

PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

LOAN PROGRAMS - Assistance You Must Pay Back

Canada Student Loans (CSL) - (Federal) Funding determined by Manitoba Student Aid. As a student in full-time studies, you may be eligible for up to \$210 per week of study (\$7,140 for a 34-week university program).

Canada Student Loans are interest free while you are in school. Interest begins to accumulate once you cease to be a full-time student. You are not required to make payments until 6 months after you cease to be a full-time student.

Manitoba Student Loans (MSL) - (Provincial) Funding determined by Manitoba Student Aid. As a student in full-time studies, you may be eligible for up to \$140 per week of study (\$ 4,760 for a 34-week university program).

Manitoba Student Loans are interest-free and payment-free while you are in school as a full-time student and for 6 months afterwards (12 months if you remain in Manitoba).

GRANTS, BURSARIES AND AWARDS - Assistance You Don't Have to Pay Back

Canada Study Grants - (Federal) You may be eligible to receive the following grants:

- **for the Accommodation of Students with Permanent Disabilities** - Up to \$8,000/year - for specialized equipment/services.
- **for Full-time Students with Dependants** - If your assessed financial need is higher than \$275/week of study, provides up to \$40/week for students with one or two dependants; up to \$60/week for students with three or more dependants is available.
- **for Female Doctoral Students** - Up to \$3,000 annually is available for three years.
- **for Students with Permanent Disabilities** - This new up-front grant covers the lesser of \$2,000 or student's assessed federal need.

Canada Access Grants (federal) and Millennium Manitoba Opportunity Grants (provincial)- up to \$3,000, for first-time dependent students from low-income families; up to \$4,000 for first-time Independent Aboriginal students in a multi-year post-secondary program.

The **Manitoba Bursary and Canada Millennium Scholarship Bursary** are loan remission programs that help reduce student debt for most eligible students. If you are full time at an institution in Canada and receive student aid, you are automatically considered for these programs.

ASSISTANCE FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS

For information on financial assistance for part-time students contact Manitoba Student Aid.

OTHER ASSISTANCE:

- **ACCESS Bursary** - Available to eligible ACCESS students. This bursary supplements the maximum CSL payment of \$210/week. Students are selected by ACCESS programs at participating Manitoba colleges and universities.

- **Prince of Wales/Princess Anne Awards** - \$200 is available to Canadian Aboriginal students studying in Manitoba (or elsewhere in Canada (if the program is not available in Manitoba) and have an assessed need of \$1 or more.
- **Youth Transition: From Work to Post-Secondary Education** - Provides recent eligible high-school graduates between the ages of 16 - 21 with up to 12 months of paid work experience to encourage them to pursue post-secondary education. Graduates receive a \$3,000 bursary when they successfully complete their work experience and enroll in a designated post-secondary institution.
- **Aboriginal Education Awards** - Sponsored by the Business Council of Manitoba in partnership with the federal and provincial governments, these awards help with the cost of tuition, books and school supplies for the program year. Applicants are selected based on personal achievements, academic standing and financial need. Up to \$3,000 for university students and up to \$1,500 for college students is available.
- **Medical Student/Resident Financial Assistance Program** - This is a conditional grant. After completing training, medical physicians are required to work in Manitoba for one year for each grant received. Grants of \$15,000 for 3rd and 4th year medical students and \$20,000 for residents are available.