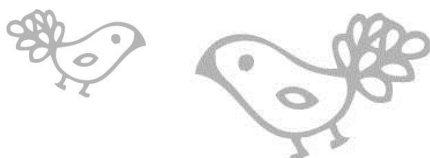


Funding & Financial Assistance Programs for families who have children with disabilities



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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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<u>Description</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This explains what the funding or financial assistance program is about 	<u>Eligibility</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This explains if your family is able or not able to apply
<u>More Information</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website Phone Email 	

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

Municipal Government Programs (City of Toronto)

Child Care Fee Subsidy	
<u>Description</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A child care fee subsidy helps a family with the cost of licensed child care. 	<u>Eligibility</u> <p>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.</p> <p>Your family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> lives in Toronto, is moving to Toronto, or you are an employee of the City of Toronto <p>Each parent/guardian is either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>Each parent/guardian has submitted their most recent Income Tax Return</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vnextoid=f0b1bfdca1156510VgnVCM1000071d60f89RCRD • 416-392-5437 	

Housing Connections	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent-geared-to-income (RGI) housing is subsidized housing. The rent is based directly on the tenant's income, usually 30 per cent of the gross monthly household income. If you receive social assistance, the rent charges are based on the rent benefit set by the Ontario government, rather than 30 per cent of the gross monthly income. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members of the household must be Canadian citizens, landed immigrants (permanent residents), applicants for permanent resident status, refugees, or a refugee claimants; • One member of the household must be 16 years of age or older and able to live independently with or without supports; • There must be no enforceable deportation, departure or exclusion order against any household members; • No member of the household can owe arrears to another social housing provider in Ontario unless there is an up to date repayment schedule in place; • No household member or former member has convictions of rent-geared-to-income fraud or misrepresentation.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.housingconnections.ca/ • (416) 981-6111 • housingconnections@toronto.ca 	

Toronto Welcome Policy	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee subsidy to help low income individuals and families who live in Toronto access City-operated recreation programs 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be an Applicant (Main Contact on Application Form), you must be at least 18 years of age or older <p>Applicants and their families must:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to http://www1.toronto.ca/ and search for 'Welcome Policy' or click this link: http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vnextoid=a048a4bd35341410VgnVCM1000071d60f89RCRD • Call: 416-338-2000 	

Provincial Government Programs (Government of Ontario)

<i>Assistance to Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)</i>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities Program helps parents with some of the extra costs of caring for a child who has a severe disability. <p>Parents can get help with costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • travel to doctors and hospitals • special shoes and clothes • parental relief • wheelchair repairs • assistive devices • hearing aids • hearing aid batteries • prescription drugs • dental care • eyeglasses 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <p>A parent or a legal guardian whose child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is under 18 years of age, • lives at home, • and has a severe disability <p>may be eligible to receive help under this program depending on the family's income</p>
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/topics/specialneeds/disabilities/index.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

- ADP can cover: prostheses; wheelchairs/mobility aids and specialized seating systems; enteral feeding supplies; monitors and test strips for insulin-dependent diabetics (through an agreement with the Canadian Diabetes Association); hearing aids; insulin pumps and supplies for children; respiratory equipment; orthoses (braces, garments and pumps); visual and communication aids; oxygen and oxygen delivery equipment, such as concentrators, cylinders, liquid systems and related supplies, such as masks and tubing

Eligibility

- Any Ontario resident who has a valid Ontario Health card issued in their name and has a physical disability of six months or longer
- Equipment cannot be required exclusively for sports, work or school. ADP does not pay for equipment available under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board or to Group "A" veterans for their pensioned benefits
- There are specific eligibility criteria which apply to each device category
- Initial access is often through a medical specialist or general practitioner who provides a diagnosis
- In most device categories, an authorizer assesses the specific needs of the person and prescribes appropriate equipment or supplies

More Information

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

Eligibility

- For a drug to be considered for funding, the EAP reimbursement criteria must



<p>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.</p> <p><i>*Please see below for information on the ODB and Trillium Drug Program</i></p>	<p>always be met and the request approved prior to the initiation of treatment with the drug being requested, unless otherwise specified within the criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	

<p>Healthy Smiles Ontario</p>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> check-ups cleaning fillings (for a cavity) x-rays scaling tooth extraction urgent or emergency dental care Cosmetic dentistry, including teeth whitening and braces, are not covered by the program 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <p>Children are automatically eligible for Healthy Smiles Ontario if they or their family receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ontario Works Temporary Care Assistance Ontario Disability Support Program Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities <p>Children are eligible for the program if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 online
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

- If you qualify, your grant will be based on the distance you travel: v at least 100 kilometres (km) one-way road distance to access a medical specialist or approved health care facility services that are not available locally.
- The NHTG Program also offers an accommodation allowance of \$100.00 per eligible trip

Eligibility

- 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 (RCPC)
- 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

Ontario Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial Dental Program

Description

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

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



<p>covered by private dental insurance. These costs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental infant orthopaedics • Orthodontic treatment • Some restorative dentistry • Dental prosthetics • Dental implants and oral surgery not funded by OHIP <p>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.</p>	<p>palate, a craniofacial anomaly or other severe dental dysfunction, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be registered in the program before their 18th birthday <p>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.</p>
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/publications/child/cleft.aspx <p>TORONTO (please note there are other designated centres online)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>HBKRH also offers an annual assessment in Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and Timmins. Please call HBKRH for more information</p>	

<p>Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)</p>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <p>ODSP offers two types of support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income support - Financial assistance provided each month to help with the costs of basic needs, like food, clothing 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. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each type of support has its own eligibility requirements and application process. <p>To qualify for ODSP income support, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a disability/impairment that results



	<p>in substantial barriers to employment that is verified by a prescribed professional (excluding people with disabilities receiving ODSP Income Support);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/en/mcsc/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	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) Program covers most of the cost of 4,400 prescription drug products, some nutrition products and some diabetic testing agents. The list of products covered by the ODB program is called the "Formulary". Some products listed on the Formulary will only be funded in limited circumstances and/or for a limited duration in time. • As well, under special circumstances the Exceptional Access Program* may cover most of the cost of various drug products that are not on the Formulary for people in the ODB Program. Your doctor must apply on your behalf. Approval must be given by the ministry before a drug will be funded by the program if it is not on the Formulary. <p><i>*Please see above for information on the Exceptional Access Program (EAP) and below for</i></p>	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <p>You are eligible for ODB program benefits if you live in Ontario, you have a valid Ontario health card and at least one of these statements applies to you :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am 65 years of age or older • I live in a Long-Term Care Home or a Home for Special Care • I am enrolled in the Home Care program • I have high drugs costs relative to my income and am registered in the Trillium Drug Program • I receive social assistance through Ontario Works or the Ontario Disability Support Program. <p>To qualify, an Ontario doctor or other authorized prescriber must prescribe the drugs and you must buy them from either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an accredited Ontario pharmacy OR • an Ontario doctor who is licensed to sell prescription drug products and is linked



<i>information on the Trillium Drug Program</i>	to the ministry's Health Network System
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/drugs/programs/odb/odb.aspx • Call ServiceOntario, INFOline at 1-866-532-3161 In Toronto, 416-314-5518 TTY 1-800-387-5559 In Toronto, TTY 416-327-4282 	

<i>Passport</i>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <p>Passport provides funding for services and supports so adults with a developmental disability can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <p>The Passport program is for people with a developmental disability who are 18-years-old or older and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/en/mcsc/programs/developmental/servicesupport/passport.aspx • Passport is funded by the Ontario Government and administered by <i>local Passport Agencies</i> 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 	

<i>Special Services at Home (SSAH)</i>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <p>The program helps families pay for special services in or outside the family home as long</p>	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <p>Families can apply for this support if their children have a developmental or physical</p>



<p>as the child is not receiving support from a residential program. For example, the family can hire someone to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>disability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • live in Ontario; and, • need more support than most families can provide <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/specialservices.aspx <p>TORONTO (please note there are other regional offices listed online)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tel: (416) 325-0500 • TTY: (416) 325-3600 	

<p><i>The Trillium Drug Program (TDP)</i></p>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TDP helps people who have high prescription drug costs relative to their household income. It covers all drugs approved under the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program. For drug products that are not on the list of approved ODB products, your doctor may apply for special approval through the Exceptional Access Program (EAP)* <p><i>*Please see above for information on the EAP and ODB</i></p>	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <p>You may qualify for the Trillium Drug Program if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have a valid Ontario health card • You live in Ontario <p>AND</p> <p>You are not covered under ODB as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a senior over 65 years of age • someone who receives financial help through Ontario Works or the Ontario Disability Support Program • a resident of a long-term care home or home for special care • someone who receives home care services <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You don't have private health insurance or your private insurance does not cover 100% of your prescription drug costs.
<p><u>More Information</u></p>	



- http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/drugs/programs/odb/opdp_trillium.asp
[X](#)
- Telephone: 416-642-3038
Toll-Free: 1-800-575-5386
Text telephone (TTY): 1-800-387-5559
- trillium@ontariodrugbenefit.ca

Federal Government Programs (Government of Canada)

Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <p>You can designate an individual as beneficiary if the individual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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).
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/tpcs/rdsp-reei/menu-eng.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

Child Disability Benefit	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child disability benefit (CDB) is a tax-free benefit for families who care for a child under age 18 who is eligible for the 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <p>To be eligible for the CDB, the child must have a severe and prolonged impairment in physical or mental functions. An impairment</p>



<p>disability tax credit.</p>	<p>is prolonged if it has lasted, or is expected to last, for a continuous period of at least 12 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A medical practitioner has to complete and certify that the child has a severe and prolonged impairment and must describe its effects on Form T2201, Disability Tax Credit Certificate. • Once the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) receives a completed Form T2201, the CRA will advise you if the child is eligible for the disability tax credit and the CDB supplement.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/fq_cdb-eng.html • 1-800-387-1193 	

<p>Children's Arts Tax Credit ** Note: elimination of tax credit, 2017 onward. See website.</p>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can claim to a maximum of \$500 per child the fees paid in 2015 relating to the cost of registration or membership for your or your spouse's or common-law partner's child in a prescribed program of artistic, cultural, recreational, or developmental activity. An additional amount of \$500 is available if the child is eligible for the disability tax credit and a minimum of \$100 has been paid in eligible fees in the year. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child must have been under 16 years of age (or under 18 years of age if eligible for the disability tax credit) at the beginning of the year in which an eligible arts expense was paid. • You can claim this amount if another person has not already claimed the same fees and the total claimed is not more than the maximum amount that would be allowed if only one of you were making the claim. • Children with disabilities - If the child is eligible for the disability tax credit and is under 18 years of age at the beginning of the year, you can claim an additional \$500 if a minimum of \$100 is paid for registration or membership fees for a prescribed artistic program.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/artscredit/ 	



- 1-800-267-6999

Children's Fitness Tax Credit ** Note: elimination of tax credit, 2017 onward. See website.

Description

- You can claim fees paid in the previous year for the cost of registration or membership for your or your spouse's or common-law partner's child in a prescribed program of physical activity. You can claim a maximum of \$1,000 of eligible fees per child.
- Children with disabilities - If the child is eligible for the disability tax credit and is under 18 years of age at the beginning of the year, an additional amount of \$500 can be claimed if a minimum of \$100 is paid for registration or membership fees for a prescribed program of physical activity.
- For a child who qualifies for the disability amount, the requirement for significant physical activity is met if the activities result in movement and in an observable use of energy in a recreational context. Please see website for more details.

Eligibility

- The child must have been under 16 years of age (or under 18 years of age if eligible for the disability tax credit at line 316) at the beginning of the year in which an eligible fitness expense was paid.
- To qualify for this tax credit, a program must:
- be ongoing (last at least eight consecutive weeks or, in the case of children's camps, five consecutive days);
 - be supervised;
 - be suitable for children; and
 - require significant physical activity.
- Generally, most of the activities must include a significant amount of physical activity contributing to cardiorespiratory endurance
- Physical activity includes strenuous games like hockey or soccer, activities such as golf lessons, horse-back riding, sailing and bowling as well as others

More Information

- <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/fitness/>
- 1-800-267-6999

Disability Supports Deduction

Description

If you have an impairment in physical or mental functions, you can claim a disability supports deduction if you paid expenses that no one has claimed as medical expenses, and you paid them so that you could:

Eligibility

- See the list online of eligible expenses for the disability supports deduction and any certification from a medical practitioner that may be needed.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be employed or carry on a business (either alone or as an active partner); • do research or similar work for which you received a grant; or • attend a designated educational institution or a secondary school where you were enrolled in an educational program. 	
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/tpcs/ncm-tx/rtrn/cmpltng/ddctns/lns206-236/215-eng.html • 1-800-267-6999 TTY 1-800-665-0354 	

Disability Tax Credit	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the DTC is to provide for greater tax equity by allowing some 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. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <p>You are eligible for the DTC only if Form T2201 is approved. A medical practitioner has to complete and certify that you have a severe and prolonged impairment and must describe its effects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a questionnaire online to find out if the person with the disability may be eligible. • See Examples of impairments to show the basic differences between impairments that qualify for the DTC and those that do not.
<p><u>More Information</u></p>	



- <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/sgmnts/dsblts/dtc/menu-eng.html>
- 1-800-267-6999
- TTY 1-800-665-0354

Eligible medical expenses you can claim on your return

Description

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

- paid for the medical expenses in the previous 12-month period

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

More Information

- http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/tpcs/ncm-tx/rtrn/cmpltng/ddctns/Ins300-350/330-331/menu-eng.html#mdcl_xpns
- 1-800-959-8281

Excise gasoline tax refund

Description

- If you have a permanent mobility impairment, and cannot safely use public transportation, as certified by a qualified medical practitioner, you can apply for a refund of part of the federal excise tax on the gasoline you buy.

Eligibility

- Link to the form: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pbg/ef/xe8/README.html>

More Information

- <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/sgmnts/dsblts/xcs-tx-eng.html>
- 1-800-267-6999

Family Caregiver Amount (FCA)

Description

- If you have a dependant with an impairment in physical or mental functions, you may be eligible to claim an amount

Eligibility

The dependant with the impairment must be:

- a person 18 years of age or older and dependent on you because of an impairment in physical or mental



	<p>functions; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a child under 18 years of age, with an impairment in physical or mental functions. The impairment must be prolonged and indefinite and the child must be dependent on you for assistance in attending to personal needs and care when compared to children of the same age.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/familycaregiver/ • 1-800-267-6999 	

<i>GST/HST Information</i>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some of the goods and services used by persons with disabilities are exempt supplies or zero-rated supplies for purposes of the goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST). This means you do not pay GST/HST on these goods and services. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical and disability-related services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health care services ○ Home care services ○ Care and supervision services ○ Home-delivered meals ○ Recreational programs ○ Design services ○ Hospital parking for patients and visitors • Medical devices and supplies • Specially equipped motor vehicles
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/sgmnts/dsblts/gsthst-tpstvh-eng.html • 1-800-267-6999 	

<i>Home Buyer's Plan</i>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must be considered a first-time home buyer. • You must have a written agreement to buy or build a qualifying home for



<p>(RRSPs) to buy or build a qualifying home for yourself or for a related person with a disability.</p>	<p>yourself.</p> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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).
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/hbp/ 1-800-267-6999 	

<p>Medical Expense Tax Credit</p>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The medical expense tax credit provides tax relief for individuals who have sustained significant medical expenses for themselves or certain of their dependants 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are a number of conditions that must be satisfied for an individual to claim a medical expense tax credit for amounts paid in respect of a patient for a particular tax year. Please see the website for more details
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/tchncl/ncmtx/fls/s1/f1/s1-f1-c1-eng.html 1-800-267-6999 	

<p>Ontario Child Benefit</p>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ontario Child Benefit provides direct financial support to low to moderate income families – whether they are working or not. It helps parents with the cost of raising their children. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your actual monthly payments are determined by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). They are based on your adjusted family net income on your annual income tax return.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/english/financialhelp/ocb/index.aspx 1-800-387-1193 (TTY: 1-800-665-0354) 	



Home and Car Modification Funding

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation - Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities (RRAP-D) On-Reserve

Description

- RRAP-D On-Reserve offers financial assistance to First Nations and First Nation members to undertake accessibility work to modify dwellings occupied or intended for occupancy by persons with disabilities.

Eligibility

- First Nation members that require modifications to their homes may be eligible to apply. The total household income must be at or below the established income threshold for their area and the property must meet minimum health and safety standards.

More Information

- <https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/first-nation/financial-assistance/renovation-programs/residential-rehabilitation-assistance-program-persons-disabilities-on-reserve.cfm>
- 1-800-668-2642

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



Ontario March of Dimes Home and Vehicle Modification Program

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), a person 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/>
List of Home and Vehicle Modification Programs across Canada:
<http://www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/programs/hvmp/Pages/NationalProvincialHMPrograms.aspx>
- Toll Free: 1-877-369-4867
- hvmp@marchofdimes.ca

President's Choice Children's Charity

Description

- Aim is to remove some of the obstacles that make everyday living extremely difficult and make it easier for the child or family to cope with the disability.

Eligibility

- Child (18 and under)
- Diagnosed physical or developmental disability
- Household annual income \$70,000 or



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide direct financial assistance in the purchase of mobility equipment, wheelchair accessible modifications, physical therapy and more. 	<p>less (as of 2016)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a Canadian citizen and/or have permanent resident status in Canada
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.presidentschoice.ca/en_CA/community/pccc/apply-for-funding.html • 1-866-996-9918 • pccharity@loblaw.ca 	

Toronto Renovates Homeowners Program	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=ea5e3b894bba0410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD& • 416-392-7620 	



Recreation and Leisure Funding

Ability Gives	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://abilitygives.org/about/ 416-650-6207 Toll free 1-866-650-6207 information@abilityonline.org 	

Active Assist	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 valid for one year. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To qualify you must be a resident of Mississauga and; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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) Exception: Refugees are eligible to apply 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.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www7.mississauga.ca/Departments/Rec/active-assist/index.html • 905-615-4100 or TTY: 905-896-5151 	

Amici Camping Charity	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 needs campers without an accompanying referral from a partner 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents who are looking for an overnight summer camp for their child. Sorry, but 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 low-income 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



camp.	
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://amicicharity.org/ • 416-588-8026 • info@amicicharity.org 	

<i>Autism Ontario One-to-One Summer Support Worker Reimbursement Fund</i>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.autismontario.com/camp • 416-246-9592 ext 225 • ginny@autismontario.com 	

<i>Canadian Music Therapy Trust Fund</i>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Canadian Music Therapy Trust Fund (CMTTF) exists to create access to music therapy for Canadians who need it most. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p><u>More Information</u></p>	



- <http://musictherapytrust.ca/>
- 416 535 0200
- info@musictherapytrust.ca

Canadian Tire Jumpstart

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/what-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

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



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Cut Off before tax" level as defined by Stats Canada http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/75f0002m/2014003/tbl/tbl02-eng.htm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.ceridiancares.ca/evaluation • info@ceridiancares.ca 	

Chai Lifeline	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers retreats and respite vacations, as well as programs for families 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please contact the email below for eligibility requirements
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.chailifelinecanada.org/ • 647-430-5933 ext. 1801 • mrothman@chailifeline.org 	

Children's Arts Tax Credit ** Note: elimination of tax credit, 2017 onward. See website.	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can claim to a maximum of \$500 per child the fees paid in 2015 relating to the cost of registration or membership for your or your spouse's or common-law partner's child in a prescribed program of artistic, cultural, recreational, or developmental activity. An additional amount of \$500 is available if the child is eligible for the disability tax credit and a minimum of 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child must have been under 16 years of age (or under 18 years of age if eligible for the disability tax credit) at the beginning of the year in which an eligible arts expense was paid. • You can claim this amount if another person has not already claimed the same fees and the total claimed is not more than the maximum amount that would be allowed if only one of you



<p>\$100 has been paid in eligible fees in the year.</p>	<p>were making the claim.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children with disabilities - If the child is eligible for the disability tax credit and is under 18 years of age at the beginning of the year, you can claim an additional \$500 if a minimum of \$100 is paid for registration or membership fees for a prescribed artistic program.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/artscredit/ • 1-800-267-6999 	

<p>Children's Fitness Tax Credit ** Note: elimination of tax credit, 2017 onward. See website.</p>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can claim fees paid in the previous year for the cost of registration or membership for your or your spouse's or common-law partner's child in a prescribed program of physical activity. You can claim a maximum of \$1,000 of eligible fees per child. • Children with disabilities - If the child is eligible for the disability tax credit and is under 18 years of age at the beginning of the year, an additional amount of \$500 can be claimed if a minimum of \$100 is paid for registration or membership fees for a prescribed program of physical activity. • For a child who qualifies for the disability amount, the requirement for significant physical activity is met if the activities result in movement and in an observable use of energy in a recreational context. Please see website for more details. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child must have been under 16 years of age (or under 18 years of age if eligible for the disability tax credit at line 316) at the beginning of the year in which an eligible fitness expense was paid. <p>To qualify for this tax credit, a program must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be ongoing (last at least eight consecutive weeks or, in the case of children's camps, five consecutive days); • be supervised; • be suitable for children; and • require significant physical activity. • Generally, most of the activities must include a significant amount of physical activity contributing to cardiorespiratory endurance • Physical activity includes strenuous games like hockey or soccer, activities such as golf lessons, horse-back riding, sailing and bowling as well as others
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/fitness/ 	



- 1-800-267-6999

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 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

Eligibility

- 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
- 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 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.

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/downloads/RFA-eligible-items-2016.pdf>
- **Incontinence Supplies Grant:**
<http://www.easterseals.org/services/incontinence-supplies-grant/>
- **Prism Medical Sling Program:**
<http://www.easterseals.org/services/prism-medical-sling-program/>
- **The Top Up 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



Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital – Family Support Fund

<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://hollandbloorview.ca/ClientFamilyResources/FamilyResourceCentre/Respite/HollandBloorviewFamilySupportFund • 416-425-6220 ext. 6303 • trojas@hollandbloorview.ca 	

Kids in Camp

<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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- 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 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)

Description

- KidSport™ is a grass roots Canadian non-profit 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

More Information

- 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>
- bettertogether@labatt.com

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.

More Information

- <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

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.

More Information

- <http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/museum-arts-passes/>
- 416-393-7131
- TTY: 416-393-7030

Nadine Dee Choi Memorial Fund

Description

- The Nadine “Dee” Chiu Memorial Fund helps families or individuals receiving supports and services from Community Living Toronto to pay for community-

Eligibility

- Must be a current Member of Community Living Toronto prior to submitting an application
- Must live in Toronto



<p>based programs or to buy assistive devices which are not covered – or fully funded – by government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any age • Must demonstrate financial need
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://cltoronto.ca/resources/ • 647-729-1178 • abradley@cltoronto.ca 	

<p>Ontario Camps Association</p>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each camp has a different eligibility, please go to the website below for more information
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.ontariocampsassociation.ca/finding-the-right-camp/subsidies/ 	

<p>Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy – Life Enriching Activity Fund</p>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial assistance to enrich, enhance 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual members of OFCP who have



<p>or augment an activity the member currently participates in/is interested in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p>cerebral palsy, and reside in Ontario.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members who have not already been approved for funds in the LEAF program from the current year
<p>More Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://www.ofcp.ca/programs/funding/leaf/ 416-244-9686 ext. 222 leaf@ofcp.ca 	

President's Choice Children's Charity	
<p>Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aim is to remove some of the obstacles that make everyday living extremely difficult and make it easier for the child or family to cope with the disability. Provide direct financial assistance in the purchase of mobility equipment, wheelchair accessible modifications, physical therapy and more. 	<p>Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child (18 and under) Diagnosed physical or developmental disability Household annual income \$70,000 or less (as of 2016) Must be a Canadian citizen and/or have permanent resident status in Canada
<p>More Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://www.presidentschoice.ca/en_CA/community/pccc/apply-for-funding.html 1-866-996-9918 pccharity@loblaw.ca 	

Special Services at Home (SSAH)	
<p>Description</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> help the child learn new skills and abilities, such as improving their communications skills and becoming 	<p>Eligibility</p> <p>Families can apply for this support if their children have a developmental or physical disability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> live in Ontario; and, need more support than most families can provide <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are living at home with their family, or



<p>more independent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> if they are not living at home with their family and are not being helped by other residential services
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/specialservices.aspx <p>TORONTO (please note there are other regional offices listed online)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tel: (416) 325-0500 TTY: (416) 325-3600 	

<i>The War Amps - CHAMP</i>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHAMP provides financial assistance to child amputees and their families. 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 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.



road to independence.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.waramps.ca/ways-we-help/child-amputees/ • 1 800 267-4023 • champ@waramps.ca

Three to Be – Parent Advocacy Link (PAL) Assist	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through PAL Assist, THREE TO BE has two funding initiatives that allow parents to apply for support. The programs include: Fee Subsidy Program and Give Me A Break Program (formerly the Respite Program) <p>The Fee Subsidy Program - Examples of previously approved programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various children’s summer camps • Conductive education • Therapeutic horseback riding • Art therapies and programs • Massage therapy • Physical and Occupational Therapy <p>The Give Me A Break program - Some examples of previously approved grants given were for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel getaway • Dinner and a Movie • Tickets to a sporting event • Spa day • Family Waterpark weekend • Camping • Day at the Amusement park 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THREE TO BE defines “neurological disorders” as per the World Health Organization (WHO) as diseases of the central and peripheral nervous system. In other words, the brain, spinal cord, cranial nerves, peripheral nerves, nerve roots, autonomic nervous system, neuromuscular junction, and muscles. • The PAL Assist funding programs will provide grants to families of a child with a neurological disorder as diagnosed by a qualified, regulated health care professional. <p>At this time, funding is limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autism Spectrum Disorder, Asphyxia, Brain tumours, Cerebral Palsy, Chiari Malformation, Dystonia, Epilepsy, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, Friedrichs Ataxia, IVH (Interventricular Hemorrhage), Movement Disorders, Neural Tube Defects, Periventricular Leucomalacia, Stroke and Spina Bifida. This list may change in the future to include additional disorders.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.threetobe.org/pal-assist/ • 416-664-9938 • pal@threetobe.org 	



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 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.

Eligibility

- 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 Cut-offs 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)

More Information

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



Toronto Welcome Policy	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee subsidy to help low income individuals and families who live in Toronto access City-operated recreation programs 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be an Applicant (Main Contact on Application Form), you must be at least 18 years of age or older <p>Applicants and their families must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	



Post-Secondary Education Funding

<i>Education funding for people with disabilities (general government website)</i>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This website outlines the federal funding available to people with disabilities <p>Grants for students with permanent disabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial assistance for students with a permanent disability enrolled at a designated post-secondary institution. <p>Grant for services and equipment for students with permanent disabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A grant towards tuition, textbook, and accommodation costs for eligible students with a permanent disability. <p>Canada student loans program - severe permanent disability benefit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How a borrower can have student loans forgiven if they have a severe and permanent disability preventing them from pursuing further post-secondary education and from working. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each grant has its own eligibility requirements – please see the website for more details The grants are also listed below for your convenience
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/disability/education.html <p>ONTARIO (please note there are other provincial offices listed online)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 807-343-7260 (For Ontario students attending a post-secondary institution outside Ontario) TTY:1-800-465-3958 	

<i>Bloorview School Authority Bursary</i>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bloorview School Authority Bursary is awarded to a student with a disability The value of the award will be \$5,000.00 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student with a disability Attended Bloorview School Authority (formerly Bloorview MacMillan Centre) and is/was a client of Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital,



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://school.hollandbloorview.ca/scholarships/application%20forms • (416) 424-3831 • school@hollandbloorview.ca 	

Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Canada Student Grant for Persons with Permanent Disabilities provides aid to postsecondary students who have self-identified as having a permanent 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. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must meet the following eligibility requirements to be considered for this grant: • You have applied for and are eligible for funding as indicated from one of the following sources for the 2016-2017 academic year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	



Holland Bloorview Whipper Billy Watson Bursary

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

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.

Eligibility

- Applicants must have a disability and plan to be enrolled in a rehabilitation-related 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
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	

<i>Kinsmen: Central Association of Kinsmen Clubs</i>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 post-secondary 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.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.kincanada.ca/apply • 800-742-5546 ext. 215 • lirvine@kincanada.ca 	

<i>Ontario Association of Children’s Rehabilitation Services Student Scholarship Award Application</i>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OACRS Scholarship Program recognizes students who are pursuing post-secondary education or career 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident/landed immigrant, convention refugee or a protected person living in



<p>goals and who have been served by one of Ontario’s Children’s Treatment Centres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OACRS Scholarship Award(s) is an annual one-time award. The number and amount of scholarships will be determined annually by the OACRS Board of Directors. 	<p>Canada, as defined in the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have received services and/or supports from one of Ontario’s Children’s Treatment Centres; • Be pursuing post-secondary education at the university or community college or pursuing a career goal that involves a tuition fee; • Not have been awarded an OACRS Scholarship in the past. Students may apply annually as often as they wish however they can only be a recipient once.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.oacrs.com/en/scholarshipawards • 416-424-3864 • info@oacrs.com 	

<p><i>Ontario Branch of the International Dyslexia Association: Oliver Martin Memorial Trust Fund Assessment Scholarships</i></p>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ONBIDA is thrilled to announce that we will be offering scholarships for psycho-educational assessments for students who struggle learning to read and write as their primary area of difficulty. Funds for this program were donated by the Oliver Martin Memorial Trust Fund and scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,500. Scholarships will be awarded following the completion of a psycho-educational assessment by a college certified psychologist. • Must provide a report (e.g., report cards, Individual Education Plan, assessment reports) stating that the applicant needs a psycho-educational 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must live in Ontario and present with difficulties in learning to read and write as their PRIMARY area of need • Must be between the ages of 5 and 21 years of age and attend a publicly funded school • Must provide a statement of need along with a completed application • Must provide the most recent Notice of Assessment (NOA) from Revenue Canada as proof of financial need • Financial need has been set as a combined income of less than \$75,000 per family • Signed consent, permitting the scholarship adjudication committee to



<p>assessment from one of the following professionals in good standing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teacher/Principal - Doctor - Speech-Language Pathologist 	<p>view the NOA and to contact the professional that provided the letter of need</p>
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.idaontario.com/about-us/ommtf-psych-ed-scholarship/ • Application questions to: sraffalovitch@gmail.com & submissions to: info@idaontario.com 	

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

<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bursary for Students with Disabilities provides aid to students self-identifying as having either permanent or temporary disabilities. • This bursary assists with the costs of disability-related services or equipment, such as tutors, note-takers, interpreters, brailers or technical aids that are required to participate in postsecondary studies. • The maximum amount of aid available from this bursary is \$2,000 per academic year. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have applied for and are eligible for funding from one of the following sources for the academic year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. • You have self-identified as having a permanent or temporary disability. • You have disability-related educational costs (e.g. note-takers, vision/learning aids) that are not covered by another agency or service.
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<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal/en/A-ZListofAid/PRDR013041.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 outside 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

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.

More Information

- 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

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

The Kiwanis Club of Toronto Foundation

Description

- Each year the Toronto Kiwanis Foundation awards several scholarships to help deserving students pay for their post secondary education. Up to \$4,000 per student is made available.

Eligibility

- Reside and/or study in Toronto.
- Have financial need (you need to provide a reference person who can verify your financial situation).
- Are currently registered in university or college or registered apprenticeship full-time post-secondary studies this year.
- Will be enrolled in a full-time post-secondary program next year at the 2nd year level or higher.
- Are 24 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2016.
- Have received no more than one (1) previous scholarship from the Kiwanis Toronto Foundation.
- Are enrolled in or can show volunteerism supporting: international



	programs and relations; and/or religious studies.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.torontokiwanis.ca/scholarships • Toronto club: (416) 285-7903 • National club: (416) 364-3247 	

<i>The Ontario Knights of Columbus Bursary</i>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This program provides a bursary to assist Knights and members of their families entering the first year of a post-secondary education. • Candidates who are eligible for an Ontario Knights of Columbus Bursary are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the Knights of Columbus of Ontario in good standing. • The wife, son or daughter of a member 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.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://ontariokofc.ca/bursary/ • 905-388-2731 or Toll free:1-800-759-0959 • stateoffice@ontariokofc.ca 	

<i>The Tamara Gordon Foundation</i>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tamara Gordon Foundation provides financial awards ranging from \$750 to \$3,000 to physically disabled students enrolled in degree programs at 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants will be considered on the basis of their academic record, their community service, references and the completion of an application that



post-secondary institutions within Ontario.	includes an essay on the role that they can play in enhancing the experience of physically disabled students at their university/college.
<u>More Information</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• http://tgfoundation.ca/• (905) 209-0606	



Alternate Funding Sources and Charitable Organizations

<i>A Child's Voice Foundation: Angel Hair for Kids</i>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.acvf.ca/angel-hair-for-kids • 905-275-3434 • admin@acvf.ca 	

<i>Ability Gives</i>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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/75f0002m/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

Eligibility

- 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	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://www.childrenswish.ca/wishes/ 1-800-267-WISH (9474) 	

Dreams Take Flight	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend the mandatory Orientation Meeting before the Day of Flight
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) 	

Easter Seals Ontario	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <p>Easter Seals offers a number of different funding opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <p>Each program has different eligibility requirements. Please see the below links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Assistance Program funds the following items: http://www.easterseals.org/wp-content/downloads/RFA-eligible-items-2016.pdf Incontinence Supplies Grant: http://www.easterseals.org/services/inc-incontinence-supplies-grant/ Prism Medical Sling Program: http://www.easterseals.org/services/prism-medical-sling-program/ The Top Up Program: http://www.easterseals.org/services/top-up-program/



Incontinence Supplies Grant Program.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital – Family Support Fund	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://hollandbloorview.ca/ClientFamilyResources/FamilyResourceCentre/Respite/HollandBloorviewFamilySupportFund • 416-425-6220 ext. 6303 • trojas@hollandbloorview.ca 	

Hope Air	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 or specialized medical technologies that usually exist only in larger urban centres. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower-income children, their families, and adults who cannot afford airfare. Patients will be asked about their household income. • 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

Jennifer Ashleigh Foundation

Description

Jennifer Ashleigh will fund the following:
Hospital and Treatment Costs

- Household Costs (Must be directly related to child's medical issues)
- 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

Eligibility

- The need for financial assistance must result from extraordinary costs which are incurred directly as a result of the child's illness or disability.
- 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

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>
- 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



Little Geeks

Description

- Founded in 2007 by Andy Walker and Lisa Shishis, 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.

Eligibility

- 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 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)

Make A Wish Foundation

Description

- The mission of Make-A-Wish® Canada is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy
- Referrals are accepted from medical professionals, parents or guardians, or a

Eligibility

- The child is between the ages of 3 and 17
- The child has a life-threatening medical condition that is currently in the life-threatening stage
- The child has not received a prior wish from any wish-granting organization



<p>potential child directly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child’s treating physician and our Medical Advisor deem the child medically able to participate in the wish
<p>More Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://makeawish.ca/refer-child • 416-224-9474 Toll Free: 1-888-822-9474 • nationaloffice@makeawish.ca 	

<p>Million Dollar Smiles</p>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Million Dollar Smiles is a non-profit 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 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you know of a child that is suffering 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
<p>More Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.milliondollarsmiles.ca/ • Contact form online (no phone or email) 	

<p>Muscular Dystrophy Canada: Community Services Fund Ontario</p>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial assistance for the purchase of medical equipment or to support such needs as medical travel, respite care, adapted recreation programs, therapies, etc. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Assistive Devices Funding Program (ADFP) provides financial assistance for equipment for individual members of the OFCP <p>Categories of equipment that are funded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication & Writing/Reading Aids • Orthotic Devices • Wheelchairs, Positioning and Ambulation Aids • Home Accessibility Aids • Bathroom & Washroom Aids • Modifications to Electronic Aids for Daily Living 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Assistive Devices Funding Program is for persons with cerebral palsy of all ages in Ontario, who are individual members of the OFCP
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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



More Information

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

President's Choice Children's Charity

Description

- Aim is to remove some of the obstacles that make everyday living extremely difficult and make it easier for the child or family to cope with the disability.
- Provide direct financial assistance in the purchase of mobility equipment, wheelchair accessible modifications, physical therapy and more.

Eligibility

- Child (18 and under)
- Diagnosed physical or developmental disability
- Household annual income \$70,000 or less (as of 2016)
- Must be a Canadian citizen and/or have permanent resident status in Canada

More Information

- http://www.presidentschoice.ca/en_CA/community/pccc/apply-for-funding.html
- 1-866-996-9918
- pccharity@loblaw.ca

Rick Hansen Foundation – Quality of Life Program

Description

- Since 2003, the Rick Hansen Foundation has invested in accessibility solutions for people with disabilities in the form of quality of life grants. Over 1,200 grants have supported accessible playgrounds, home modifications, adaptive devices, recreation programs, exercise equipment, and therapy projects among others, which have provided greater independence and inclusion for thousands of people living with disabilities.

Eligibility

- Must be resident in Canada;
- Must be either:
 - Individuals;
 - Registered charities as defined in the Income Tax Act (Canada);
 - Elementary and secondary schools that participate in the Rick Hansen School Program.

RHF accepts applications for Individual and community projects in the following categories:

- Active Living
- Essential Equipment/Assistive Technology
- Initiatives for creating an inclusive society



More Information

- <http://www.rickhansen.com/What-We-Do/Quality-of-Life>
- 604-295-8149
Toll Free: 1-800-213-2131
- info@rickhansen.com

Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation

Description

- The Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable 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.

Eligibility

The Foundation has determined to focus its 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

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,

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;



<p>medical appliances and equipment, essential home repairs and emergency shelter or assistance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.legion.ca/we-can-help/financial-assistance/ • Tel: 613-992-4560 1-877-445-6444 • Fund.Military@cfmws.com 	

<p>Starlight Children's Foundation Canada</p>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.starlightcanada.org/programs/ • 1-888-782-7947 • info@starlightcanada.org 	

<p>Sunshine Foundation</p>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Sunshine Dream is an individual experience, dreamed by a child. These 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be between the age of seven and seventeen



<p>experiences are unique and can include family members joining in a once-in-a-lifetime customized adventure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 dystrophy, spina bifida). Sunshine defines "life-threatening illness" as an illness likely to lead to death during childhood or early adult life. Children with primary global delays are not eligible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a severe physical disability or a life-threatening illness • 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
<p>More Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.sunshine.ca/dreams • Toll-free: 1-800-461-7935 Local: 519-642-0990 • info@sunshine.ca 	

<p>Tetra Society of North America</p>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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



<p>– no upfront fees, no call-out charges, no hourly rates and no membership dues. However, clients are asked, where possible, to make a contribution toward materials and mileage expenses. This is something that will be discussed <i>before</i> any costs are incurred and is generally of a modest nature.</p>	<p>more information on the process here - or go directly to the RFA form, filling the name of the school attended under the section marked Referral information)</p>
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.tetrasociety.org/assistance/index.php • Metro Toronto Chapter: 416-407-7009 • tetratoronto@gmail.com 	

<p><i>The Carson Foundation</i></p>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Carson Foundation funding program aims to help individuals with special needs obtain services and/or equipment to further enhance quality of life. 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <p>In order to apply for funding please email thecarsonfoundation@gmail.com and tell us the following about your son/daughter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Age • Diagnosis • A small paragraph describing needs and why are you are requesting funding.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.thecarsonfoundation.com/funding/ • 1-416-918-8711 • thecarsonfoundation@gmail.com 	

<p><i>The War Amps – The Child Amputee Program (CHAMP)</i></p>	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.



<p>such as those designed for swimming, biking or playing a musical instrument.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 post-secondary education are eligible to become part of the CHAMP Development Program 	
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.waramps.ca/ways-we-help/child-amputees/ • 1 800 267-4023 • champ@waramps.ca 	

Three to Be – Parent Advocacy Link (PAL) Assist	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through PAL Assist, THREE TO BE has two funding initiatives that allow parents to apply for support. The programs include: Fee Subsidy Program and Give Me A Break Program (formerly the Respite Program) <p>The Fee Subsidy Program - Examples of previously approved programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various children’s summer camps • Conductive education • Therapeutic horseback riding • Art therapies and programs • Massage therapy • Physical and Occupational Therapy <p>The Give Me A Break program - Some examples of previously approved grants given were for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel getaway • Dinner and a Movie • Tickets to a sporting event 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THREE TO BE defines “neurological disorders” as per the World Health Organization (WHO) as diseases of the central and peripheral nervous system. In other words, the brain, spinal cord, cranial nerves, peripheral nerves, nerve roots, autonomic nervous system, neuromuscular junction, and muscles. • The PAL Assist funding programs will provide grants to families of a child with a neurological disorder as diagnosed by a qualified, regulated health care professional. <p>At this time, funding is limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autism Spectrum Disorder, Asphyxia, Brain tumours, Cerebral Palsy, Chiari Malformation, Dystonia, Epilepsy, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, Friedrichs Ataxia, IVH (Interventricular Hemorrhage), Movement Disorders, Neural Tube Defects, Periventricular Leucomalacia, Stroke and Spina Bifida.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spa day • Family Waterpark weekend • Camping • Day at the Amusement park 	This list may change in the future to include additional disorders.
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.threetobe.org/assist/ • 416-664-9938 • pal@threetobe.org 	

Other Resources to Locate Services and Supports

211 Toronto	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident of Toronto • Please note: there are other 211 websites for other regions
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.211toronto.ca/ • Call 211 or TTY: 1-888-340-1001 • info@findhelp.ca 	

Office of the Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP)	
<p><u>Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone can talk to their local MPP • Please find your local MPP at the link below
<p><u>More Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/members/members_current.do?locale=en 	

Partners for Planning	
<u>Description</u>	<u>Eligibility</u>



- From relationship building to school 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

- Anyone can access this website
- 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>