
- 1-866-206-0008 or 905-795-5388
- info@rcto.ca

Post-Secondary Education

Bloorview School Authority Bursary Δ $\stackrel{\leftarrow}{ m \sim}$

Description

- The Bloorview School Authority Bursary is awarded to a student with a disability
- The value of the award will be \$5,000.00

Eligibility

- Student with a disability
- 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),
- Has demonstrated achievement with a high academic record, participated in extra-curricular activities and made community contributions through volunteerism.

More Information

- http://school.hollandbloorview.ca/scholarships/application%20forms
- (416) 424-3831
- school@hollandbloorview.ca

Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities riangle ightharpoonup

Description

 The Canada Student Grant for Persons with Permanent Disabilities provides aid to postsecondary students who have self-identified as having a permanent

- You must meet the following eligibility requirements to be considered for this grant:
- You have applied for and are eligible for

disability.

- This grant provides help to pay for education-related costs such as tuition, books, mandatory fees, living costs and transportation.
- It's available to full and part-time students attending a postsecondary school that is approved for OSAP purposes.

funding as indicated from one of the following sources for the 2016-2017 academic year:

- OSAP for Full-Time Students and have at least \$1 in calculated federal need; or
- OSAP for Part-Time Students
- You have self-identified as having a permanent disability.

More Information

- https://stage.osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal/en/A-ZListofAid/PRDR015062.html
- **Going to school in Ontario** (or to McGill University or Concordia University in Montreal): Contact the financial aid office at your school.
- **Going to school outside Ontario**: Student Financial Assistance Branch, Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities

1-807-343-7260

Toll-free in North America: 1-877-OSAP-411 (1-877-672-7411)

Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD): 1-800-465-3958

Choose 2 Be Resilient \triangle

Description

 The Resiliency Scholarship is an education award of \$2000 for postsecondary education pursued at the university, college or apprenticeship level. It is open to youth who have demonstrated resiliency despite facing adversity in their lives.

Eligibility

- One of this year's scholarships will be awarded to a youth who has chosen to be resilient despite a serious physical or mental health challenge.
- To apply, please share your story of resiliency and include your name, contact information (email address, mailing address and phone contact) as well as your plans for post-secondary education.
- Because this scholarship is currently funded by the generosity of our local community some priority will be given to youth who reside in the Halton Hills and geographically adjacent areas.

- https://choose2beresilient.com/how-to-apply/
- zkresilience21@gmail.com

Easter Seals Scholarships $\triangle \diamondsuit$

Description

 Easter Seals offers a range of titled scholarships for students with physical disabilities, ranging in amounts from \$500 to up to \$5,000 for a single year of post-secondary education.

Eligibility

- See website for details
- Applications typically open in the spring of each year.

More Information

- http://www.easterseals.org/services/scholarships/
- scholarships@easterseals.org

Education funding for people with disabilities (general government website) $\triangle \diamondsuit$

Description

 This website outlines the federal funding available to people with disabilities

Grants for students with permanent disabilities

 Financial assistance for students with a permanent disability enrolled at a designated post-secondary institution.

Grant for services and equipment for students with permanent disabilities

 A grant towards tuition, textbook, and accommodation costs for eligible students with a permanent disability.

Canada student loans program - severe permanent disability benefit

 How a borrower can have student loans forgiven if they have a severe and permanent disability preventing them them from pursuing further postsecondary education and from working.

Eligibility

- Each grant has it's own eligibility requirements – please see the website for more details
- The grants are also listed below for your convenience

More Information

https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/disability/education.html

ONTARIO (please note there are other provincial offices listed online)

 807-343-7260 (For Ontario students attending a post-secondary institution outside Ontario)

TTY:1-800-465-3958

Holland Bloorview Whipper Billy Watson Bursary $\triangle \diamondsuit$

Description

 This bursary has been established to assist students with physical disabilities in full-time study at an ONTARIO COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY. Bursaries are granted each year to one male and one female who demonstrate potential for studies at the COMMUNITY COLLEGE level. Each successful applicant receives a \$2,000.00 bursary.

Eligibility

- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Intend to register in September of the current year in the first year of a COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY as a full-time student;
- Have a physical disability which severely restricts their physical activities;
- Have demonstrated leadership and community service; and
- Have demonstrated participation in extra-curricular activities.

More Information

- http://school.hollandbloorview.ca/scholarships/application%20forms
- (416) 424-3831
- school@hollandbloorview.ca

TD and Toronto Rehab Graduate Scholarship for People with Disabilities \diamondsuit

Description

 Graduate students with disabilities often encounter financial barriers due in part to the high cost of adaptive aids, technologies and resources needed to enable their studies. TD Bank started funding scholarships at Toronto Rehab in 2005 to support graduate students with disabilities.

- Applicants must have a disability and plan to be enrolled in a rehabilitationrelated graduate program leading to a masters or doctoral degree at one of the eligible universities
- Applications are encouraged from international students and final year undergraduate students
- Graduate students studying at the following institutions are eligible to apply: McMaster University, Ryerson University, University of Ontario Institute of Technology, University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, Wilfrid Laurier University and York University.
- Fields of study must relate to rehabilitation but are not limited to any particular discipline. The wide range of eligible disciplines are listed online

- http://www.idapt.com/index.php/news-events/research-news/355-scholarships-for-students-with-disabilities
- 416 597-3422, ext. 7600
- lois.ward@uhn.ca

Kinsmen: Central Association of Kinsmen Clubs $\triangle \diamondsuit$

Description

 Kin Canada Bursaries is a program of the Hal Rogers Endowment Fund. \$1,000 bursaries are awarded to Canadian students from coast-to-coast who are pursuing post-secondary education.

Eligibility

- Must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant.
- Must be a student in the process of graduating from high school or currently studying or registered at a postsecondary institution.
- Must complete the current application form and submit it to the Kinsmen, Kinette or Kin Club closest to their permanent residence by a the deadline on the website. Bursary winners are notified by their sponsoring club.
- Will be evaluated on their community and school involvement, knowledge of Kin Canada and financial need.

More Information

- http://www.kincanada.ca/apply
- 800-742-5546 ext. 215
- <u>lirvine@kincanada.ca</u>

Empowered Kids Ontario Scholarship Award Δ

Description

 The EKO Scholarship, formally known as the OACRS (Ontario Association of Children's Rehabilitation Services)
 Scholarship, helps support students who have received services from an EKO member organisation, pursue their postsecondary education or career.

- Be an applicant for post-secondary education at the university or community college level or be pursuing career goals that involve a tuition fee;
- Have received services from one of Ontario's Children's Treatment Centres
- Demonstrate his/her suitability to receive a scholarship

- Provide a letter outlining career goals, course of study, involvement with their local CTC including what difference this has made in their life; relevant volunteer activity at school, at their CTC or in the community, and explain what makes them an outstanding candidate for this award
- Recommendation letters from an EKO member organization and the applicant's school are also required.

- http://empoweredkidsontario.ca/en/theoacrsscholarship
- 416-424-3864
- admin@empoweredkidsontario.ca

Ontario Bursary for Students with Disabilities (BSWD) and Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Persons with Permanent Disabilities (CSG-PDSE) $\triangle \Leftrightarrow$

Description

- The Bursary for Students with
 Disabilities (BSWD) and the Canada
 Student Grant for Services and
 Equipment for Persons with Permanent
 Disabilities (CSG-PDSE) helps full and
 part-time postsecondary students with
 the costs of their disability-related
 educational services and equipment.
- You may receive assistance for the disability-related accommodations you need, such as note-takers, tutors, interpreters or technical aids while you're in postsecondary studies.
- The maximum funding for each academic year is:

BSWD: \$2,000CSG-PDSE: \$8,000

Eligibility

For the **BSWD**:

- You've self-identified as having a permanent or temporary disability.
- You've applied for and are eligible for funding from one of the following sources:
- OSAP for Full-Time Students and have at least \$1 in calculated provincial need; or
- OSAP for Part-Time Students and are receiving an Ontario Part-Time Grant; or
- The Institution-Funded Special Bursary (IFSB).

For the CSG-PDSE

- You've self-identified as having a permanent disability.
- You've applied for and are eligible for funding from one of the following sources:
- OSAP for Full-Time Students and have at least \$1 in calculated federal need; or
- OSAP for Part-Time Students.

- https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal/en/A-ZListofAid/WEBUCONT033210.html
- If you have questions and are attending a **publicly-assisted university or college in**Ontario, contact your school's disability advisor and make an appointment
- If you have questions and are attending a university or college outide of Ontario or a private college or university: 1-877-OSAP-411 (toll free in North America) or (807)343-7260 or 1-800-465-3958 (TTY)

Optimist International Foundation of Canada $\triangle \diamondsuit$

Description

- Optimist International sponsors three scholarship contests for students to earn money to pursue opportunities in higher education: the Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH), the Essay Contest and the Oratorical Contest.
- The contests are conducted at the Club level, then Zone and Regional (if necessary) and at the District level. District-level scholarships are funded by the Optimist International Foundations and awarded by Optimist International.

Eligibility

- Open to students under the age of 18
- Essay Contest

This contest requires students under 18 and who are educated in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean to compose a 700- to 800-word essay around a central idea. The contest is designed to develop writing and critical thinking skills. One scholarship of \$2,500 per District is awarded by Optimist International each year.

Oratorical Contest

The Oratorical Contest is open to students under 18 who are educated in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean. Students are required to prepare a 4- to 5-minute speech on a pre-assigned topic. This contest is designed to assist youth in gaining public speaking experience and provide them with an opportunity to compete for a scholarship.

Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Students who are certified to have a hearing loss of 40 decibels or more may compete in this contest designed to help them develop the skills and confidence to present in sign or orally to an audience.

- General website: http://www.optimist.org/e/member/scholarships1.cfm
- Contact your local Optimist Club: http://www.optimist.org/CityDirectory.cfm?country=CA&state=ON
- Canadian Service Centre: (514) 593-4401 or (800) 363-7151

The Justin Eves Foundation – Minds in Motion $\triangle \updownarrow$

Description

- The Justin Eves Foundation will provide financial support for Ontario students with learning disabilities who meet the application criteria attending a Canadian college or university or a post-secondary institution outside of Canada appropriate to their needs.
- The current policy of the Justin Eves
 Foundation is to provide funding only to
 applicants who reside in Ontario and
 have graduated from an Ontario
 secondary school.

Eligibility

- Have a documented learning disability that meets the accepted definition of this disorder (see appendix i.b). Please note that this does not include learning problems caused primarily by other disorders such as: Mild intellectual disability; Autism Spectrum Disorders; Brain injury; ADHD, or other psychiatric conditions.
- Be a resident of Ontario having attended an Ontario high school
- Submit a complete application before the deadline listed online

More Information

- http://justinevesfoundation.com/application-form/
- 416-586-0085
- info@justinevesfoundation.com

The Ontario Knights of Columbus Bursary \triangle

Description

- The Knights of Columbus in Ontario established the Ontario State Chaplains Bursary program, which awards 5 successful applicants each year a Bursary of \$1,000.00 each.
- Applications must be submitted by May 1 of the current year. Schools and individuals may reproduce the application form or download it through our website.

- This program provides a bursary to assist Knights and members of their families entering the first year of a postsecondary education.
- Candidates who are eligible for an Ontario Knights of Columbus Bursary are:
- A member of the Knights of Columbus of Ontario in good standing.
- The wife, son or daughter of a member

- Although the applicant's marks are important and taken into consideration, it is important to note that in many cases where an applicant is successful, it is based on their need. The bursary recipients will be announced by the end of June of the current year.
- in good standing.
- The wife, son or daughter of a deceased member in good standing at the time of his death.
- A grandchild who is the legal ward of a member in good standing.

- https://ontariokofc.ca/bursary/
- 905-388-2731 or Toll free:1-800-759-0959
- <u>stateoffice@ontariokofc.ca</u>

The Tamara Gordon Foundation $\triangle \diamondsuit$

Description

 The Tamara Gordon Foundation provides financial awards ranging from \$750 to \$3,000 to physically disabled students enrolled in degree programs at post-secondary institutions within Ontario.

- Applicants will be considered on the basis of their academic record, their community service, references and the completion of an application that includes an essay on the role that they can play in enhancing the experience of physically disabled students at their university/college.
- Be a Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant with a permanent physical disability
- Reside in the province of Ontario
- Be enrolled in a program at an Ontario University that is a member of Universities Canada or one of Ontario's 24 Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology for the 2018/19 academic year
- Be a Grade 12 student in the province of Ontario, or a student already enrolled in a post-secondary program and looking to advance to either year 2, 3, 4 on wards.
- Demonstrate a strong academic record
- Demonstrate a need for financial assistance

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- http://tgfoundation.ca/
- (905) 209-0606
- <u>tamaragfoundation@gmail.com</u>

Alternate Funding Sources and Charitable Organizations

A Child's Voice Foundation: Angel Hair for Kids $\Box \triangle$

Description

- At Angel Hair For Kids, we believe the act of providing a wig or hair loss solution will increase a child's self-esteem and confidence during a difficult time in their young lives.
- Using hair and financial donations generously donated to the program,
 Angel Hair For Kids provides wigs and hair systems to recipients at no cost to the child's family.

Eligibility

 To apply for a wig or hair prosthesis, a health or social care professional (e.g. doctor or social worker) must contact A Child's Voice Foundation to request an Angel Hair For Kids intake application. This package must be filled out and submitted by the health or social care provider. The foundation reviews each request on an individual basis and strives to provide a response as soon as possible.

More Information

- https://www.acvf.ca/angel-hair-for-kids
- 905-275-3434
- admin@acvf.ca

Ability Gives $\Box \triangle$

Description

Ability Gives is a Canadian equipment grant program for members of Ability Online who have a child with a disability or complex medical condition under 18 years of age. Equipment can include:

- therapy bikes
- ipads with communication software for non-verbal children
- adapted strollers
- specialized seating/feeding chairs
- lifts and turners
- serial casting/orthotics
- orthotic shoes
- walkers
- splints

<u>Eligibility</u>

- Applicants must be active members of Ability Online (for a minimum of 3 months) who reside in Canada
- The device/equipment requested will make a significant difference in the life of a child/youth 18 years of age or under
- Family must be willing to post their child's story and picture on our web site (first names only).
- Only one equipment request per family

- http://abilitygives.org/about/
- 416-650-6207
 Toll free 1-866-650-6207
- information@abilityonline.org

Ceridian Cares ❖∞

Description

Ceridian Cares will provide grants for the following types of needs:

- Clothing and Footwear:
 Winter clothing, boots, children's clothing, work clothing
- Food and Basic Household Needs:
 Food, blankets, mattresses,
 cookware/dishes, small appliances,
 towels, diapers, cribs, personal hygiene
- Medical Devices and Therapies:
 Prosthetics, eyewear, medical equipment, special therapies, home adjustments for barrier free living, respite services, braille books, counseling services, physiotherapy
- Personal Development and Recreation: Children's programs, camp, art supplies, books, athletic programs

Eligibility

- Applicant must be 18+ years of age
- Recipient must be a Canadian resident
- Recipient must be an individual or family in need of financial assistance related to the types of items supported by Ceridian Cares
- For the Basic Essentials grant type, recipient annual household income must be at or below the "Low Income Cut Off before tax" level as defined by Stats Canada http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/75f0002 m/2014003/tbl/tbl02-eng.htm
- For the Quality of Life grant type, recipient annual household income must be at or below the "median total income in their province or territory" as defined by Stats Canada http://www.statcan.gc.ca/tables-tableaux/sum-som/l01/cst01/famil108a-eng.htm

More Information

- http://www.ceridiancares.ca/evaluation
- info@ceridiancares.ca

Easter Seals Ontario ❖∞

Description

Easter Seals offers a number of different funding opportunities:

 The Financial Assistance Program picks up where the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care's Assistive Devices

Eligibility

Each program has different eligibility requirements. Please see the below links:

 Financial Assistance Program funds the following items: http://www.easterseals.org/wp-

www.hollandbloorview.ca/fundingprogramsguide

Program (ADP), insurance and other family resources leave off.

- Program is for children and youth between the ages of 3 to 18 years with chronic disabilities (physical or developmental) that result in irreversible incontinence or retention problems lasting longer than six months and requiring the use of incontinence supplies
- The Prism Medical Sling Program provides a FREE sling program for clients who use lifts
- The Top Up Program is available to eligible clients receiving the Incontinence Supplies Grant (funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care) and Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD) (funded by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services/Ministry of Community and Social Services). The program "tops up" the annual amount from the Incontinence Supplies Grant Program.

<u>content/uploads/118/RFA-eligible-items-2019.pdf</u>

Incontinence Supplies Grant:
 http://www.easterseals.org/services/inc
 ontinence-supplies-grant/

- Prism Medical Sling Program:
 http://www.easterseals.org/services/prism-medical-sling-program/
- The Top Up Program:
 http://www.easterseals.org/services/to
 p-up-program/

More Information

- http://www.easterseals.org/services/parent-resources/easter-seals-financial-assistance/
- 416.421.8146 or toll free at 1.866.630.3336
- services@easterseals.org

First Hand Foundation ❖∞

Description

- First Hand accepts applications from anywhere in the world. If you or someone you know would like to apply for assistance on behalf of a child, please review the financial guidelines and the criteria listed on the website. Expenses covered include:
- Treatment: Clinical procedures,

- The child must be 18 years of age or younger (a person 19–21 may be considered if they are in a child-like mental state)
- The child must be under the care of a pediatrician
- The case must involve a child with a specific health care need

- medicine, therapy, prosthesis, etc.
- Equipment: Wheelchairs, assistive technology equipment, care devices, hearing aids, etc.
- Displacement: Lodging (only if charitable housing is unavailable), gas (\$0.33 per mile), parking and transportation related to a child's care
- Vehicle modifications: Lifts, ramps and transfer boards
- Expenses not covered are listed online

- The request must be clinically relevant to the health of the child
- There must be no existing insurance coverage for the requested expenses
- One request per year, per child for a maximum of three times in a child's lifetime

- https://www.firsthandfoundation.org/request-funding/
- (816) 201-1569 (please note: this is a US number)
- myfirsthand@cerner.com

Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital – Family Support Fund $\Box \triangle \infty$

Description

 The Family Support Fund offers financial support to Holland Bloorview families during a time of transition or stress. It may support family accommodations at Holland Bloorview, equipment, recreation and life skills programs, modifications to home or car, medications or respite.

Eligibility

- Be a registered client of Holland Bloorview
- Have had a clinical appointment with Holland Bloorview in the two years prior to the date on this application
- Be under the age of 19

More Information

- http://hollandbloorview.ca/ClientFamilyResources/FamilyResourceCentre/Respite/Holland BloorviewFamilySupportFund
- 416-425-6220 ext. 6303
- abudin@hollandbloorview.ca

Jennifer Ashleigh Foundation □△∞ Description Eligibility Jennifer Ashleigh will fund the following: • The need for financial assistance must result from extraordinary costs which are incurred directly as a result of the child's illness or disability.

- Respite Care
- Medical Treatment
- Therapies (can only apply once in a 12 month period)

We only provide funding for children who have one or more of the following diagnosis:

- Physical disability
- Severe medical issue that cannot be controlled by medication and disrupts the life of the child and family
- Mental Health Disorders

- The child must be diagnosed with a serious illness or permanent disability by a Canadian Medical Practitioner.
- The child must be 18 years of age or younger.
- The child and parent or guardian must be a Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant and be a permanent resident of Ontario. Refugee/Convention refugee status does not qualify.
- The family's combined gross annual household income must be \$60,000 or less. Exception to income will only be considered if there is more than one child with special needs in the family.
- The family must have used up all other financial resources available to them.
 These include:
 - Government funding;
 - Funding from service agencies and non-profit organizations
 - If you own more than one property or home you are not eligible for assistance.

More Information

- http://jenash.org/get-help-now/application/
- (905) 852-1799 x32
- generalmail@jenash.org

Labatt Better Together $\diamondsuit \infty$

Description

- Labatt Better Together makes a positive impact on Canadian communities by providing basic essentials and other support services to improve the quality of life of individuals and families in need.
- Types of grants:
- Necessities (clothing, footwear, food and household needs)

- Applicant must be 19+ years of age
- Recipient must be a Canadian resident
- Recipient must be an individual or family in need of financial assistance related to the types of items supported by Labatt Better Together
- For the Basic Essentials grant type, recipient annual household income must be at or below the "low Income

- Health (medical devices, therapies, support services, assistive devices)
- Elderly Support (support services)
- Youth Development (programs and supplies)
- Cut Off before tax" level as defined online
- For the Quality of Life grant type, recipient annual household income must be at or below the "median total income in their province or territory" as defined online

- http://www.labattbettertogether.ca/apply-for-help
- bettertogether@labatt.com

Lion's Club ❖∞

Description

 A Lions Club in or near your community may sponsor a program that provides assistance for eyeglasses, hearing aids, health-related services, scholarships or educational needs

Eligibility

 Must contact your local Lions Club in your community to ask about eligibility

More Information

- http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/how-we-serve/assistance-requests.php
- Search for your local Lion's Club at the above website to find phone and email information

Muscular Dystrophy Canada: Community Services Fund Ontario ❖∞

Description

 Financial assistance for the purchase of medical equipment or to support such needs as medical travel, respite care, adapted recreation programs, therapies, etc.

Eligibility

 Through this fund 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.

- http://www.muscle.ca/get-involved/community-volunteer-chapters/chapter-news-resources-and-links/community-services-fund-ontario-nunavut/
- 1-800-567-2873 ext. 160, or 416-488-2699
- infoontario@muscle.ca

Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy – Assistive Devices Funding Program 💠

Description

 The Assistive Devices Funding Program (ADFP) provides financial assistance for equipment for individual members of the OFCP

Categories of equipment that are funded:

- Communication & Writing/Reading Aids
- Orthotic Devices
- Wheelchairs, Positioning and Ambulation Aids
- Home Accessibility Aids
- Bathroom & Washroom Aids
- Modifications to Electronic Aids for Daily Living

Eligibility

 The Assistive Devices Funding Program is for persons with cerebral palsy of all ages in Ontario, who are individual members of the OFCP

More Information

- http://www.ofcp.ca/programs/funding/assisted-devices/
- 416-244-9686 ext. 224
- adfp@ofcp.ca

Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy – Life Enriching Activity Fund 🌣

Description

- Financial assistance to enrich, enhance or augment an activity the member currently participates in/is interested in.
- Up to \$500.00 per application. Up to \$100.00 per night for hotel accommodation while on vacation
- Up to \$15.00 per hour for the Physical Support Services

Eligibility

- Individual members of OFCP who have cerebral palsy, and reside in Ontario.
- Members who have not already been approved for funds in the LEAF program from the current year

- http://www.ofcp.ca/programs/funding/leaf/
- 416-244-9686 ext. 222
- leaf@ofcp.ca

| Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation ❖∞ | |
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| <u>Description</u> | Eligibility |
| The Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable | The Foundation has determined to focus its |

- Foundation is the fundraising and granting entity of the Rotary Club of Toronto.
- Its primary mission is to fund programs, in the City of Toronto, which benefit children and youth in the areas of health, education, child abuse and neglect, social development and life enrichment. It also funds community programs for the homeless, disabled and seniors and contributes, from time to time, to international Rotary projects which assist children and youth.

resources on providing one-time funding for programs that:

- benefit children and youth in the areas of health, education, social development and life enrichment
- support the elderly and the physically and mentally vulnerable through community programs
- assist the homeless through community programs
- Funds primarily the Greater Toronto Area, with emphasis on the inner-city.

More Information

- http://rotarytoronto.com/1153/Page/ShowSitePage?ClassCode=SitePage&Slug=the-rotary-club-of-toronto-charitable-foundation-making-a-difference&StorySlug=granting-guidelines
- 416-363-0604
- office@rotarytoronto.on.ca

Royal Canadian Legion – Charitable Foundation $\diamondsuit \infty$

Description

 Through these Poppy Fund donations, the Legion provides financial assistance to serving and former Canadian Armed Forces members and their families who are in financial distress. Grants are available for food, heating costs, clothing, prescription medication, medical appliances and equipment, essential home repairs and emergency shelter or assistance.

Eligibility

Any veteran or veteran's dependant in need of assistance is eligible to apply for financial aid from the Poppy Trust Fund. This includes:

- Any person who is serving or who has honourably served in the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP and their dependents;
- Merchant Navy personnel who have been awarded campaign stars or decorations and their dependants;
- Ex-service personnel of Commonwealth countries and their dependants who are resident in Canada; and
- Ex-service personnel of allied countries and their dependants who are resident in Canada.

- http://www.legion.ca/we-can-help/financial-assistance/
- Tel: 613-992-4560

1-877-445-6444

Fund.Military@cfmws.com

Shine Through the Rain – Rainy Day Fund ❖∞

Description

The Rainy Day Fund provides emergency payments directly to the utility companies and landlords, ensuring that each patient has a warm, safe place to call home while recovering.

- The Rainy Day Fund also provides grocery gift cards & hospital transportation and parking costs.
- Shine Through The Rain also reviews special requests for consideration above and beyond the scope of services already covered.
- A maximum funding award of \$1000.00 may be considered per family, per calendar year. Please note we also apply a minimum financial support request of \$15.00.
- The deadline for all applications is the 15th of every month, unless the 15th falls on a weekend, in which case the deadline will be the Friday.

Eligibility

- The patient, a Canadian Citizen, must currently be in treatment for a lifethreatening illness to be eligible for financial assistance, regardless of when the expense was incurred.
- All patients must be currently receiving active treatment to qualify for consideration.
- A maximum of \$1,000 may be approved per family, per year.
- You can apply for funding to help with transportation, rent, utility, phone costs, and to get a grocery card.
- Transportation is defined as parking, taxi, bus, and train expenses. Please provide proof of original receipts and record of appointments which must correspond to the date on the original receipts. STTRF reserves the right to reimburse for transportation expenses for the current year and up to January of the following year.

More Information

- https://www.shinethroughtherain.ca/rainydayfund/
- 905-477-7743
- program.services@shinethroughtherain.ca

Smiles 4 Canada □△

Description

 Smiles 4 Canada is a program run by the Canadian Foundation for the Advancement of Orthodontics (CFAO) in conjunction with the Canadian Association of Orthodontists (CAO). The

- Applicants to the program must be under 14 years old.
- For complete applications, the first assessment criteria is financial eligibility. We use the Federal Low

- program facilitates the orthodontic treatment of deserving young Canadians who would otherwise not be able to afford treatment.
- Once your child is accepted into the program, we ask that you pay a onetime \$500 + HST administrative fee to help cover the cost of program administration.
- Income Cut-Offs (LICO), as published by Statistics Canada, to do this. Financial eligibility depends on family size and the type of area in which you live
- If you do not meet this criterion threshold, please submit additional information pertinent to your financial situation with your application.
- Next, we look at the Personal Statement and Personal Reference. These assist us in assessing how likely your child is to maintain the treatment.
- Finally, we consider the digital photos you submitted as part of the application, and the Dental Examination
 Form. These help us determine your child's need for orthodontic treatment and overall dental health.

- http://smiles4canada.ca
- 416-491-3186
- administration@smiles4canada.ca

The Carson Foundation ❖∞

Description

 The Carson Foundation funding program aims to help individuals with special needs obtain services and/or equipment to further enhance quality of life.

Eligibility

In order to apply for funding please email thecarsonfoundation@gmail.com and tell us the following about your son/daughter:

- Name
- Age
- Diagnosis
- A small paragraph describing needs and why are you are requesting funding.

- http://www.thecarsonfoundation.com/funding/
- 1-416-918-8711
- thecarsonfoundation@gmail.com

The War Amps – The Child Amputee Program (CHAMP) $\Box \triangle$

Description

- Assists with the costs of standard or artificial limbs and ongoing adjustments and repairs by paying the portion not covered by provincial or private medical plans, or group insurance.
- The program covers 100 per cent of the cost of recreational limbs and devices, such as those designed for swimming, biking or playing a musical instrument.
- CHAMP provides financial assistance towards travel costs to and from prosthetic centres for its members.
- Members of CHAMP between the ages of 18 and 24 who are pursuing postsecondary education are eligible to become part of the CHAMP Development Program

Eligibility

 CHAMP serves children in Canada (under 18) who are born missing a limb or have lost a limb due to an accident or medical causes.

More Information

- http://www.waramps.ca/ways-we-help/child-amputees/
- 1-800-267-4023
- champ@waramps.ca

United Chesed – Small Miracles Campaign ❖∞

Description

- United Chesed's primary mandate is to aid members of the Toronto Jewish community who find themselves facing severe financial difficulties.
- Urgent, Short-term Assistance: United Chesed aims to be that safety net for those in the community without the financial means to see themselves through hard times.
- Community Engagement: If you are in need of assistance, urgent or otherwise, United Chesed can share your story anonymously with the community. In addition to raising funds on the person's

- Urgent means that waiting to pay for this expense will result in significant and timely loss. This could include overdue bills or rent when there is a threat of losing the service or being evicted. It could also include expensive medical equipment or assistance with food, especially during the holiday seasons.
- Those with low incomes but who are not eligible for substantial government assistance, and those who do receive government assistance but are in need of additional support on occasion.
- Other demographics we serve include

behalf, this often leads to creative solutions. Examples include requests for medical equipment, furniture, professional advice, housing, clothing, food, and employment.

new immigrants to Canada who may not yet be eligible for OHIP or other forms of assistance.

More Information

- http://www.unitedchesed.com/what-we-do1.html
- 416-663-3339
- ClientServices@UnitedChesed.com

Discount Cards and Memberships

Easter Seals – Access 2 Entertainment Card ❖∞

Description

- The Access 2 card is for people of all ages and types of permanent disabilities who require the assistance of a support person at hundreds of participating entertainment, cultural and recreational venues across Canada.
- Step 1: The Access 2 cardholder (the individual with a permanent disability) presents the Access 2 card to a venue.
- Step 2: The Access 2 cardholder pays regular admission price
- Step 3: The Access 2 cardholder receives 1 FREE ADMISSION (for their support person)

Eligibility

 The Access 2 card is for people of all ages and types of permanent disabilities

More Information

- https://access2card.ca/
- 416 932 8382
- access2card@easterseals.ca

Easter Seals – Disability Travel Card ❖∞

Description

 The Disability Travel Card is for people of all types of permanent disabilities who

Eligibility

• The application form must be submitted by a person with a permanent disability

- require the assistance of a support person when travelling with VIA Rail Canada, Greyhound Canada, Coach Canada, and Ontario Northland.
- When a cardholder presents the
 Disability Travel Card when purchasing a
 ticket for travel with one of our
 participating partners, one support
 person can accompany them at a
 reduced fare. The Disability Travel Card
 holder pays regular ticket price.
- or a legal guardian on his or her behalf. If the applicant is unable to sign, a legal guardian can sign on their behalf.
- Detailed eligibility is located on the website

- https://easterseals.ca/english/about-us/programs-and-services/
- 1-877-376-6362 (Toll-Free) or 416-932-8382
- info@easterseals.ca

Museum and Arts Pass ❖∞

Description

- The Sun Life Financial Museum + Arts
 Pass (MAP) lets you and your family (2
 adults & up to 5 children) explore the
 best of Toronto's arts and cultural
 treasures for free. All 100 Toronto
 Public Library branches are participating
 in the MAP Program. Please Note:
 Passes for some venues are available
 only through a limited number of library
 branches. You can get passes to places
 like:
- Art Gallery of Ontario
- Textile Museum of Canada
- Fort York National Historic Site
- Aga Khan Museum
- Bata Shoe Museum
- Royal Ontario Museum
- Black Creek Pioneer Village
- Gardiner Museum
- Ontario Science Centre
- Toronto Zoo

Eligibility

Adults can use their Toronto Public
 Library card to check out a MAP pass.
 One pass is permitted per person, per
 week (seven calendar days) — and each
 venue has its own restrictions on the
 number of people (adults and children)
 that will be admitted with one pass.
 Generally, though, each pass admits 2
 adults and up to 5 children.

http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/museum-arts-passes/

• 416-393-7131 TTY: 416-393-7030

TTC City of Toronto Fair Pass Program ☆∞

Description

 The Fair Pass Discount Program is for eligible adult residents receiving Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW) assistance who are not in receipt of any transportation supports equal to or greater than \$100.

Eligibility

Adult residents who meet all the following criteria are eligible for the Fair Pass Discount Program:

- Living in Toronto; and
- In receipt of Ontario Works (OW) or Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP); and
- Not receiving transportation supports equal to or greater than \$100 in the current month (i.e. Employment or Medical Related) through OW or ODSP

Youth, post-secondary students, and seniors already receive the same level of discount, and therefore do not need to apply for the Fair Pass Discount Program.

More Information

- https://www.ttc.ca/Fares and passes/Passes/Fair Pass Discount Program.jsp
- OW recipients may call your caseworkers and ODSP recipients may call 416-338-8888 and select option 3 (available starting April 4)

TTC Support Person Card ❖∞

Description

 A support person accompanying a person with a disability is not required to pay a fare when travelling on the TTC. Customers with disabilities who travel with a support person on the TTC must apply for a TTC Support Person Assistance Card to be eligible for this fare exemption. A support person is someone who assists the card holder with communication, mobility, personal care/medical needs or with access to

Eligibility

The Support Person Assistance Card application is available on the website and is available on request by phone. Customers can call TTC Customer Service at 416-393-3030. A regulated authorized health care professional must certify that the applicant:

- has a temporary or permanent disability
- requires a support person

Eligible applicants will be provided with a Support Person Assistance Card, issued to the person with the disability, when the completed

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| goods, services or facilities. | form is processed. There is no charge for the | |
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| | Support Person Assistance Card. | |
| More Information | | |
| https://www.ttc.ca/Fares and passes/Support Person Card/index.jsp | | |
| • 416-393-3030 | | |

Used/Custom Equipment and Repairs

inquiries@assistivedeviceexchange.ca

Assistive Device Exchange (ADE) ❖∞ **Description Eligibility** The Assistive Device Exchange (A.D.E.) is The Assistive Device Exchange became available to those who would like to sell the opportunity where anyone can list or give-away an assistive device and to gently used assistive devices for sale, those who are looking for an assistive give away, OR where they may find used device to buy or find as a give away. assistive devices they need. More Information https://assistivedeviceexchange.com/ 705-737-3263

| For the Needy − Not the Greedy ❖∞ | | |
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| Description | Eligibility | |
| A non for profit endeavour to supply a wide variety of medical equipment and assistive devices to individuals or organizations in need, when resources are available. | Presently servicing the Niagara Region | |
| More Information | | |
| https://fortheneedy-notthegreedy.com/ | | |
| • 289-296-8079 | | |
| fortheneedynotthegreedy@cogeco.net | | |

| Repair Café Toronto ❖∞ | |
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| <u>Description</u> <u>Eligibility</u> | |
| If you have broken small appliances, | Our work is guided by the principles and |
| computers, electronics, clothes, | philosophy as follows: |

- jewellery, books, and more, volunteers from Repair Café will show you how to fix it for free
- Repair Café Toronto is a grassroots, volunteer group that organizes events where neighbours help neighbours learn how to repair. Our events are hosted by local community centres, branches of the Toronto Public Library and other community-based organizations.
- Toronto organizes monthly gatherings in which volunteer "fixers" help visitors learn how to repair for free.

- (1) create a free, safe and welcoming atmosphere accessible to the community where visitors may engage with fellow community members and learn about repair;
- (2) come together with volunteers and visitors in an open, generous and kind manner, where everyone is valued; and (3) work collaboratively and partner with a diverse range of community groups to promote sustainability in a fun and inclusive manner.
- Check the calendar in the sidebar of the website to find upcoming events.

- http://repaircafetoronto.ca/about/
- info@repaircafetoronto.ca

Tetra Society of North America ❖∞

Description

- The Tetra Society of North America is a non-profit organization, founded in 1987 in Vancouver, BC that recruits skilled volunteers to create customized assistive devices for people with physical disabilities
- Tetra's assistive device projects tackle barriers to mobility, personal care and communications. They facilitate education, work and recreation. They provide increased access within households – kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms – and other environments, such as vehicles or places of business. In short, assistive devices created by Tetra focus on improving quality of life.
- Tetra's services are offered at no charge

 no upfront fees, no call-out charges,
 no hourly rates and no membership
 dues. However, clients are asked, where

- To request assistance for yourself or another person – please complete the Request for Assistance (RFA) form online
- You will be asked to provide some background information about yourself, your disability and your requirements – it helps to have researched commercial devices, to be sure that no alternative is available
- You will NOT be required to forward additional materials like medical documents
- (If you are a student at any of the colleges and universities in the Greater Toronto Area and the Peel region covered by the Tetra "Youth in Transition" project, there is moreinformation on the process here or go directly to the RFA form, filling the name of the school attended under the

possible, to make a contribution toward materials and mileage expenses. This is something that will be discussed *before* any costs are incurred and is generally of a modest nature.

section marked Referral information)

More Information

- http://www.tetrasociety.org/assistance/index.php
- Metro Toronto Chapter: 416-407-7009
- tetratoronto@gmail.com

Toronto Tool Library ❖∞

Description

- The Toronto Tool Library is a community hub where members have access to a wide range of tools without owning or storing them.
- With a membership, you can get access to tools, camping gear, board games, children's toys, party supplies and sports equipment
- Access thousands of tools for home renovations, gardening and lawn maintenance, repairs, DIY projects and more
- The Library has more than 10000 items in their inventory

Eligibility

- Purchase a membership online (3 pricing options)
- Locations at St. Clair West, Parkdale and Spadina

More Information

https://torontotoollibrary.com/

St. Clair West: 647-498-4087Parkdale: 647-498-1258

Spadina: 647-715-4767

ZachsList ❖∞

Description

ZachsList was created so that all families with special needs children have a place where they could go to trade equipment and share advice and experience

Eligibility

 ZachsList is a not-for-profit service offered to its members. It is a free service - there is no fee for membership, and no fee for posting ads or purchasing

| regarding equipment. | items. |
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| More Information | |
| http://www.zachslist.ca/ | |
| • 416-419-8917 | |
| • harh@zachslist.ca | |

Other Resources to Locate Services and Supports

| 211 | Toronto ❖∞ | |
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Description

- By calling 211: Community Information and Referral helpline that is open 24 hours per day, 7 days a week
- 211Toronto.ca: a website of over 20,000 community, health, social and related government services

Eligibility

- Resident of Toronto
- Please note: there are other 211 websites for other regions

More Information

- http://www.211toronto.ca/
- Call 211 or TTY: 1-888-340-1001
- info@findhelp.ca

Office of the Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) $\diamondsuit \infty$

Description

- Your local MPP's constituency office staff may be able to provide assistance to research other local supports
- This is also a way for you to provide the government with feedback related to all the supports your family needs

Eligibility

- Anyone can talk to their local MPP
- Please find your local MPP at the link below

More Information

http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/members/members current.do?locale=en

| Partners for Planning ❖∞ | |
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| <u>Description</u> | Eligibility |
| From relationship building to school | Anyone can access this website |

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transitions, community involvement, financial objectives and more – *very little happens without planning*. The Planning Network helps you navigate each step and life stage, empowering you with all the right tools

 This website contains resources, webinars, professional services directory (including lawyers, financial advisors and accountants), and a family forum focused on planning for the future, which includes financial planning

More Information

• http://www.planningnetwork.ca/en-ca

If you have any suggestions or ideas for this booklet, please contact the Family Resource Centre at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital: resourcecentre@hollandbloorview.ca