

2024-25**Ontario Bursary for Students with Disabilities (BSWD)
Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment –
Students with Disabilities (CSG-DSE)**

Purpose

You may be eligible for funding to help pay for eligible disability-related educational services and/or equipment needed for your specific disability-related functional limitations to participate in postsecondary studies. The costs of a psycho-educational assessment (upfront or reimbursement) or other disability assessments (reimbursement only) may also be considered.

Use this application to be considered for the following funding during the 2024-25 academic year:

- up to a maximum of \$2,000 from the Ontario Bursary for Students with Disabilities (BSWD) – eligible services and equipment are each subject to individual funding maximums; and
- up to a maximum of \$20,000 from the Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment – Students with Disabilities (CSG-DSE) – eligible services and equipment are each subject to individual funding maximums.

Who is eligible

Your eligibility for funding and the amount of funding you may be eligible to receive is based on your disability status and your specific disability-related functional limitations. For the BSWD and/or CSG-DSE, you must have a permanent disability or a persistent or prolonged disability that meets the federal government's definitions, as defined below.

Permanent disability

For OSAP and Ontario Learn and Stay Grant purposes, a permanent disability is defined as any impairment, including a physical, mental, intellectual, cognitive, learning, communication or sensory impairment—or a functional limitation—that:

- restricts your ability to perform the daily activities necessary to pursue studies at a postsecondary school level or to participate in the labour force, and
- is expected to remain with you for your expected life.

Persistent or prolonged disability status

For OSAP and Ontario Learn and Stay Grant purposes, a persistent or prolonged disability is defined as any impairment, including a physical, mental, intellectual, cognitive, learning, communication or sensory impairment—or a functional limitation—that:

- restricts your ability to perform the daily activities necessary to pursue studies at a postsecondary school level or to participate in the labour force,
- has lasted, or is expected to last, for a period of at least 12 months, but
- is not expected to remain with you for your expected life.

In addition, you must have applied for and be eligible for funding from one of the following sources for your 2024-25 study period:

- Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) for Full-Time Students
- OSAP for Part-Time Students
- An Institution-Funded Special Bursary (students at public universities and colleges in Ontario only)

Note: students in micro-credential studies and students who are receiving only the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant are not eligible for BSWD or CSG-DSE.

Deadlines**Application and supporting documents**

Your completed application must be received by your financial aid office or the ministry no later than 60 days before the end of your study period.

All supporting documentation must be received no later than 40 days before the end of your study period.

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How your disability-related educational costs are considered

Each eligible service or equipment request is considered based on your specific disability-related functional limitations. Information provided from your health care provider (physician or other regulated health care professional) and/or from your school's office for students with disabilities/accessibility services office (if applicable) is used to determine what eligible costs may be funded. You must also meet all the eligibility requirements for this program.

You may be provided funding for all or a portion of the costs of the eligible services or equipment that you request and that pertain to your specific disability-related functional limitations. Approved amounts for eligible items are subject to maximum limits, so it is possible that not all your costs may be covered through BSWD and/or CSG-DSE funding.

Note:

- Services and/or equipment may not be considered for BSWD and/or CSG-DSE funding if they are provided by your school or eligible for funding through another agency or any third party (e.g., insurance).
- The cost of tutoring services provided by family members will not be considered.
- The cost of tutoring services provided by individuals with a close personal relationship with the student may not be considered.
- A request for a computer (desktop, laptop or tablet), if it is required to support your specific disability-related functional limitations will only be considered for funding once every four years.
- Approved equipment should be purchased promptly after receipt of BSWD and/or CSG-DSE funding to maximize equipment usage during your study period.
- All approved items must be purchased before the end of your 2024-25 study period. Otherwise, you will have to repay all or a portion of the funding given to you to make these purchases.
- Any services and/or equipment purchased before your application is approved are done at your own risk as they may not be approved for BSWD and/or CSG-DSE funding.
- The costs for services and/or equipment (excluding psycho-educational assessments and other disability assessments) purchased more than 60 days before the start of your study period will not be considered.
- The costs for a psycho-educational assessment (upfront or reimbursement) or other disability assessments (reimbursement) will not be considered if the assessment was performed more than 6 months before the start of your study period.

Documentation you will have to provide

When you are submitting your application

Documentation is required to confirm that, due to your disability, the services and/or equipment selected on your application are needed so you can go to school. See Section D for details.

After you've been approved for funding

You will have to provide receipts (electronic or original) showing that you purchased the items for which you were issued BSWD and/or CSG-DSE funding. Further instructions will be provided once your funding is released.

Where to send your application

If you're going to a public school in Ontario:

Work with your school's office for students with disabilities/accessibility services office to complete the application and to send your completed application and all required documents to your school's financial aid office.

If you're going to a private school in Ontario or a school outside of Ontario:

Send your completed application with all required documents to:

Student Financial Assistance Branch
Ministry of Colleges and Universities
PO Box 4500, 189 Red River Road, 4th Floor
Thunder Bay, Ontario
P7B 6G9

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Proof of purchase for approved services and/or equipment

You must provide receipts as proof of purchase for services and/or equipment. Your receipts for each approved item are due to your financial aid office or the ministry by the end of your study period. If you received funds for services (e.g., tutors, note-takers), you must also provide a Time Log and Receipt for Services that lists when each of the approved services was used.

Note:

If you don't provide acceptable proof and/or the purchase price was less than the approved funding amount for an item, you will have to return all or a portion of the funds issued. Contact your financial aid office for details.

Help with your application

If you're going to a school in Ontario:

If you're going to a public school in Ontario, you will need to work with your school's office for students with disabilities/accessibility services office to complete this application.

Your school's office for students with disabilities/accessibility services office or financial aid office can help you with questions about this application. The disability advisors there can also provide information about disability-related services, supports and equipment available at your school.

If your school does not have an office for students with disabilities/accessibility services office, you can discuss your disability-related educational needs with your health care provider (physician or other regulated health care professional).

If you're going to a school outside of Ontario:

Contact the ministry at:

Student Financial Assistance Branch
Ministry of Colleges and Universities
PO Box 4500
189 Red River Road, 4th Floor
Thunder Bay, Ontario
P7B 6G9

General inquiry telephone service is available Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM (Eastern Time)

- Telephone: 807-343-7260.
- Toll-free in North America: 1-877-OSAP- 411 (1-877-672-7411)
- TTY: 1-800-465-3958

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Ontario Bursary for Students with Disabilities (BSWD)
Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment –
Students with Disabilities (CSG-DSE)

Section A: Student information

Social Insurance Number:

Ontario Education Number (OEN), if assigned to you:

Last name:

First name:

Date of birth:

Day Month Year

Your mailing address

Street number and name, rural route, or post office box:

Apartment:

Street number and name, rural route, or post office box:

Postal code or zip code:

City, town, or post office:

Province or state:

Country:

Area code and telephone number:

Section B: Information about your school and program

What is the name of the school you plan to attend or are currently attending for your 2024-25 study period?

Student number at your school:

What are the start and end dates of your 2024-25 study period?

From:

Day Month Year

To:

Day Month Year

For the above study period, what type of financial aid have you applied for?

- OSAP for Full-Time Students
- OSAP for Part-Time Students
- Institution-funded Special Bursary

Have you previously submitted a completed OSAP Disability Verification Form or other disability documentation while attending another institution?

Yes

If yes, please confirm which school: _____

No

Section C: Request for services and/or equipment

Select the items required to support your disability-related needs while you're in postsecondary studies. If additional space is needed to outline the type of services and/or equipment required, provide the information in a separate letter and attach it to your application.

A cost estimate must be provided for each item requested. Include taxes and shipping (if applicable) in the amount provided. Enter amounts in dollars only. Do not enter cents or use periods or commas.

Each category or item may be subject to a funding cap. This means that not all your costs may be covered even if your application is approved.

Note to students attending a public university or college in Ontario

You must work with an advisor at your school's disability/accessibility services office to complete this application, especially when completing Section C.

Note to students attending a private school in Ontario or any school located outside of Ontario

Work with a disability advisor at your school or your health care provider (physician or other regulated health care professional) when completing Section C.

Assessments

Assessment fee (e.g., psycho-educational assessment, reimbursement of other disability/medical assessment)

Specify: _____ \$ _____

Services

A written estimate for service requested is required. See Section D for details.

Tutor \$ _____

Note-taker/computerized note-taking \$ _____

Academic strategist/coach \$ _____

ADD/ADHD coach (eligible for BSWD funding only) \$ _____

Educational attendant care (while at school for school activities) \$ _____

Educational assistant (while at school for school activities) \$ _____

Specialized transportation \$ _____

Counselling/therapy (eligible for BSWD funding only) \$ _____

Other - Specify: _____ \$ _____

Computer equipment

Computer package (including warranty, if applicable) \$

Indicate format required (select one only)

Desktop (including monitor, keyboard, mouse, etc., if required)

Laptop (including monitor, keyboard, mouse, etc., if required)

Tablet (including external keyboard, mouse/stylus, etc., if required)

Computer software and accessories

All-in-one printer (printer/scanner/copier) \$

External monitor (may only be considered in addition to a computer package in exceptional cases) \$

Carrying case (for laptop or tablet) \$

Other - Specify: \$

Assistive software

Text to speech software \$

Voice recognition software \$

Screen reading software \$

Assistive writing software \$

Organizational/mapping software \$

Other - Specify: \$

Assistive equipment

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading pens/accessories | \$ | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise cancelling headphones | \$ | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital voice recorder | \$ | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment repair/replacement | \$ | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ergonomic equipment aids | \$ | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (e.g., electronic magnification systems, braille products) | | |
| Specify: <input type="text"/> | \$ | <input type="text"/> |

Total amount requested: \$

Section D: Required documentation

You must provide the following documents (as applicable) to support your application:

- A completed OSAP Disability Verification Form if you have not already done so*.
***Note:** If your permanent disability was verified for OSAP purposes before the OSAP Disability Verification Form became required documentation in the 2018-19 academic year, then a completed OSAP Disability Verification Form is not required.

However, documentation from a disability/accessibility advisor at your school or your health care provider (physician or other regulated health care professional) outlining the connection between your disability-related impacts and the services and/or equipment being requested on your application is required. Documentation outlining the nature of your disability (i.e., disability type) from your health care provider may be required.
- A written recommendation from a disability/accessibility advisor at your school or your health care provider (physician or other regulated health care professional) for the services and/or equipment being requested as they pertain to your disability-related impacts if it was not provided on your OSAP Disability Verification Form (*or in your previous or other disability documentation).
- Estimates for the costs of any requested service(s), such as tutors or note-takers. Each estimate must include the following:
 - hourly cost of each service;
 - total hours per week of each service (cannot exceed weekly in-class time);
 - total number of weeks you will be using each service;
 - which of the courses you are taking require the service; and,
 - the name and contact information for the person or agency providing each service.
- Receipts (electronic or original) for any services and/or equipment requested if they have already been purchased.

Section E: Student consents, declarations and signature

Notice of collection and use of personal information

Your personal information, including your Social Insurance Number (SIN), provided in connection with your student profile, this application and any previous applications and awards of financial assistance will be used by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities (“ministry”) to administer and finance the Bursary for Students with Disabilities (BSWD) program and by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) to administer and finance the Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment Students with Disabilities (CSG-DSE) program. Your SIN will be used as a general identifier in administering the BSWD/CSG-DSE. The ministry and ESDC may use other parties for any of these activities. Under agreement with the ministry, your postsecondary school and, where authorized by the ministry, its agents who administer OSAP and the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant and its auditors use your personal information to administer the BSWD/CSG-DSE.

Administration includes: determining your eligibility for a BSWD/CSG-DSE award; verifying your application and supporting documentation, including verifying financial assistance provided under any other ministry program; paying your award; verifying your award; auditing your file; assessing and collecting overpayments; enforcing the legislation set out below and your agreements with the ministry and ESDC; and monitoring and auditing your postsecondary school or its authorized agents to ensure that they are administering the programs appropriately. In addition, administration by the ministry includes public reporting on postsecondary education and training, including the administration and financing of student assistance programs; planning, delivering, evaluating and monitoring student assistance programs for quality and improvements in both content and delivery; conducting risk management, error management, audit and quality assessment activities; conducting inspections or investigations; and conducting research related to postsecondary education and training, including all aspects of the BSWD/CSG-DSE. You may be contacted to participate in surveys related to postsecondary education and training. Financing includes: planning, arranging or providing funding of the BSWD/CSG-DSE.

The ministry administers the BSWD under the authority of ss.5, 15 and 16 of the *Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.19, as amended and s. 10.1 of the *Financial Administration Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.F.12, as amended, and the CSG-DSE under the authority of the *Canada Student Financial Assistance Act*, S.C. 1994, c.28, as amended, and the Canada Student Financial Assistance Regulations, SOR 95-329, as amended and s. 266.3(4) of the *Education Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2. If you have any questions about the collection or use of this information, contact the Director, Student Financial Assistance Branch, Ministry of Colleges and Universities, PO Box 4500, 189 Red River Road, 4th Floor, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7B 6G9, 807-343-7260.

Student's consent to the indirect collection, use and disclosure of personal information (REQUIRED)

- I agree that until I provide receipts for and/or repay BSWD/CSG-DSE funds provided to me, and until any BSWD/CSG-DSE overpayments are assessed and repaid, the ministry can, without limitation, collect and exchange personal information about me that is relevant to the administration and financing of BSWD/CSG-DSE with ESDC, my postsecondary school and its authorized financial administrators and auditors; the ministry’s contractors, auditors or other authorized third party administrators; collection agencies operated or retained by the federal or provincial government, and consumer reporting agencies.
- I understand that I can withdraw any consent I have given in this section by writing to the Director, Student Financial Assistance Branch at the address above at any time before I accept a BSWD/CSG-DSE award. I understand that if I withdraw my consent it will affect my eligibility for and the amount of BSWD/CSG-DSE funding.

Student's declaration

- I require BSWD/CSG-DSE funding for the cost of the disability-related services and/or equipment identified on this application, and I will not receive financial assistance from any other source to cover these costs.
- I understand that I must use the BSWD/CSG-DSE funding I receive for the services and/or equipment identified on this application and that I cannot substitute for any other services and/or equipment not identified on this application.
- I agree that I will provide receipts for services and/or equipment no later than the end of my OSAP study period. I will submit these receipts to my postsecondary school's Financial Aid Office or to the ministry, as instructed on this application form, and will show that BSWD/CSG-DSE funds were spent for their approved purposes.
- I agree that if I do not submit receipts, I will repay, by money order or certified cheque to my school's Financial Aid Office or to the Minister of Finance, any BSWD/CSG-DSE funds that I have not used for the OSAP study period identified on this application. I understand that failure to do so may result in being restricted from receiving OSAP, including BSWD/CSG-DSE funding.
- I understand that I may be required to repay all or part of the BSWD/CSG-DSE funds if the information and any supporting documentation I provide in connection with this application is found to be inaccurate or if any information I provide changes, including my OSAP study period and/or my course load.
- I understand that information I provide in connection with this application will be verified and audited and any change resulting from verification and audit may affect my eligibility for and the amount of BSWD/CSG-DSE funds provided to me, and that I may be required to repay all or a part of the BSWD/CSG-DSE funds.
- I have given complete and true information on this application form and I understand that if I fail to provide complete and true information and/or fail to promptly notify my Financial Aid Office or the ministry through my account on the OSAP website or in writing of changes to any information I have provided, including my disability and the services and/or equipment I need, my address and/or financial, academic, family, and/or OSAP study period status; or fail to fulfil any obligations respecting the repayment of any overpayments, the ministry may restrict me from receiving OSAP, including BSWD/CSG-DSE funding, and may take legal action and may require me to repay any assistance that I received.

I have read and understood this section, including the notice of collection, use and disclosure of my personal information and my signature attests to my consent to the indirect collection, use and disclosure of my personal information.

Note: if you are completing this form electronically, use the "Fill & Sign" feature or "Digital ID" in Adobe Reader or your PDF program to add your signature.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

Day Month Year

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Section F: Declaration by the Office for Students with Disabilities/Accessibility Services Office Advisor (at public universities and colleges in Ontario only)

I declare that based on the information provided on this application:

- The student requires the services and/or equipment selected to support their disability-related needs to participate in postsecondary studies; or
- The student is applying for funding to complete a psycho-educational assessment to verify their disability status for OSAP and the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant purposes; and
- The costs indicated (estimated or actual) for each of the selected items are accurate.

Name of disability advisor:

Note: if you are completing this form electronically, use the “Fill & Sign” feature or “Digital ID” in Adobe Reader or your PDF program to add your signature.

Signature:

Date:

Day Month Year

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Section G: Enrolment confirmation and declarations by Financial Aid Administrator (at public universities and colleges in Ontario only)

I declare that:

- The student’s OSAP profile shows that their disability status has been verified.
- The student’s disability status on their OSAP profile has been verified as the option I have indicated:

Permanent **Persistent or prolonged**

- If the student’s persistent or prolonged disability status was verified in a previous academic year, the student has attested (online or via paper attestation) to still having the same persistent or prolonged disability (and functional limitations) as originally verified.
- The student has applied for and is eligible for funding under one of the following programs for their current study period:

OSAP for Full-Time Students (has at least \$1.00 of financial need)

OSAP for Part-Time Students

Institution-funded Special Bursary

- The student has provided all required documentation for this application.
- The student is defined as being enrolled in full- or part-time studies.

Name of financial aid administrator:

Note: if you are completing this form electronically, use the “Fill & Sign” feature or “Digital ID” in Adobe Reader or your PDF program to add your signature.

Signature:

Date:

Day Month Year

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