Educational Bursaries and Scholarships

Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) [1]
To be eligible for an Ontario Student Loan you must be enrolled at an approved public university or college of applied arts and technology in Canada, or an approved private postsecondary institution in Ontario. Some disability related expenses are covered.

Bursary for Students with Disabilities (BSWD) [2]
One of the components of the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) is intended to assist a student in meeting additional costs of equipment and supplies related to their participation in postsecondary education that they must incur because of their disability.

To be eligible, a student must qualify for the funding under OSAP. The financial aid offices at Ontario’s universities and colleges administer the program on behalf of the Student Support Branch of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Canada Student Loans Program [3]
Loans are available to students with low to moderate incomes. Students with special needs who have costs over and above the standard allowances may receive additional funding according to their individual circumstances. Also provides links to other sources of student financial aid and support services.

Canada Study Grants [4]
Grants are available to students with disabilities, high-need part-time students, students with dependants and women enrolled in select doctoral programs. Grants for students with disabilities may cover exceptional expenses for services and equipment such as tutors, interpreters, attendant care, specialized transportation, accessments, note takers, readers and braille.

Aird Scholarship [5]
The scholarship is intended to help students with physical disabilities to study full time at a recognized Ontario postsecondary institution. It is hoped that the award will encourage a special talent or lifelong interest.

Accessibility Fund for Students with Disabilities / Special Needs Allocation
Incentive funding to publicly funded colleges and universities to make their programs and services accessible to students with disabilities. The funding is used for counselling, consulting and diagnostic services, technological support, including specially adapted computers and software, tutors, sign-language interpreters, note takers and readers. For information, contact the Centre for Students With Disabilities [6].

Print-alternate Materials
Funding is provided for students who are blind, low vision, learning disabled or unable to use print text. For information, contact the Centre for Students With Disabilities [6].

Interpreter Fund
An Interpreter Fund for publicly supported universities and a similar fund for colleges outside the Toronto area assists these institutions to provide services to deaf, deafened and hard-of-hearing students. For information, contact the Centre for Students With Disabilities [6].

Educational Support Services
Administered by the Canadian Hearing Society, provides support services for part-time students who are deaf, deafened or hard-of-hearing taking credit courses at post-secondary institutions. For information, contact the Centre for Students With Disabilities [6]

Provincial and Federal Benefits available to Persons with Disabilities [7]
List of provincial and federal benefits and resources open to persons with disabilities.

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