

General Information

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Under the Allowance for Special Needs Program, students with a major functional disability or other recognized disability are entitled to financial assistance to purchase equipment or materials that compensate for the effects of their disability and that they must have in order to do academic work at home (i.e. a computer and peripherals, a communication aid or adaptive equipment).

The term "student with a major functional disability" refers to a student whose disability significantly and persistently limits his or her ability to perform normal daily tasks and to pursue studies. The major functional disabilities are the following: severe hearing impairments, severe visual impairments and motor or organic impairments resulting in significant and persistent limitations. The other recognized disabilities are the following: language or speech impairments, paralysis of a single limb, paresis of one or more limbs and hearing capability corresponding to a hearing threshold of 25 decibels.

The Allowance for Special Needs Program is intended for full-time or part-time students at the preschool (age 5 on October 1), elementary or secondary (youth sector) levels. "Part-time" is defined as follows: 20 or more course hours per month.

The maximum amount allowed for the purchase of a computer is \$2 000 (including a keyboard, monitor, modem, mouse and printer). No other peripherals or adaptive devices will be covered except in special cases where they are needed to compensate for the effects of the disability.

For information on the Allowance for Special Needs Program, go to <www.afe.gouv.qc.ca/english>, click on *Information* and then on *Other Programs*.

Required Documents

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- If this is the first application for an allowance for special needs, you must attach a proof of the student's citizenship.

▶ Canadian citizen by birth	A copy of the birth certificate or copy of act of birth showing the first and last names of both the father and mother
▶ Naturalized Canadian citizen	A copy of both sides of the student's <i>Commemoration of Canadian Citizenship</i> certificate issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada
▶ Permanent resident	A copy of the record of landing issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (IMM 1000), copy of the <i>Confirmation of Permanent Resident</i> form (IMM 5292) or copy of both sides of the permanent resident card issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada
▶ Refugee or protected person	<i>Certificat de sélection du Québec</i> (Québec selection certificate) issued by the Ministère de l'Immigration et des Communautés culturelles AND Notice of decision issued by the Immigration and Refugee Board or Pre-Removal Risk Assessment decision issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada OR <i>Protected Person Status Document</i> issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada

Required Documents (cont.)

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- Section 6 of this form ("Recommendation") must be completed in all cases to justify an application for the purchase of devices or equipment.
- Section 7 of this form ("Medical Attestation") must be completed in all cases to justify a functional disability. It is not required for subsequent applications if there has been no change in the student's condition.
- When applying for an allowance for special needs, you must submit:
 - one estimate only if the amount concerned is lower than \$1 000 or in the case of communication aids
 - three estimates from three different stores if the amount concerned is equal to or greater than \$1 000

Procedure

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- Please print.
- You must wait for Aide financière aux études' (AFE's) authorization before you purchase the equipment.
- The cheque will be made out to the student.
- The equipment or materials must be purchased within 45 days following the receipt of the allowance (cheque). Send the paid invoice to AFE with the student's name and permanent code.
- For more information, you may contact us at (418) 646-6006 or at 1-866-946-6006 (toll-free in Canada and the U.S.). If you are hearing-impaired, call 711 (Bell Relay Service) and ask for (418) 646-6006.
- You must send the application by fax to (418) 528-0318 or by mail to this address: 1035, rue De La Chevrotière, Québec (Québec) G1R 5A5.
- If you are not satisfied with the way in which your application was handled, you may file an application with the Review Bureau or send a complaint in writing to AFE.

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Section 1 Student Information

Last name _____ Permanent code assigned by the Ministère _____
 First name _____ Date of birth _____ Sex: Male Female
 Language of correspondence : French English
Citizenship status
 Canadian citizen by birth Naturalized Canadian citizen Permanent resident Refugee
 Effective date when permanent resident status or refugee status was obtained _____
Mailing address
 Number _____ Street _____ Direction (North, South, East or West) _____
 Apartment _____ Municipality _____
 Municipality (cont.) _____ Province _____ Postal code _____ Telephone (home) Area code _____
 Country _____

Section 2 Education

Specify the period during which the student will attend preschool, elementary or secondary school (youth sector).From _____ to _____
 Attach a letter signed by the principal of the student's school, giving the school's name and address, the dates on which courses begin and end and the number of course hours the student is taking per week. The principal must also indicate whether he or she supports the application.

Section 3 Special Needs

Equipment or materials

- Have section 6, "Recommendation," completed.
- Attach:
 - one estimate if the amount concerned is less than \$1 000 or if it is for the purchase of communication aids
 - three estimates from three different retailers if the amount concerned is equal to or greater than \$1 000
- Equipment or materials must be purchased within 45 days following the receipt of the allowance (cheque).
- Send the paid invoice to AFE with the student's name and permanent code.

CD-ROMs (Only students with a severe visual impairment may receive an allowance for CD-ROMs.)

- Attach a letter from the principal confirming that the student needs CD-ROMs in order to be able to pursue his or her studies.
- Attach a recommendation from a low-vision centre.
- Equipment or materials must be purchased within 45 days following the receipt of the allowance (cheque).
- Send the paid invoice to AFE with the student's name and permanent code.

Section 4 Consent of the Person with Parental Authority to Release Personal Information

I agree that any information provided in this application for an allowance for special needs and any information related to the student's special needs file may be released to the designated personnel of the office for students with disabilities or its equivalent at the student's educational institution so that they can take the appropriate action.

X _____
Signature of the person with parental authority

Date

Y	M	D

This consent is optional and may be withdrawn at any time.

Section 5 Signature of the Person with Parental Authority

I hereby certify that the information I have given is accurate and complete.

Signature of the person with parental authority **X** _____

Date

Y	M	D

Section 6 Recommendation

This section must be completed by an occupational therapist, speech therapist or audiologist.

A. Details

Please provide details on the needs identified in section 3 and explain how the use of the devices or equipment is essential to compensate for the effects of the disability or to enable the student to pursue his or her studies (please provide details for each item recommended). If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet.
Please print.

B. Personal information and signature of the occupational therapist, speech therapist or audiologist

Please print.

Last name: Professional licence number:

First name: Telephone:

Work address: Fax:

Signature Date

Section 7 Medical Attestation

Medical Attestation—Major Functional Disabilities

This section must be completed by a general practitioner or a specialist.

The student for whom this form is completed is applying for financial assistance under the Allowance for Special Needs Program.

The Allowance for Special Needs Program allows students with a major functional disability or other recognized disability to obtain, under certain conditions, financial assistance to purchase equipment or materials that compensate for the effects of their disability and that they must have in order to pursue their studies.

Since this medical attestation will have financial implications for the student concerned, it is important to complete all sections and give full and precise answers. This will enable AFE to take an informed and fair decision with regards to the student.

A. Recognition of a major functional disability

What type of major functional disability does the student have? (Please check the appropriate box.)

- Severe visual impairment:** visual acuity in each eye, after correction by means of appropriate ophthalmic lenses, excluding special optical systems and additions greater than 4.00 dioptres, is not more than 6/21, or the field of vision in each eye is less than 60 degrees in the 180-degree and 90-degree meridians and, in either case, the person is unable to read, write or move about in an unfamiliar environment. (Students with a severe visual impairment must provide an attestation issued by a low-vision centre, a CNIB card or any other document attesting to their blindness.)
- Severe hearing impairment:** the ear with the greater hearing capability is affected by a hearing deficiency evaluated, according to 1992 Standard S3.21 of the American National Standard Institute, to be an average of at least 70 decibels, in aerial conduction, on any of the 500, 1 000 or 2 000 Hertzian frequencies. You must provide a recent audiogram.
- Motor impairment:** loss, malformation or abnormality in the skeletal, muscular or neurological systems responsible for body motion.
- Organic impairment:** disorder or abnormality in the internal organs forming part of the cardiorespiratory, gastrointestinal or endocrine systems (this category includes disorders or abnormalities of the cardiovascular and respiratory systems, such as cystic fibrosis).

B. Recognition of another disability

What type of disability does the student have? (Please check the appropriate box.)

- Language or speech impairment**
- Paralysis** of a single limb
- Paresis** of one or more limbs
- Hearing capability** corresponding to a hearing threshold of 25 decibels. You must provide a recent audiogram.

Section 7

Medical Attestation (Cont.)
Medical Attestation-Major Functional Disabilities

C. Diagnosis

Please print.

1. Diagnosis _____ 2. Diagnosis date _____

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3. The disability is _____ temporary permanent

4. Does the condition of the student with a major functional disability make full-time studies impossible?..... Yes No

5 Can you confirm that the functional disability results in significant and persistent limitations in the student's ability to perform daily tasks? Yes No

Explain: _____

D. Personal information and signature of the general practitioner or specialist

Last name: _____ Medical licence number: _____

First name: _____ Telephone: _____

		Area code																	
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Address of medical office: _____

Signature **X** _____

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