STUDENTS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITIES
- Student Financial Assistance for Full-Time Study -
  2019/2020

Under the Canada Student Financial Assistance Regulations, permanent disability means:
“a functional limitation caused by a physical or mental impairment that restricts the ability of a person
to perform the daily activities necessary to participate in studies at a post-secondary school level or
the labour force; and is expected to remain with the person for the person’s expected life.”

Grants
There are two additional grants available for students with permanent disabilities who qualify for assistance for
full-time study:
➢ Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities: Provides $2,000 per academic
year to help cover the costs of accommodation, tuition and books.
➢ Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Student with Permanent Disabilities:
Provides up to a maximum of $20,000 per academic year to purchase education related services and
assistive equipment which are not provided by your educational institution. Examples of eligible
services and equipment include: tutors, note-takers, interpreters, readers and educational attendant
care.

Required Steps to be Considered for the Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent
Disabilities
When completing your Application for Student Financial Assistance for Full-Time Study, you must:
• self-identify as having a permanent disability on the application by answering yes to the question “Do
you have a permanent disability?”;
• provide the required documentation listed below (in a and b) to Student Financial Services. The
required forms are posted on the Student Financial Services website at studentaid.gnb.ca.
  a) The Medical Assessment Form must be completed by a qualified medical practitioner (this
form normally only has to be completed once).
    – If applying on the basis of a learning disability diagnosis, complete the required sections
of the Medical Assessment Form and submit a copy of your Psychoeducational
Assessment completed by a registered Psychologist that is no more than five years old
(or completed when you were 18 years of age or older).
  b) The Request for Program Information Form must be completed by your educational
institution to verify the amount of tuition, student fees and book costs associated with your
course load. You can ask your educational institution to forward the completed form directly
to Student Financial Services.
Required Steps to be Considered for the Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities

Once you have submitted your Application for Student Financial Assistance for Full-Time Study and you have been approved for funding as a student with a permanent disability, you may be eligible for the Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Student with Permanent Disabilities. A *separate application form*, available at studentaid.gnb.ca, is required for this grant and you must provide all supporting documents as outlined on the application form.

*If you didn’t qualify for federal funding when your Application for Student Financial Assistance for Full-Time Study was assessed, contact Student Financial Services for additional information regarding the eligibility for this grant.*

Additional Supports

- considered a full-time student when taking *at least* 40% of a full-time course load.
- exempt from making the Fixed Student Contribution
- exempt from the *Periods of Study + 1 Limit* for your program; however, demonstration of academic progression is still required.
- may be eligible for student financial assistance (also called the Lifetime Assistance Limit) for up to 520 weeks

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