

# Student Financial Assistance for Students with Disabilities

## 2020-21

Students with permanent disabilities are eligible to access all student loan and grant programs.

Some features of the Student Loan program are specifically for students with permanent disabilities.



## What's New?

### Changes in Response to COVID-19

In response to COVID-19 and recognition of the slower labour market, a number of changes have been made for the 2020-21 student loan year to increase student financial assistance eligibility. A summary of changes including details about the increased Canada Student Loan Grants including a grant specific to students with disabilities is available [here](#).

## What's important?

### Financial supports for students with disabilities

Specific eligibility criteria apply. For details about eligibility and what your application must include, please see our contact information at the bottom of the page.

- If you are a student with a permanent disability who is eligible for student loans, you will be eligible to receive the Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities. You will be automatically considered for this grant in your student loan application. This grant provides \$4,000 per school year to assist with educational or living costs.
- If you are a student with a permanent disability, you may take a reduced course load and be eligible for loans and grants for a longer academic period.
- If you are a student with a permanent disability enrolled at a post-secondary educational institution, you may be eligible to receive the Canada Saskatchewan Student Grant for Services & Equipment. This grant provides up to \$22,000 per program year including \$20,000 for the Canada Grant and \$2,000 for the Saskatchewan Grant. Examples of eligible costs include: tutors, interpreters, computer software and specialized transportation.

### Additional money for full-time students who have been out of high school for at least 10 years.

The Government of Canada provides a Skills Boost top-up to the Canada Student Grant for Full-Time Students.

- If you qualify for the Canada Student Grant for Full-Time Students and you have been out of high school for at least 10 years, you will receive \$1600 per year (\$200 per month of an eight-month school year) in additional grant money.

### Request grants-only funding.

When you apply for a Student Loan, you are assessed for a mix of non-repayable grants and repayable loans. You can choose to decline the loans and receive only grant.

### Grants for students enrolled in adult basic education.

If you are a student with a permanent disability enrolled in adult basic education or an apprenticeship program, you can apply for the Canada Saskatchewan Student Grant for Services & Equipment without applying for a student loan. You may also be eligible for the Provincial Training Allowance.

### Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship

Beginning in 2019, students must apply for a student loan to access the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship. If you are a Grade 12 graduate (2012 or later) and enrol in a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution, you may be eligible to receive this scholarship of \$500 each year (maximum of \$2,000).

## Did you know?

### Students with disabilities are not required to make the fixed student contribution of \$3,000.

There is no fixed student contribution for students with permanent disabilities, Indigenous students, students with children and students who are, or were, Crown wards. In fact, for the 2020-21 student loan year due to concerns about COVID-19, the fixed student and spousal contributions have been removed for all students.

## Where can I get more information?

Online: [saskatchewan.ca/studentloans](https://saskatchewan.ca/studentloans)

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Email: [studentservices@gov.sk.ca](mailto:studentservices@gov.sk.ca)

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