

# Bridging to Adulthood Tips: Scholarships and Post-Secondary Funding for Students with Disabilities

The following information is about scholarships and post-secondary funding for students with disabilities in Ontario, Canada.

### Holland Bloorview's Post-Secondary Transition Service:

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Supports Holland Bloorview clients in grade 11 or higher who plan to go to college or university. Meet with an occupational therapist to help plan for accessibility, accommodations, personal care support, transportation and funding. <u>Referral criteria</u>.

### • Post-Secondary Education & Career Virtual Workshop (Open to General Public)

Headed to college or university in Ontario? Register and/or watch recorded sessions. For students in grade 10 or higher living with a disability and/or an autism spectrum disorder.

All sessions are recommended. If you are looking specifically for post-secondary funding/ financing information please see **this video clip** from Nadia Niles Campbell, OT Reg. (Ont.).

# Government Support for Financing and Funding Post-Secondary Education

### Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

OSAP is a financial aid program that can help Ontario college or university students pay for post-secondary education. OSAP can help through grants (money you don't pay back) or loans.

#### **Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital**



Note: <u>You can receive both OSAP and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) income supports at the same time</u>. See Ontario's <u>OSAP for Under-Represented Learners</u> webpage.

<u>Bursary for Students with Disabilities (BSWD)</u> and <u>Canada Student Grant for Services and</u>
Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities (CSG-PDSE)

Provides funding for eligible post-secondary students with disabilities to help pay for disability-related services and equipment.

OSAP for Under-Represented Learners Webpage

Additional government funding may apply to post-secondary students who are indigenous, individuals in Extended Society Care (formerly known as Crown Wards), First-generation post-secondary students and students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

## Scholarship Resources

The following resources may be a starting place for information about potential scholarships.

http://www.disabilityawards.ca/

**Disabled World General Disability Scholarships** 

https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/

The information provided in this handout is for reference only. It is not intended as a recommendation or endorsement of specific programs, or as a comprehensive resource list.

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