Funding Tipsheet: Funding & Financial Supports Guide



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About this Tipsheet

This document provides a selection of government funding programs, charitable organizations, recreational and housing support options, and other financial resources that may be of assistance to families.

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Please note that resources and funding opportunities may change frequently. The information in this document may not reflect the most recent updates from the respective agencies or organizations. For the most current details, it is recommended that you contact each organization directly. If you identify any outdated information in this document, kindly email: resource_centre@hollandbloorview.ca.

To find this document online, scan the following QR code and find the **Funding & Financial Supports Guide through** the <u>Online Resource Centre</u>:



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How to read this guide

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

The information in this guide is organized as follows:

Agency or Funding Source Name and a symbol $(\Box, \triangle, \Leftrightarrow, \bigcirc)$		
<u>Description</u>	Eligibility	
This explains what the funding or financial	This explains if your family can apply	
assistance program is about and how to contact		
the organization.		

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

Symbol*	Meaning
	This funding source is meant to support children between the ages of 0-12
Δ	This funding source is meant to support teens between the ages of 13-17
☆	This funding source is meant to support adults 18 years of age and older
*	This funding source supports people of many/all ages
∞	This funding source supports caregivers (parents, siblings, grandparents, etc.)

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

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

Municipal Government Programs (City of Toronto)

Child Care Fee Subsidy $\square \infty$

Description

A Child Care Fee Subsidy helps a family with the cost of licensed childcare. There is a waitlist, so apply as soon as possible. You can apply as soon as you know you are pregnant or expecting a child through adoption. For more information follow the QR code, call 416-338-8888, or if you receive Ontario Works, contact your Ontario Works caseworker to apply.



Eligibility

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

- Your family lives in Toronto or is moving to Toronto
- Each parent/guardian is either employed, looking for work, in school or planning to go to school, or if you or your child has an extra support need
- Each parent/guardian has submitted their most recent Income Tax Return
- If you are a new immigrant to Canada this year or if you are under 18 years of age, you may apply without your most recent Tax Return

Rent-Geared-to-Income Subsidy ❖∞

Description

Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI), or subsidized housing, is made available by the City to make rent affordable for households.

The number of people in need of subsidized housing exceeds the number of units available, meaning that wait times for an applicant to receive housing are significant. You are encouraged to consider RGI housing as a long-term housing plan, not an immediate solution to housing needs or emergency situations. For more information follow the QR code or call 416-338-8888.



Eligibility

To be eligible for Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) housing, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- At least one member of the household is 16 years or older and can live independently, with or without support services
- Household income does not exceed the Housing Income Limits (HILs)
- Total household assets are within Asset Limit requirements
- Acceptable status documents include one of the following:
 - Canadian Citizen card
 - permanent resident or proof of application for permanent resident
 - proof of status as a refugee claimant or Convention refugee

Toronto Welcome Policy ❖ ∞

Description

Welcome Policy is a recreation fee subsidy to help Toronto residents access recreation programs. Eligible individuals and families will receive an annual financial credit that can be used towards the cost of all FitnessTO memberships and fitness multi-use passes, in addition to registered recreation programs such as lessons, camps and after-school care programs offered by the City of Toronto. For more information follow the QR code or call 416-338-8888.



Eligibility

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

Applicants and their families must:

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

Provincial Government Programs (Government of Ontario)

Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) ❖

Description

OESP provides an ongoing monthly credit directly on qualified consumers' electricity bills. For more information follow the QR code, call 1-800-855-1155 or email

help@OntarioElectricitySupport.ca



- Household size and income meet certain levels listed on the website
- It's also available to people living in condominiums or apartments (multi-unit buildings and sometimes townhomes) where each unit has an individual meter and the resident's electricity bill comes from a company other than their utility, a Unit Sub-Meter Provider or USMP

Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) ❖

Description

If you're behind on your electricity or natural gas bill and face having your service disconnected, you may qualify for emergency financial help through the Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP). For more information follow the QR code, call 1-800-855-1155 or email

help@OntarioElectricitySupport.ca



Eligibility

 Household size and income meet certain levels listed on the website

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

Description

If you are a parent caring for a child with a severe disability, you may be able to receive financial support through ACSD. Depending on the income and size of the family, the program may provide between \$25 and \$646 a month to help with costs, such as:

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

For more information follow the QR code.



- A parent or a legal guardian whose child:
 - o is under 18 years of age,
 - lives at home,
 - o and has a severe disability
- total household income is \$76,200 or less

Assistive Devices Program (ADP) *

Description

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

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

For more information follow the QR code.



Eligibility

To qualify, you must:

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

ADP does not consider your income

Exceptional Access Program (EAP) *

Description

The Exceptional Access Program (EAP) facilitates patient access to drugs not funded on the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB)* Formulary, or where no listed alternative is available. In order to receive coverage, the patient must be eligible to receive benefits under the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program. For more information follow the QR code, call 416-327-8109 or email EAPFeedback.MOH@ontario.ca



- Selected drug-specific criteria used in the consideration of EAP requests are available on the ministry website
- For a drug to be considered for funding, the EAP reimbursement criteria must always be met
 - Full list of reimbursement criteria for some drugs considered through the EAP is available on their website

Healthy Smiles Ontario $\Box \triangle$

Description

Healthy Smiles Ontario is a government-funded dental program that provides free preventive, routine, and emergency dental services for children and youth 17 years old and under from low-income households. The program includes regular visits to a licensed dental provider and covers the costs of eligible treatment. For more information follow the QR code or call 1-844-296-6306



Eligibility

Children are automatically enrolled in the program if:

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

You can apply for your children if they:

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

Northern Health Travel Grants ∞❖

Description

The Northern Health Travel Grant (NHTG) program offers financial assistance to Northern Ontario residents who need to travel long-distances for specialized medical services or procedures at a ministry-funded health care facility.

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

For more information follow the QR code or call 1-800-262-6524.



- You are an OHIP-insured Ontario resident on the date of treatment
- Your primary place of residence is in the districts of Algoma, Cochrane, Kenora, Manitoulin, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, or Timiskaming.
- You have obtained a referral from a Northern Ontario health care provider
- You have been referred to a medical specialist who is certified by The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)
- you are referred for a ministry funded health care facility-based procedure under the *Health Insurance Act* performed by a provider in the facility
- 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.

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

Description

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

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

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



Eligibility

To be eligible for funding an individual must be:

- A resident of Ontario in possession of a valid OHIP number, and
- Diagnosed as having a cleft lip and/or palate, a craniofacial anomaly or other severe dental dysfunction, and
- have sufficient residual craniofacial growth necessary to achieve the maximum potential benefit from a single course of treatment

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.

Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) 🕸 🌣

Description

Income support - Financial assistance to help with the costs of basic needs, like food, clothing and shelter. Income support also includes drug coverage and vision care, for clients and their eligible family members.

Employment supports - Supports to help clients with disabilities find and keep a job and advance their careers.

For more information follow the QR code, call 1-888-999-1142 or book an appointment through your local ODSP office.



Eligibility

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

- be at least 18 years old
- be an Ontario resident
- have assets no greater than the limits set out in the program
- be in financial need
- meet the program's definition of a person with a disability, or be a member of a Prescribed Class

Ontario Drug Benefit ❖∞

Description

The Ontario Drug Benefit program covers most of the cost of approximately 5,000 prescription drug products. It also helps you pay for:

- allergy shots and EpiPen®
- some products used in monitoring and testing for diabetes
- some prescribed over-the-counter drugs under specific circumstances
- some nutrition products
- some drugs used in treatment of HIV/AIDS,
- some drugs used in palliative care
- Some drugs to help quit smoking.

For more information follow the QR code



Eligibility

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

- living in a long-term care home, a home for special care, or Community Home for Opportunity
- under the age of 24 and not covered by a private insurance plan
- receiving professional home and community care services
- receiving benefits from Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program
- enrolled in the Trillium Drug Program

Passport program △☆∞

Description

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

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

For more information follow the QR code



Eligibility

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

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

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

Description

SSAH provides funding to buy services and supports that help parents with caring for their child, or that support the child to join activities at home and in the community.

The goal of the SSAH program is to assist children with physical and/or developmental disabilities and their families to do what's important to them. This includes providing:

- support for the child to participate in day to-day activities
- assistance for the child to participate in activities that support their growth and development
- support for parents/main caregivers (such as respite services)

For more information follow the QR code



Eligibility

To be eligible for Special Services at Home (SSAH), a child must:

- need extra support, beyond what is expected for their age, because of a physical and/or developmental disability, so that they can take part in daily activities at home and in the community
- be a resident of Ontario and legally entitled to live in Canada
- be under 18 years old
- live at home with their main caregiver or live separately from their main caregiver without support from other governmentfunded out-of-home (residential) services

The Trillium Drug Program (TDP) ❖

Description

The Trillium Drug Program covers the cost of about 5,000 prescription drugs that are currently available through the Ontario Drug Benefit Program, and about 1,000 drug products upon meeting specified criteria through the Exceptional Access Program. For more information follow the QR code



Eligibility

To qualify for the TDP, you must:

- not already qualify for Ontario Drug Benefit (e.g. you're under 65 years old and not enrolled in a program such as Ontario Works)
- have a valid Ontario health card
- live in Ontario
- do not have an insurance plan that pays for 100% of your drugs
- Spend about 4% or more of your aftertax household income on prescription drug costs

Federal Government Programs (Government of Canada)

Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) ❖

Description

A registered disability savings plan (RDSP) is a savings plan that is intended to help an individual who is approved to receive the disability tax credit (DTC) to save for their long-term financial security. You can open an RDSP at a local bank.

For more information follow the QR code or call 1-800-959-8281



Eligibility

You can designate an individual as beneficiary if the individual:

- is approved for the DTC
- has a valid social insurance number (SIN)
- is a resident in Canada when the plan is entered into
- is under the age of 60

Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) �

Description

The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) is helping make the cost of dental care more affordable for eligible Canadian residents. For more information follow the QR code, call 1-833-537-4342, or visit any Service Canada Centre



- Seniors aged 65 and over
- Children under the age of 18
- Adults with a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate
- Do not have access to dental insurance
- Adjusted family net income is less than \$90,000
- Canadian resident for tax purposes
- Filled a tax return for the previous year

Tax Credits

Canada Caregiver Credit (CCC) ∞

Description

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

For more information follow the QR code



Eligibility

- You may be able to claim the CCC if you support
 - your spouse or common-law partner with a physical or mental impairment.
 - your or your spouse's or commonlaw partner's child or grandchild
 - your or your spouse's or commonlaw partner's parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, niece, or nephew (if resident in Canada at any time in the year)
- An individual is considered to depend on you for support if they rely on you to regularly and consistently provide them with some or all of the basic necessities of life, such as food, shelter and clothing.

Canada Child Benefit (CCB) ∞

Description

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

For more information follow the QR code or call 1-800-387-1193



- You live with a child who is under 18 years of age
- You are primarily responsible for the care and upbringing of the child
- You are a resident of Canada for tax purposes
- You or your spouse or common-law partner must be any if the following:
 - o A Canadian citizen
 - A permanent resident
 - A protected person
 - a temporary resident who has lived in Canada for the previous 18 months, and who has a valid permit in the 19th month
 - an individual who is registered, or entitled to be registered under the Indian Act

Child Disability Benefit (CDB) ∞

Description

The child disability benefit is a tax-free monthly payment made to families who care for a child under age 18 with a severe and prolonged impairment in physical or mental functions. For more information follow the QR code or call 1-800-387-1193



Eligibility

To get the child disability benefit:

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

If you are already getting the Canada child benefit for your child who is eligible for the disability tax credit, **you do not need to apply** for the child disability benefit. You will get it automatically.

Disability Supports Deduction �

Description

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

For more information follow the QR code



Eligibility

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

- Work
- go to school
- do research for which you received a grant There is also an online list of eligible expenses for the disability supports deduction, and any certification from a medical practitioner that may be needed.

Disability Tax Credit �

Description

The disability tax credit (DTC) is a non-refundable tax credit that helps persons with disabilities or their supporting persons reduce the amount of income tax they may have to pay.

For more information follow the QR code or call 1-800-959-8281



- You may be eligible for the DTC if a medical practitioner certifies that you have a severe and prolonged impairment in 1 of the categories, significant limitations in 2 or more categories, or receive therapy to support a vital function.
- Please see the categories on their website

Eligible medical expenses you can claim on your return ❖∞

Description

You can claim medical expenses on your tax return. Generally, you can claim all amounts paid, even if they were not paid in Canada. For more information follow the QR code or call 1-800-959-8281



Eligibility

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

- types of medical expenses
- if the expense is eligible
- if you need any supporting documents You can only claim eligible medical expenses if you, or your spouse or common-law partner:
- paid for the medical expenses in the 12month period
- did not claim them in the previous year

Excise gasoline tax refund ❖ ∞

Description

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

For more information follow the QR code



Eligibility

- Registered Canadian amateur athletic association
- Registered Charity
- Individual with a permanent mobility impairment

GST/HST Information $\diamondsuit \infty$

Description

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

For more information follow the QR code



Eligibility

Goods and services that could potentially be claimed include:

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

Home Buyer's Plan ❖∞

Description

The Home Buyers' Plan (HBP) is a program that allows you to withdraw up to \$35,000 in a calendar year from your registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs) to buy or build a qualifying home for yourself or for a related person with a disability.

For more information follow the QR code



Eligibility

- You must be considered a first-time home buyer.
- You or the specified disabled person must have a written agreement to buy or build a qualifying home at the time of your withdrawal.
- You must be a resident of Canada at the time of your withdrawal from your RRSPs under the HBP
- You or the specified disabled person must intend to occupy the qualifying home that you are buying or building as your principal place of residence no later than one year after buying or building it

Home and Car Modifications

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation – On-Reserve Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program $\diamondsuit \infty$

Description

The On-Reserve Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) provides financial assistance to First Nations and First Nation members to cover the costs of major repairs and adaptations for their homes.

For more information follow the QR code or call 1-800-668-2642



Eligibility

This program is open to all First Nations or individual First Nation members.

- The occupants' total household income must be at or below the established limit which is based on the location of the community.
- The house must lack basic facilities or is in need of major repairs or adaptations in one or more of the following categories:
 - Structural
 - Electrical
 - Plumbing
 - Heating (HVAC)
 - Fire Safety
 - Overcrowding
 - Accessibility

Stellantis Driveability ☆∞

Description

This program allows up to a \$1,000 rebate when you purchase adaptive equipment for your vehicle.

If you require assistance with financing an adapted vehicle purchase/lease, Driveability can help. Conventional financing is available through Chrysler Capital to all qualified new vehicle buyers.

For more information follow the QR code, call (800) 255-9877, or email

rebates@stellantis.com



Eligibility

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

Easter Seals Ontario – Equipment Funding ❖∞

Description

Easter Seals Ontario helps families with the cost of equipment that is required by children and youth with a physical disability.

For more information follow the QR code, call 416-421-8146, or email services@easterseals.org



Eligibility

Children and youth with physical disabilities must meet the following criteria:

- under the age of 19 years and registered with Easter Seals Ontario
- a legal resident of Ontario
- have a valid Ontario Health Card have a permanent physical disability that restricts their independent mobility and results in the use of a primary mobility device.

Oracle Health Foundation ❖ ∞

Description

Oracle Health Foundation provides pediatric grants that cover a wide variety of costs related to children's healthcare needs.

For more information follow the QR code, call 816-573-6050, or email casegrants ww@oracle.com



- The child must be under 19 years of age (a person 19–21 may be considered if they are in a child-like mental state).
- The child must be under the care of a physician.
- The request must be clinically relevant to a specific healthcare need of the child.
- There must be no existing insurance coverage for the requested expenses.
- One request per 12 months, per child for a maximum of three times in a child's lifetime.

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

Description

The Family Support Fund (FSF) offers financial support to Holland Bloorview families to meet their unique needs. Clients and families may be provided with financial reimbursement for equipment, medication, recreational activities and respite services. For more information follow the QR code, call 416-425-6220 Ext. 6303, or email fsfdoc@hollandbloorview.ca



Eligibility

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

ErinoakKids – Family Support Fund $\Box \triangle \infty$

Description

The Family Support Fund offers financial support to ErinoakKids' families during a time of a crisis or financial need. They cover:

- Up to \$1,000 for prescribed medication, recreation, and respite
- Up to \$2,000 for emergency needs
- Up to \$3,000 for equipment (Equipment funding may be considered up to \$3,000 if costs surpass \$3,000 for an individual item or transaction)

For more information follow the QR code, call 416-425-6220 Ext. 6303, or email fsfdoc@hollandbloorview.ca



- The need for financial assistance must result from extraordinary costs directly related to child's illness/disability.
- Your child must be a current ErinoakKids client 0-18 years of age, or a client of the 18+ overnight respite program.
- Household annual income to be under \$75,000.
- Families must have exhausted other available financial resources.
- Must not have received a grant from this fund in the preceding 12 months.

Mobility Basics – Canadian Medical Equipment Funding Sources and Financial Aid ★∞

Description

Mobility Aids provides a list of organizations and car companies who may help cover some costs of installing adaptive modifications to their vehicles.

For more information follow the QR code



Eligibility

 Each listing has different eligibility. See online for details.

National Organization for Vehicle Accessibility (NOVA) ☆∞

Description

This program is directed to individuals with disabilities who have secured the majority of the money needed to fund vehicle modification products and just need some additional help to reach their goal. The Ralph Braun Grant Program is designed to bridge the funding gap that prevents people in need of mobility products from achieving their mobility goals. For more information follow the QR code, call 574-607-5995 or email info@novafunding.org

Eligibility

- Mobility equipment considered for this grant program must be essential mobility transportation equipment. This includes conversions for accessible vans, wheelchair lifts, scooter or truck lifts, car-top carriers, etc.
- Mobility products eligible include all NMEDA approved mobility products.
- Mobility equipment must be purchased from a certified NMEDA retail mobility dealer. A list of these dealers are available on their website



Ontario March of Dimes Home and Vehicle Modification Program $\bigstar \infty$

Description

March of Dimes Canada's Home & Vehicle Modification Program provides funding for basic home and/or vehicle modifications. The program is intended to assist permanent Ontario residents with a substantial impairment expected to last one year or more, with their disability management.

Consumers who meet program criteria can apply for grant funding:

Up to \$15,000 lifetime maximum for home modifications

- A permanent Ontario resident
- Be in financial need, income of under \$60,000
- Have a permanent ongoing or recurring disability that impedes mobility and results in substantial restrictions in activities of daily living

 Up to \$15,000 every ten years for vehicle modifications

For more information follow the QR code or call 1-877-369-4867



Transportation

Hope Air ❖∞

Description

Hope Air is the only registered, national charity that provides free flights to people who cannot afford the cost of an airline ticket to get to medical expertise or specialized medical technologies that usually exist only in larger urban centres.

For more information follow the QR code, call 816-573-6050, or email info@hopeair.ca



Eligibility

- 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

Shine Through the Rain – Rainy Day Fund ❖∞

Description

The Rainy Day Fund is a monthly emergency financial aid initiative designed to support Canadian citizens from low-income families who are undergoing treatment for a lifethreatening illness. Eligible patients may receive up to \$1,500 annually.

Expenses Include: Overdue Rent and Utilities, Grocery and Gas Gift Cards, and Reimbursement for Medical Parking and Transportation (Taxi, Uber, Ride Share, Public Transportation, Private Ambulance, Etc.)

- Individuals' gross annual income must not exceed \$32,500 and the family's gross annual income must not exceed \$60,000
- The patient, a Canadian Citizen, must currently be in treatment for a lifethreatening illness
 - You can apply for funding to help with transportation, rent, utility, phone costs, and to get a grocery card.
 - Transportation is defined as parking, taxi, bus, and train expenses. Please

For more information follow the QR code or call



provide proof of original receipts and record of appointments which must correspond to the date on the original receipts. STTRF reserves the right to reimburse for transportation expenses for the current year and up to January of the following year.

TTC Support Person Card ∞

Description

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

For more information follow the QR code or call 416-393-3030.



Eligibility

A regulated authorized health care professional must certify that the applicant:

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

Recreation and Respite

Ability Gives □△

Description

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

- therapy bikes
- ipads with communication software for non-verbal children

- 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

- adapted strollers
- specialized seating/feeding chairs
- lifts and turners
- serial casting/orthotics
- orthotic shoes
- walkers
- splints

For more information follow the QR code, call 416-650-6207 or email information@abilityonline.org



- Family must be willing to post their child's story and picture on our web site (first names only).
- Only one equipment requests per family

Active Assist ❖∞

Description

ActiveAssist is a fee-assistance program designed to help low-income households and newcomers with refugee status 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.

For more information follow the QR code or call



Eligibility

This program is available to Mississauga residents applying as:

- an individual or family without dependents under the age of 18
- a family with dependants under the age of 18
- a newcomer with refugee status

Amici Camping Charity $\Box \triangle$

Description

Amici sends children, ages 7 - 17, from low-income households to overnight summer camps across Ontario.

For more information follow the QR code, call 416-588-8026 or email info@amicicharity.org



- are children between the ages of 7-17
- meet our financial eligibility criteria

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

Description

The One-to-One Summer Support Worker Reimbursement Fund is available to Ontario families of children or youth with ASD who retain the services of a one-to-one support worker for their child to attend a community summer camp or summer program.

Maximum reimbursements of \$350 per child or youth (up to 18th birthday) will be made to subsidize services purchased during the March Break Week.

For more information follow the QR code or email ginny@autismontario.com.



Eligibility

- 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
- Completed and signed applications will be entered into a random draw

Canadian Tire Jumpstart □△

Description

Sometimes, families need financial assistance to get their kids into a sport or physical activity. We're committed to helping all families access a range of activities.

The maximum amount of funding per application is \$300

For more information follow the QR code, email jumpstart@cantire.com or call 1-844-937-7529

- Families must first meet specific financial criteria outlined on the website
- Children must fall between the ages of 4
 18 years old.
- Funding is allocated to sustained programs that involve a sport or physical activity.
- Programs should be a minimum of five weeks in duration and include at least one session per week. Sports camps must last at least five consecutive days for consideration.



Chai Lifeline ❖∞

Description

This organization provides many programs including family programs, children's programs, and community programs. Chai Lifeline offers camps and respite for families. For more information follow the QR code, email cageneral@chailifeline.ca or call 647-430-5933



Eligibility

 Please contact the organization for specific eligibility criteria for each program

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.

For more information follow the QR code, email Sylvie.labrosse@cltoronto.ca or call 647-729-1180



Eligibility

- Must be in service or attend a Community Living Toronto program
- Must be a current Member of Community Living Toronto
- They have exhausted all other financial resources before applying to the Choices Fund
- They've been working towards the goal that they need help with and that funding from the Choices Fund will help them achieve this goal

Family Directed Respite $\Box \triangle \infty$

Description

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

- Child must be diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Child is eligible from the age of 2 until their 18th birthday
- Child must reside with a caregiver and be a permanent resident of Toronto

For more information follow the QR code, email FDR@respiteservices.com or call 416-322-6317

ext. 1



 Families accessing Ministry funded respite/camp programs may not be eligible.

Kids in Camp $\Box \triangle$

Description

Camperships are available for day and overnight camps accredited by the Ontario Camps Association (OCA). Kids in Camp considers all eligible campership applications submitted by the Camp Directors of OCA accredited camps. Our resources may limit our ability to help support all qualified applications received, or to be able to grant the full dollar amount or the total number of weeks requested.

For more information follow the QR code, email info@kidsincamp.com or call 416-948-5437



Eligibility

- 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.

Kidsport Toronto □△

Description

KidSport provides grants to kids from families facing financial barriers so they can participate in registered sport programs and experience the lifelong benefits of a season of sport.

KidSport Ontario provides grants of up to \$250 per eligible kid, per year (January 1st - December 31st) towards sport registration fees.

Eligibility

 KidSport Ontario reviews the financial barriers faced by the child's family when determining eligibility for grants provided through the Provincial Fund For more information follow the QR code, email info@kidsportontario.ca or call 416-899-9106



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.

For more information follow the QR code, email info@muscle.ca or call 1-800-567-2873



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.

Nadine Dee Chiu Memorial Fund ❖ ∞

Description

The Nadine "Dee" Chiu Memorial Fund helps families or individuals with the purchase of services or equipment that will improve quality of life and community participation.

For more information follow the QR code or call 647-509-1596



Eligibility

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

Must demonstrate financial need

Ontario Camps Association □△

Description

At the OCA, we know that camp is a lifechanging and important life experience for Canadian youth. Some families need support to provide this experience for their camper- and that's where subsidies and financial supports come in!

Eligibility

 Each camp has a different eligibility, please go to the website for more information Subsidies provide campers from low-income families and/or campers with special needs the ability to experience all that camp has to offer! For more information follow the QR code, email info@ontariocamps.ca or call 416-485-0425



Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy – Life Enriching Activity Fund $\diamondsuit \infty$

Description

The Life Enriching Activity Fund is a new opportunity for members to access financial assistance to enrich, enhance or augment an activity the member currently participates in or is interested in.

One time assistance up to \$300 per application for multiple activities/items in the funding year. For more information follow the QR code, email info@ofcp.ca or call 416-244-9686



Eligibility

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

The War Amps – CHAMP $\Box \triangle$

Description

CHAMP provides financial assistance to child amputees and their families. Their programs include:

 Standard Artificial Limbs - assists with the costs of standard or "everyday" artificial limbs and ongoing adjustments and repairs

Eligibility

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

- Recreational Limbs and Devices The program covers 100 per cent of the cost of recreational limbs and devices
- Travel to Prosthetic Centres 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.

For more information follow the QR code, email champ@waramps.ca, or call 1-800-267-4023



Tim Hickman Memorial Fund �

Description

The organization was incorporated in memory of Timothy James Hickman (March 25, 1975 - April 2, 1996) to honour his life, his passion for sports and his gift for caring and assisting people with special needs. The fund has been designed to provide an opportunity for people to help people with a disability reach their potential and enjoy participation in a sport. For more information follow the QR code or email shirley.hickman67@gmail.com.



Eligibility

The main objectives are:

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

Tim Hortons Foundation □

Description

The Summer Program runs through June, July and August for youth aged 11-16. Our summer program becomes more challenging for campers as they progress through each level. Campers participate in traditional camp activities like canoeing, high ropes, archery, and

- The camper is 11 or 12 years old as of December 31 of the year prior to attending camp (turning 12 or 13 the year they attend camp).
- The camper comes from a low-income home based on the criteria established by

overnight camping experiences, as well as intentional programs targeted to develop important life skills.

For more information follow the QR code, email <u>registrar@timscamps.com</u>, or call 1-888-585-0829 or 519-448-1248.



- Statistics Canada and the U.S. Census Bureau.
- The camper can participate in a group setting.
- The camper does not require ongoing 1:1 health care, emotional or behavioural support.
- The camper must be referred by someone from a community-based organization or a Tim Horton's Restaurant Owner.

Vacations and Wishes

Chai Lifeline Canada ❖∞

Description

Offers retreats and respite vacations, as well a program for families. For more information follow the QR code or call 647-430-5933.



Eligibility

Please inquire for eligibility requirements.

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

Description

A child living with critical illness faces lifealtering, complex physical and health challenges along with overwhelming mental and emotional burdens. A wish can stir the strength and optimism that are crucial to fighting physical, emotional and psychological adversity. Wishes are treatment. They allow

Eligibility

Children must meet these criteria to be eligible for a wish:

- The child is biologically between the ages of 3 and 17
- The child has a critical illness that is currently in the life-threatening stage

children to return to childhood, rediscover play, experience joy, and reconnect with family, friends, and community. For more information follow the QR code, call 416-224-9474, or email info@makeawish.ca.



 The child has not received a prior wish from any wish-granting organization

The following high-risk, life-threatening principles are used to determine medical eligibility for a wish:

- Children whose current medical condition requires high-risk therapy to survive may qualify for a wish.
- Children who are dependent on technology to survive may qualify for a wish.
- Children with chronic conditions who demonstrate extreme long-term complications may qualify for a wish.
- Children at high risk of death not covered by other criteria on this list may qualify for a wish.

Dreams Take Flight □∞

Description

Offers vacations to families who have children with disabilities. Dreams Take Flight uses specific criteria to choose the children from physically, mentally and socially challenged backgrounds. For more information follow the QR code, call 416-801-5037, or email toronto@dreamstakeflight.ca.



Eligibility

- Be between the ages of 6 − 12
- Financially the child or family would not have the opportunity to travel at this time or have NOT traveled at all in the past 12 months.
- Be a Canadian citizen
- Be able to legally enter the United States
- Be medically, mentally, physically, socially or emotionally challenged
- Have never been to Universal Studios,
 Disney or like 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
- The parents of the child(ren) are NOT employees of Air Canada.

Million Dollar Smiles $\Box \triangle \infty$

Description

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

Eligibility

 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 organization builds backyard playgrounds and delivers 4-foot teddy bears to kids in the GTA and surrounding areas. For more information follow the QR code, call 416-566-0554, or email info@milliondollarsmiles.ca.

will send you eligibility requirements and a referral questionnaire



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

Description

In-Hospital Program: From activity kits and interactive gaming stations to toy-filled playrooms, Starlight offers a comprehensive menu of in-hospital programs that bring fun, joy and laughter where it's needed most.

Out-of-Hospital Program: Whether it's a trip to the zoo or an action-packed sporting event, Starlight's families enjoy all of the excitement, laughs and fun of a getaway from the hospital For more information follow the QR code, call 416-642-5675, or email info@starlightcanada.org.



Eligibility

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

Sunshine Foundation $\Box \triangle$

Description

A Sunshine Dream is an individual experience, dreamed by a child. These experiences are unique and can include family members joining in a once-in-a-lifetime customized adventure. For more information follow the QR code, call 519-642-0990, or email

info@shinefoundation.ca

- Be between the age of 11 21
- Have a severe physical disability or a lifethreatening 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

Computers

Free Geek Toronto ❖ ∞

Description

Free Geek's goal is to make Toronto a place where e-waste is disposed of responsibly, safely and ethically, and where everyone has access to computers and the Internet. For more information follow the QR code or all 416-572-3737.

Eligibility

Shop for refurbished desktops and laptops

reBOOT Canada – reSTART ❖ ∞

Description

The reSTART program offers refurbished computers at discounted prices for Canadian residents who receive social assistance or qualify as low income. These computers help people to access health care, gain education, find jobs, and even start small businesses. For more information follow the QR code, call 416-534-6017, or email info@rebootcanada.ca.

Eligibility

 Any Canadian resident who receives financial social assistance from a national, provincial, or regional support program is eligible to purchase a computer through reSTART.



Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) – OUTREACH program ❖∞

Description

The Outreach program provides qualifying individuals, families and students, access to affordable renewed computers, ready to use software and learning modules all in one package. For more information follow the QR code, 416-646-5753, info@rcto.ca.

Eligibility

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

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



Post-Secondary Education

Bloorview School Authority Bursary $\triangle \Rightarrow$

Description

The Bloorview School Authority Bursary is awarded to a student with a disability. The value of the award will be \$9,000.00. For more information follow the QR code, call 416-424-3831, or email school@hollandbloorview.ca.



Eligibility

- Must have attended Bloorview School (formerly Bloorview Macmillan Centre), be/have been a client of the Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital
- Be a candidate for admission to an OSAP eligible post-secondary Institution (College or University). The recipient of the bursary will be required to provide proof of enrollment at a qualifying institution

Description

This grant is available to students with disabilities for each year of study. You can apply at the same time as you apply for student aid with your province or territory. Until the end of the 2024 to 2025 school year, you could receive \$2,800 per year. For more information follow the QR code.



Eligibility

- have a financial need
- are a student in a qualified program at a designated school
- are a student with a disability recognized by the Canada Student Financial Assistance Program, and provide with your application, a document(s) that shows that you have a disability

Choose 2 Be Resilient \triangle

Description

The Zach Sutherland & Kaya Firth Resiliency Foundation awards educational Scholarships of \$1500 each for post-secondary education pursued at the university, college or trade apprenticeship level. It is open to Halton Hills youth (age 17-24) who have found resiliency

Eligibility

 To apply, please share your story of resiliency and include your name, contact information (email address, mailing address and phone contact) as well as your plans for post-secondary education. through grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information follow the QR code or email zkresilience21@gmail.com.



Easter Seals Scholarships △☆

Description

Easter Seals offers a range of titled scholarships for students with physical disabilities, ranging in amounts from \$500 to up to \$5,000 for a single year of post-secondary education. For more information follow the QR code, call 16-421-8778 or email scholarships@easterseals.org.



Eligibility

- have a permanent physical disability that impacts their mobility;
- be pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited college or university; and

be a resident of Ontario

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

Description

Grants for students with permanent disabilities

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

Grant for services and equipment for students with permanent disabilities

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

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

Canada student loans program - severe permanent disability benefit

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

For more information follow the QR code.



Kin Canada Bursary △☆

Description

The program was established to promote, encourage and sponsor educational programs and activities, by providing financial assistance in the amount of \$1000 to successful applicants in their quest for higher learning at a recognized post-secondary institution. For more information follow the QR code, call 1-800-742-5546, or email bursary@kincanada.ca



Eligibility

- Must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant.
- Plan to register as a full-time student in the 2025-2026 school year at a recognized postsecondary institution
- Demonstrate high ideals, community involvement and knowledge of Kin
 Not have previously received a Kin Canada Bursary

Empowered Kids Ontario Scholarship Award △☆

Description

The EKO Scholarship helps support students who have received services from an EKO member organisation, pursue their post-secondary education or career. We offer eight scholarships of \$3,000 each, including an exclusive award for self-identified Indigenous, First Nations and Métis students. Our scholarship is an invaluable tool to help you achieve your personal and professional goals.

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

For more information follow the QR code or email

nroyle@empoweredkidsontario.ca.



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

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

Description

The Bursary for Students with Disabilities (BSWD) and the Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Persons with Permanent Disabilities (CSG-PDSE) helps postsecondary students with the costs of their disability-related educational services and equipment. You may receive assistance for note-takers, tutors, interpreters or technical aids while you're in postsecondary studies. For more information follow the QR code.



Eligibility

For the **BSWD**:

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

For the **CSG-PDSE**

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

Optimist International Foundation of Canada $\triangle \updownarrow$

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. For more information follow the QR code.

Eligibility

Open to students under the age of 19

Essay Contest

This contest requires students under 19 and who have not yet completed secondary school or its equivalent, including CEGEP students in Québec, Canada. There is no minimum age. Students must enter in the District in which they reside. U.S. students



attending school on military installations outside the U.S. are eligible to enter in their last home of record.

Oratorical Contest

The contest is open to contestants under the age of 19 as of October 1st of the current Optimist International contest year (October 1 – September 30) and who have not yet completed secondary school or its equivalent, including CEGEP students in Québec, Canada. There is no minimum age. 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

The contest is open to young people through grade 12 in the United States and Canada, to CEGEP in Québec and grade 13 in the Caribbean, who are educated in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean. 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.

The Tamara Gordon Foundation △☆

Description

The Tamara Gordon Foundation provides financial awards to physically disabled students enrolled in degree programs at post-secondary institutions within Ontario. For more information follow the QR code, call 905-209-0606 or email tamaragfoundation@gmail.com.

- Be a Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant with a permanent physical disability
- Reside in the province of Ontario
- Be enrolled in a program at an Ontario
 University that is a member of Universities
 Canada or one of Ontario's 24 Colleges of
 Applied Arts and Technology for the
 2024/2025 academic year



- Be a Grade 12 student in the province of Ontario, or a student already enrolled in a post-secondary program and looking to advance to either year 2, 3, 4 on wards.
- Demonstrate a strong academic record
- Demonstrate a need for financial assistance

The Rick & Amanda Hansen Scholarship for Youth with Disabilities △☆

Description

Rick and Amanda Hansen believe that people of all abilities should have the right to a barrierfree education. The Rick & Amanda Hansen Scholarship for Youth with Disabilities, funded generously by the April 1 Foundation, provides financial support to Canadian youth with disabilities to pursue post-secondary education and realize their full potential. This scholarship aims to make a profound impact on the lives of Canadian youth with disabilities by removing financial barriers and supporting career aspirations through post-secondary education. Funding of up to \$10,000 per year (up to a maximum of \$40,000) is available for youth with disabilities looking to complete a 1- to 5year post-secondary program at a publicly funded institution in Canada.

For more information follow the QR code, call 1-800-213-2131or email info@rickhansen.com.



Eligibility

- Person with a disability, defined as functional limitation – whether permanent or episodic – which affects the student's ability to participate in post-secondary education;
- Under the age of 30 years as of the application deadline;
- Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada:
- Eligible for domestic tuition at a publicly funded post-secondary institution or training program at a public university, college or institute in Canada;
- Enrolling full-time for a 1- to 5-year postsecondary program at a publicly funded post-secondary institution in Canada; and
- Not receiving other financial awards that total more than \$2,500 per year (excluding student loans).
- Applicants are responsible for ensuring that any funding received from the Rick & Amanda Hansen Scholarship will not negatively affect the status of any benefits and subsidies that they are eligible for.

OFCP Awards and Scholarships △☆

Description

The OFCP Annual Awards Program celebrates excellence, advocacy, and dedication by individuals, families, professionals, and community members who have positively impacted the lives of people with cerebral palsy in Ontario. For more information follow the QR code, call 416-244-9686 or email info@ofcp.ca.

Eligibility

Each award and scholarship have a description with the nomination requirements and process.



The Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarships △☆

Description

The Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship is a fouryear tuition only scholarship of up to \$15,000 per year. For more information follow the QR code, call 416-363-0604or email office@rotarytoronto.com.



Eligibility

- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate academic excellence
- Demonstrate leadership and community service
- Graduation from a Toronto District School Board or Toronto Catholic District School Board secondary school
- Acceptance to a college or university in the Greater Toronto Area

Alternate Funding Sources and Charitable Organizations

Ability Online Shine On □△

Description

Ability Gives is a Canadian equipment grant program for members of Ability Online who have a child with a disability or complex medical condition under 18 years of age. For more information follow the QR code, call 416-650-6207 or email

information@abilityonline.org.

- 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

Dayforce Cares (formerly known as Ceridian Cares) ❖∞

Description

Provides 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.

For more information follow the QR code or email DayforceCaresCAN@dayforce.com



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
- 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

Jennifer Ashleigh Foundation $\Box \triangle \infty$

Description

Jennifer Ashleigh will fund the following:

- · Housing support and Meal support
- Vehicle Repairs
- Accommodations
- Transportation to/from hospital or treatment centre
- Prescribed medication
- Disposable Medical supplies

- A major medical event has occurred with your child.
- The event requires your child to be admitted to a hospital for a minimum stay of 2 weeks
- This event is greatly impacting your family's routine and finances AND you have additional expenses directly related to this event.

- Specialized equipment that aids in the transition from hospital to home (ex: adaptive trike, mobility and sleeping aids) please include quote and proof of additional funds secured
- Assessment and session fees for rehabilitative therapy because of the major medical event.
- Sibling childcare
- Respite Care for the child, 1:1 in the home For more information follow the QR code, call 905-852-1799 Ext. 32, or email

admin@jenash.org.



- Total gross household income (line 15000 on Notice of Assessment) must be \$65,000 or less.
- Child resides in Ontario.
- Child is a permanent resident or Canadian citizen.
- Applicant must be 18 years or younger.
 Eligibility runs up until the child's 19th birthday.

Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy – Assistive Devices Funding Program 🕏

Description

The Assistive Devices Funding Program (ADFP) provides financial assistance for equipment for individual members of the OFCP. For more information follow the QR code, call 416-244-9686, or email info@ofcp.ca.



Eligibility

- The Assistive Devices Funding Program is for persons with cerebral palsy of all ages in Ontario, who are individual members of the OFCP
- Member's total eligible amount is 25% of the total cost of equipment per multiple applications up to \$2000 every two years.

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

Description

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

Eligibility

If you are serving or have served in the Canadian Armed Forces, Reserve Force or RCMP, or in the Merchant Navy with campaign stars or decorations, or under Commonwealth or Allied nations and currently reside in Canada, or are an eligible dependent of any of these Veterans, our services are here to assist you. For more information follow the QR code or call 1-613-591-3335.



Smiles 4 Canada □△

Description

Smiles 4 Canada is a program run by the Canadian Foundation for the Advancement of Orthodontics (CFAO) in conjunction with the Canadian Association of Orthodontists (CAO). The program facilitates the orthodontic treatment of deserving young Canadians who would otherwise not be able to afford treatment. Once your child is accepted into the program, we ask that you pay a one-time \$600 + HST administrative fee to help cover the cost of program administration. For more information follow the QR code.



Eligibility

- Applicants to the program must be between 7 14 years of age 9under 18 in Manitoba.
 For complete applications, the first assessment criteria is financial eligibility.
- We use the Federal Low Income Cut-Offs (LICO), as published by Statistics Canada, to do this. Financial eligibility depends on family size and the type of area in which you live

If you do not meet this criterion threshold, please submit additional information pertinent to your financial situation with your application.

United Chesed of Toronto & Vicinity ❖ ∞

Description

United Chesed's primary mandate is to aid members of the Toronto Jewish community who find themselves facing severe financial difficulties.

Urgent, Short-term Assistance: United Chesed aims to be that safety net for those in the community without the financial means to see themselves through hard times.

- Eligible clients and families must identify as a member(s) of the Jewish community and live within the GTA or surrounding areas.
- Urgent means that waiting to pay for this expense will result in significant and timely loss. This could include overdue bills or rent when there is a threat of losing the service or being evicted. It could also include expensive medical equipment or assistance

For more information follow the QR code, call 416-663-3339 or email

ClientServices@UnitedChesed.com.



- with food, especially during the holiday seasons.
- Those with low incomes but who are not eligible for substantial government assistance, and those who do receive government assistance but are in need of additional support on occasion.

A Child's Voice Foundation: Angel Hair for Kids_ □△

Description

At Angel Hair For Kids, we believe the act of providing a wig or hair loss solution will increase a child's self-esteem and confidence during a difficult time in their young lives. Using hair and financial donations generously donated to the program, Angel Hair For Kids provides wigs and hair systems to recipients at no cost to the child's family. For more information follow the QR code, call 905-275-3434 or email admin@acvf.ca.

Eligibility

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

Smile Canada □△

Description

The Hospital Support Program provides comprehensive care for children and youth facing long-term or frequent hospital stays, offering a range of services including support groups, counseling, parent/caregiver toolkits, and financial assistance for subsidized parking and meals. We currently serve families at SickKids, Holland Bloorview, and are working to expand our support to London Children's

Eligibility

 To register for this program please contact your service navigator Hospital. For more information follow the QR code or email familysupport@smilecan.org.



Discount Cards and Memberships

Easter Seals – Access 2 Entertainment Card ❖ ∞

Description

The Access 2 card is for people of all ages and types of permanent disabilities who require the assistance of a support person at hundreds of participating entertainments, cultural and recreational venues across Canada. For more information follow the QR code, call 1-416-932-8382 or email access2card@easterseals.ca.



Eligibility

- Live with a *permanent disability*, as defined below.
- The nature of your disability requires you to have the assistance of a support person, as defined below, when visiting participating venues.

Easter Seals - Disability Travel Card ❖∞

Description

The Disability Travel Card is for people of all types of permanent disabilities who require the assistance of a support person when travelling with VIA Rail Canada, Greyhound Canada, Coach Canada, and Ontario Northland. For more information follow the QR code, call 1-877-376-6362 ext. 241 or email access2card@easterseals.ca.

- The application form must be submitted by a person with a permanent disability or a legal guardian on his or her behalf. If the applicant is unable to sign, a legal guardian can sign on their behalf.
- Detailed eligibility is located on the website



Museum and Arts Pass ❖∞

Description

let's 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. Starting January 2025, passes will be released the first Wednesday of every month at 2 pm. For more information follow the OR code.



Eligibility

• Have a Toronto Public Library Card

TTC City of Toronto Fair Pass Program ☆∞

Description

The Fair Pass Transit Discount Program provides a 36 per cent discount on Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) adult single ride fares and a 21 per cent discount on TTC adult monthly passes. The discount is programmed onto a PRESTO Card Number for 12 months and cardholders must load funds to that card to access the discount. For more information follow the QR code or call 416-338-8888.

- Live in the City of Toronto
- Be between 20 and 64 years of age
- Have a PRESTO Card Number
- Provide one of the following as proof of income:
 - Program identification number for recipients of Ontario Works (OW), or Emergency Assistance, or Ontario Disability Support



- Program (ODSP), or Toronto Children's Services Child Care Fee Subsidy
- Income documents for you and any family members 20-64 years old, as outlined in the "Required Documents" tab

TTC Support Person Card ❖∞

Description

The TTC Support Person Assistance Card is a photo card that identifies the eligible cardholder as someone who needs to be accompanied by a support person during their commute. The card allows one support person to travel with the cardholder at no additional charge. For more information follow the QR code.



Eligibility

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

Used/Custom Equipment and Repairs

Assistive Device Exchange (ADE) ❖ ∞

Description

Assistive Device Exchange Program (ADEP) is an online database where persons may list assistive devices for donation, OR where they may find used assistive devices they need. This site provides an opportunity for those in need to access assistive devices no longer needed by others. There is no charge for using this service

Eligibility

 The Assistive Device Exchange became the opportunity where anyone can list gently used assistive devices for sale, give away, OR where they may find used assistive devices they need. and all items are donated free of charge. For more information follow the QR code.



For the Needy − Not the Greedy ❖∞

Description

Supply a wide variety of medical equipment and assistive devices to individuals or organizations in need, when resources are available. The organization has been able to donate wheelchairs, walkers, operating tables, syringes, food supplements, infrared wheelchairs, alcohol swabs, CPAP machines etc. For more information follow the QR code, call 289-296-8079, or email

fortheneedynotthegreedy@cogeco.net.



Eligibility

No restrictions

Tetra Society of North America ❖∞

Description

Tetra recruits' volunteers who work with clients to design and build assistive devices that are custom-made for the individual – these are devices that are either not available commercially or cost-prohibitive. As a non-profit organization, Tetra raises funds to deliver this program, including covering the costs of volunteer travel and materials for devices up to \$500 per project. For more information follow

- 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

the QR code, call 1-877-688-8762, or email info@tetrasociety.org.



 You will NOT be required to forward additional materials like medical documents

ZachsList ❖∞

Description

ZachsList was created so that all families with special needs children have a place where they could go to trade equipment and share advice and experience regarding equipment. For more information follow the QR code.

Eligibility

No restrictions



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