

The children's wheelchair recycling program provides wheelchairs to children who need a chair for the first time or who have outgrown their current chair.

The program was developed under the guidance of an advisory committee that includes the Abilities Foundation, Canadian Paraplegic Association, Nova Scotia League of Equal Opportunities, IWK Health Centre, Muscular Dystrophy Society, the Disabled Persons Commission and the Department of Community Services.

This is a demonstration project funded by the Department of Community Services and administered by the Abilities Foundation of Nova Scotia.



For more information to apply:

Applications should be made directly to the Abilities Foundation of Nova Scotia:

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www.wheelchairrecyclingprogram.ca



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Who is eligible?

Children who have a medical prescription for a manual wheelchair, power wheelchair or insert are eligible if:

- the child is 18 years old or younger at the time of application
- the family income is within program guidelines
- the wheelchair is not covered by insurance or another program

Depending on family income, a co-payment of up to 25% may be required.

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Who will own the wheelchair?

The wheelchairs are considered to be on loan to program participants and remain the property of the Abilities Foundation of Nova Scotia.

How will my wheelchair be selected?

The specifications of the wheelchair will be based on a medical prescription from a health care professional. Manual wheelchairs, power wheelchairs and wheelchair inserts may be eligible for support.

Who is responsible for maintenance?

Program participants are responsible for maintenance and general repairs. If the costs are not covered by warranty, up to \$200 is available for annual maintenance of manual wheelchairs, and up to \$500 for power wheelchairs. Receipts must be provided for reimbursement.

How long can my child keep the wheelchair?

Families can keep the wheelchair as long as it meets the needs of their child. You may apply to the program once every three years.

You will be responsible for making sure the wheelchair meets the needs of your child. It's highly recommended that you have an annual assessment done by a health care professional.

Can I select the style of the chair?

Program participants must accept the wheelchair that is prescribed by the health care professional and offered by the program.

Must I accept a recycled chair?

If a recycled wheelchair meets the requirements of the prescription, that chair will be provided. The chair will be adapted to meet the specific needs of the user.

How will the co-payment be determined for a recycled chair?

Depending on family income, a co-payment of up to 25% may be required.

The co-payment will be based on the cost of readying a recycled wheelchair so it meets the specifications of the prescription.

Why was the Abilities Foundation chosen to administer the program?

The Abilities Foundation of Nova Scotia has been helping children with disabilities since 1931. It administers an Assistive Devices program for children and a Mobile Medical Clinic that travels throughout Nova Scotia with health professionals from the IWK Health Centre. This background has provided the experience and caring that is essential for this program.