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INTRODUCTION

This document provides a list of awards, bursaries, scholarships and other financial programs available to students with disabilities from New Brunswick to pursue training at various levels or locations. This list to be used as a guide and is not necessarily complete.

Any person wishing to pursue studies should verify with the educational institution where they will be studying to obtain up-to-date information about the scholarships available at that institution.

Students with disabilities are also encouraged to apply for other financial assistance available to all students through the regular awards, bursaries, scholarships and other programs offered at each educational institution.

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AWARDS/BURSARIES/SCHOLARSHIPS**ALIANP PIONEERS OF NEW BRUNSWICK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The Aliant Pioneers of New Brunswick Foundation offers annual, renewable scholarships to people who are physically or mentally challenged. Each applicant is assessed on academic ability, community and school participation, plans for continued education, long-term goals, and the need for financial assistance.

Scholarships are renewable annually, but must be applied for each year. Previous recipients do not receive preferential consideration. The decision of the foundation's board of directors (or selection committee) is final.

To apply complete a scholarship application form and attach a transcript of your marks. If possible, send a photo with your application along with any biographic information that could be sent to media outlets if you are selected to receive a scholarship. Clearly mark your envelope SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION. Applications must be postmarked by March 31st.

For more information:

Aliant Pioneers of New Brunswick Foundation Inc.

P.O. Box 1430

Saint John, NB E2L 4K2

Web site: www.aliantpioneers.com/news/english/view_art.php?id_pag=73

Telephone: (506) 694-2271

E-mail: lourdes.clancy@aliant.ca

ALLIANCE FOR EQUALITY OF BLIND CANADIANS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians offers a minimum of three scholarships of \$1,500 each to recognize outstanding blind scholars in Canada. These scholarships are presented annually by December 31st.

Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

1. Academic performance;
2. Community involvement; and
3. Overcoming adversity.

Past winners are eligible to apply again. The Scholarship Committee will notify the recipients by December 15th. Scholarship monies will be sent to the recipients no later than December 31st.

All applicants must be blind, partially sighted or deaf-blind residents of Canada

continuing or beginning a full-time (or part-time equivalent) college or university level course of study, between September of the current year and the following April. To apply for the Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians scholarships, you must complete and return the application form electronically no later than October 15th. Each applicant will be considered for all scholarships for which he/she qualifies.

For more information:

Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians
P.O. Box 20262, RPO Town Centre
Kelowna, BC V1Y 9H2

Toll-free: (800) 561-4774
E-mail: info@blindcanadians.ca
Website: www.blindcanadians.ca

ARLENE BURRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to a person from Atlantic Canada studying in any field that will prepare them to work with children who are deaf or hard of hearing, or to an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing pursuing post-secondary studies. The deadline for applications is May 1.

For more information:

Director

Programs for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority

5940 South Street

Halifax, NS B3H 1S6

Telephone: (902) 424-8500 (voice/TTY)

Fax: (902) 424-0543

E-mail: dhh@apsea.ca

AUCC SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The purpose of this program is to encourage Canadian disabled students to pursue university studies with the ultimate objective of obtaining a first university degree. Candidates must be Canadian citizens, or those who have lived in Canada for at least two years as legal permanent residents. The award is valued at \$5,000 for each student who is chosen as a recipient. The deadline for application for each academic year is June 13. A maximum of ten awards are offered per year. Applicants must be entering or currently enrolled in a first undergraduate degree program. Good for one academic year. Recipients may re-apply. Only valid at Canadian post-secondary institutions.

For more information:

Higher Education Scholarships
Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
350 Albert Street Suite 600
Ottawa, ON K1R 1B1

Telephone: (613) 563-1236
Fax: (613) 563-9745
E-mail: awards@aucc.ca
Website: www.aucc.ca

CANADIAN HEMOPHILIA SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY PROGRAM

CHS offers one scholarship, one bursary and one mature student bursary, each in the amount of \$4,000 tenable at any recognized post-secondary educational institution. Please note that the mature student bursary is for students returning to or beginning a course of studies at any post secondary or vocational institution.

The program is open to persons with hemophilia (Factor V111 or 1X) or another inherited bleeding disorder such as von Willebrand Disease, carriers, and those who contracted HIV through a blood transfusion (HIV-T). Spouses and children of the above mentioned persons may also apply. Those who have received a CHS Scholarship or Bursary are not eligible to reapply for continued support.

Specific criteria and applications for each program have been included. Section I includes information for the scholarship and bursary programs. Section II for the mature student bursary program.

All applicants will be reviewed by a committee of academics and lay persons whose decisions shall be final. Information and additional application forms can be obtained from the CHS National Office, chapters, clinics and website. The deadline for submission of completed applications and supporting documents is April 30. All applications and supporting documents (except for transcripts of final grade twelve or thirteen marks) should be submitted to:

Canadian Hemophilia Society
Scholarship and Bursary Program
625, President-Kennedy Avenue, suite 505
Montreal, QC H3A 1K2

Website: www.hemophilia.ca

CAROL THOMSON MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship will be presented annually to one individual with a diagnosed learning disability attending a Canadian college or university or a private vocational school on a full or part-time basis. The student may be enrolled in any field of study. The amount of the award will be \$1,000. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 15th.

For more information:

Learning Disabilities Association of Canada
250 City Centre Suite 616
Ottawa, ON K1R 6K7

Telephone: (613) 238-5721
Fax: (613) 235-5391
E-mail: information@ldac-taac.ca
Website: www.ldac-taac.ca

CENTENNIAL FLAME RESEARCH AWARD FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Standing Committee on Human Resources, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities is inviting Canadians with disabilities to apply for the 2008 Centennial Flame Research Award.

According to the Centennial Flame Research Award Act, this monetary award is offered each year to a person with a disability to enable him or her to conduct research and prepare a report on the contributions of one or more Canadians with disabilities to the public life of Canada or the activities of Parliament.

The award, which amounted to \$4500.00 for 2007, comes from the money collected from the Centennial Flame monument on Parliament Hill in Ottawa and any money otherwise received as a donation to the Centennial Flame Research Award Fund.

For your application to be considered, the following criteria must be met:

- The applicant must be a person with a disability;
- The applicant must submit proof of Canadian citizenship;
- The applicant must submit an outline in any medium of his or her proposed research project dealing with the contributions of a Canadian or Canadians with disabilities to public life in Canada or the activities of Parliament. The outline must explain the significance of these contributions and describe how the research will be undertaken;
- The applicant must submit a letter of support for his or her application from a person of his or her choice other than the subject of the research; and
- All required documents must be sent to the Clerk of the Committee and must be postmarked on or before May 30, 2008.

For more information:

Office of the Clerk
Standing Committee on Human Resources, Social Development and the Status
of Persons with Disabilities
180 Wellington, Room 641
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Telephone: (613) 996-1542
Fax: (613) 947-9670
Website: www.parl.gc.ca

CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION CANDLELIGHTERS CANADA SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarships are awarded in August. The amount is up to \$1000 and can be applied for only once. The deadline for submitting applications is June 30th.

To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must:

1. Write a 300 - 500 word letter describing your future academic goals and highlighting why you are applying for this scholarship. This letter is a very important part of your application.
2. Be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant between the ages of 17-25 years.
3. Have been either treated for some form of childhood cancer or still be on treatment at a Canadian children's hospital of treatment centre.
4. Provide a copy of the letter of acceptance to a university, college or any post-secondary school educational programme. (This letter may be forwarded at a later date if it is not available at the time of application.)
5. Provide a statement from your doctor/paediatrician/oncologist stating that you have had some form of childhood cancer and have been treated at a Canadian children's hospital or treatment centre.
6. Complete an application form.

For more information:

Administrative Coordinator
The Candlelighters Childhood
Cancer Foundation Canada
1300 Yonge Street Suite 405
Toronto, ON M4T 1X3

Telephone: (416) 489-6440
Toll-free: (800) 363-1062
Fax: (416) 489-9812
E-mail: info@childhoodcancer.ca

COPNICK/HILLIARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Each year, CPA administers the Copnick/Hilliard Scholarship--a \$500 award provided annually to a post-secondary Canadian student with a severe mobility impairment. The scholarship is provided from a Trust Fund contributed by the families of the late Morton Copnick and the late Craig Hilliard.

In addition to being a resident of Canada with a permanent severe mobility impairment such as spinal cord injury, recipients must demonstrate outstanding initiative and scholastic achievement. Evidence of the applicant's disability status must be verified by a physician or other qualified health care professional (i.e., physician, rehabilitation counsellor, nurse, etc.) and submitted with the application.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all necessary documentation, such as letters of reference and transcripts of the last two years of study, are received by the selection committee prior to the August 31st deadline. Applicants are encouraged to submit up to three reference letters addressing the applicant's outstanding initiative, scholastic achievement and potential contributions to persons with a severe mobility impairment. Application forms are available on the CPA website.

For more information:

Copnick/Hilliard Scholarship Fund
Selection Committee
Canadian Paraplegic Association
1101 Prince of Wales Drive, Suite 230
Ottawa, ON K2C 3W7

Telephone: (613) 723-1033
Fax: (613) 723-1060
E-mail: cpanational@canparaplegic.org
Website: www.canparaplegic.org

DONALD CUMMINGS APPRENTICESHIP AND INDUSTRY TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

To encourage Canadians with learning disabilities to pursue an apprenticeship or occupational training programs for a career in the trades area. The Donald Cummings Apprenticeship and Industry Training Scholarship for Students with Learning Disabilities is designed to recognize trainees with a learning disability in a trade, or in a designated occupation.

One scholarship valued at \$500.00 will be awarded annually to a student registered full-time as an apprentice in a program of 6 months or longer.

Completed applications as well as all supporting documents must be received by the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada postmarked no later than May 15.

For more information:

Learning Disabilities Association of Canada
250 City Centre Suite 616
Ottawa, ON K1R 6K7

Telephone: (613) 238-5721
Fax: (613) 235-5391
E-mail: information@ldac-taac.ca
Website: www.ldac-taac.ca

DONALD E. CURREN SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarships are open to mobility impaired students who have been accepted by a post-secondary institution in the Atlantic Provinces, with preference given to applicants who are paraplegic and quadriplegic. The award is based on academic standing and other criteria as determined by the Selection Committee. Recipients must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants and reside in the Atlantic Provinces. The deadline for receipt of the applications is July 31st of each year.

For more information:

Donald E. Curren Scholarship Fund
c/o Canadian Paraplegic Association (Nova Scotia)
Suite S21, West End Mall
6960 Mumford Road
Halifax, NS B3L 4P1

Telephone: (902) 423-1277, ext. 101
Fax: (902) 492-1213
Website: www.thespine.ca

DOREEN KRONICK SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships will be presented annually to one full or part-time student with a bachelor's degree from any faculty, attending a Canadian university in graduate studies. The amount of the scholarship will be \$500 and will be awarded to a student whose program of study will lead to that individual being able to assist persons with learning disabilities. The student may be enrolled in any graduate faculty of any university within Canada. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 15th of each year.

For more information:

Learning Disabilities Association of Canada
250 City Centre Suite 616
Ottawa, ON K1R 6K7

Telephone: (613) 238-5721
Fax: (613) 235-5391
E-mail: information@ldac-taac.ca
Website: www.ldac-taac.ca

DR. H.R. BRYANT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship (\$1,000) is awarded to a recipient enrolled in a post-secondary program leading to a career in a health profession. The candidate must be a resident of the area served by the Sussex Health Centre. The deadline for applications is May 31.

Guidelines for applicants:

1. A major consideration in the awarding of the scholarship will be the financial needs of the applicant (that is: information on financial background/resources).
2. Applicants should reply in writing; outlining their educational background, extra curricular activities and their plans for a career in a health profession.
3. Applicants should outline the cost of their proposed program for the year and briefly explain how they propose to finance the program.
4. Applicants should provide a transcript of their marks.
5. Applicants should provide the names of two referees who the selection committee may contact to obtain references as to personal character and academic accomplishment.
6. Applicants may be asked for a person interview.

For more information:

Dr. H.R. Bryant Scholarship Fund Committee
Sussex Health Centre Services Inc.
c/o Administration Office
75 Leonard Drive
Sussex, NB E4E 2P7

EQUITY THROUGH EDUCATION STUDENT AWARDS PROGRAM**Purpose**

The NEADS Equity Through Education Award is being offered to encourage full access to post-secondary education for persons with disabilities who often have greater barriers to participation in higher education and extra costs because of their disabilities. Students must be registered in a post-secondary institution and provide documented proof of registration. The award will be offered to outstanding applicants, who meet the criteria of the program. The awards will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution (in the students' accounts) that the recipients are attending to defray the cost of tuition fees for post-secondary study.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada
- Applicants must have a permanent disability*
- Applicants must be registered in a full-time program of study at an accredited Canadian post-secondary college or university. Full-time status is at least 40% of a full course load.

*For the purpose of these awards, a permanent disability is a permanent functional limitation which affects the ability of the student to participate fully in post-secondary education.

Criteria

- Show commitment to your academic discipline
- Record of volunteerism and/or employment
- Demonstrate potential to be an outstanding participant in the community

Value and number available

\$3,000, and up to four scholarships per academic year which may be awarded in the following categories: University undergraduate; Graduate/Professional; and College/CÉGEP.

Application Guidelines

- All applications must be typed and submitted in Arial font, at least 12pt.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit the awards application form online. Supporting documentation may be sent separately. **
- Faxed applications will not be accepted.
- This is not an entry level award. Graduating high school students are not eligible to apply.
- Answers to application questions should focus on specific achievements in a post-secondary environment and within the community. Applicants should avoid going into detail about the nature and/or history of their disability except if it relates directly to questions asked on the application form.
- Please ensure that all questions are answered completely. No additional

documentation above and beyond required supporting documents will be considered.

- All applications must be postmarked or emailed by the deadline. Late applications will not be accepted. It is encouraged to get required documentation from your institution as early as possible, as this must be submitted with the application.

** Please contact the office if questions or concerns arise surrounding submission of supporting documentation.

Selection Process

Once your application has been submitted, it will be reviewed for completeness and adherence to the above guidelines. Assuming all guidelines are met, applications are sent to one of three committees (College/CEGEP, Undergraduate, or Graduate) based on post-secondary status.

Committees review applications based on the selection criteria mentioned above. Only those selected to receive an award will be contacted. Deadline: December 17.

Application Materials

- The completed application form
- Proof of post-secondary enrolment
- Proof of permanent disability, supporting documentation includes:
 - documentation showing receipt of provincial and/or federal disability assistance and/or
 - letter confirming the disability from an official at the university or college service centre for students with disabilities and/or
 - medical certificate
 - A curriculum vitae
- An academic history
- 2 completed reference forms (1 academic and 1 community reference)

Apply to:

NEADS Equity Through Education Scholarships

E-mail: etes@neads.ca

C/O Scholarship Committee

National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS)

Rm. 426 Unicentre

Carleton University

Ottawa, ON K1S 5B6

F.J.L. WOODCOCK/SIR ARTHUR PEARSON ASSOCIATION OF WAR BLINDED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The F.J.L. Woodcock/Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blinded Scholarship Program is administered with the assistance of CNIB. All applications forms must be received by April 30, by mail, fax or in electronic format.

The Board of Directors of the Foundation will be awarding the scholarships based on the Foundation's financial report for the previous year. Priority consideration will be given to students graduating from secondary school in the current year and entering a post-secondary education program. Students continuing studies in subsequent years will be given consideration based on availability of funds.

Students who have not more than 20/70 vision after corrections, and who are continuing either their vocational or academic education at the post-secondary level are eligible to apply for a F.J.L Woodcock/Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blinded Scholarship. Students should have a high degree of motivation, a reasonable level of achievement, and find the scholarship of assistance.

Application forms are available at:

<http://www.cnib.ca/en/about/awards/scholarships/sapa/default.aspx>

For more information:

Selection Committee

F.J.L. Woodcock/Sir Arthur Pearson Association

of War Blinded Scholarship Foundation Telephone: (613) 563-0000, ext. 156

1101 Prince of Wales Drive Suite 130 Fax: (613) 232-9070

Ottawa, ON K2C 3W7 E-mail: sapa@magma.ca

Website: www.cnib.ca

FREDERICTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PROVINCIAL ARTISANS BURSARY

Provincial Artisans (Fredericton) Inc. has agreed to provide the capital to fund several bursaries to aid disadvantaged students who are either entering or already attending an institution offering post secondary education. Historically, individual bursaries have ranged from \$500 to \$3,000. The final date for submitting an application is May 31st of the current year.

Those eligible to apply are:

- Disadvantaged students, i.e., physical, mental or sensory disability
- Either entering or already attending a university or another institution

- offering postsecondary education
- Resident of New Brunswick

The decisions of the Bursary Committee will be based on:

- Extent of disability
- Financial need
- Prior academic performance

Applications are available on-line, at the Fredericton Community Foundation office or by phone.

Applicants may apply by sending an application to:

Provincial Artisans Bursary Committee
c/o Fredericton Community Foundation Inc.
390 King Street, Suite 201
Fredericton, NB E3B 1E3

Email: fredfdn.info@nb.aibn.com
Website: www.fredfdn.ca

GENE HAYES SCHOLARSHIP - ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY

The Gene Hayes Scholarship Fund provides approximately \$4,000 per year support to students with disabilities that require funding to meet a unique learning need, which is a result of their disability. All applicants must have a sound academic record. Students with a disability who require support services (e.g. text readers or note takers) or specialized materials and equipment to provide greater learning accessibility are encouraged to apply. Standard educational costs (e.g. tuition or textbooks) and regular living expenses (e.g. rent or food) are not eligible for support.

Normally a recipient of the Gene Hayes Scholarship will not receive more than \$1,000 in any given academic year. The deadline for receipt of applications is September 1, however applications will be accepted throughout the academic year provided that there are monies available in the scholarship fund.

For more information:

Director of Student Affairs
St. Thomas University
Fredericton, NB E3B 5G3

Telephone: (506) 452-0616
Website: www.stthomasu.ca/current/scholarship.htm

GERTRUDE AARELA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH CEREBRAL PALSY

This \$1,000 scholarship will be presented annually to one individual with Cerebral Palsy graduating from a New Brunswick High School and attending a college, university, or private vocational school on a full or part-time basis in the coming year. The student may be enrolled in any field of study. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 15th.

For more information:

The Cerebral Palsy Foundation (Saint John) Inc.
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 2152
Saint John, NB E2L 3V1

Telephone: (506) 648-0322
E-mail: mail@cpfsj.ca
Website: www.cpfsj.ca

GLOBAL TELEVISION NETWORK BROADCASTERS OF THE FUTURE: SCHOLARSHIP-INTERNSHIP AWARD FOR A CANADIAN WITH A PHYSICAL DISABILITY

This annual Scholarship-Internship award, valued at \$15 000, is offered to a Canadian student with a permanent disability. The recipient will receive educational assistance as well as a challenging opportunity to work in private television, in pursuit of a career in broadcasting. The Award covers all tuition fees* and textbooks* for one full academic year of a broadcast-related program at a recognized Canadian university or college. Following the successful completion of the academic year, the student will be placed in a four-month paid internship at one of our Global Television stations. In addition, the award covers transportation, hotel and attendance expenses at the Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) annual convention, where the award will be presented.

Deadline for submission of entries is May 31, 2008.

* Determined by the specific university or college course outline.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Canadian citizen
2. A person with a permanent disability.
3. Currently enrolled in, or have been accepted to and will be attending full-time studies at an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution in the field of broadcasting.
4. Strong English language communications skills.

For more information:

Broadcasters of the Future Awards
Global Television
81 Barber Greene Road
Don Mills, ON M3C 2A2

Telephone: (800) 387-8001
Fax: (416) 446-5544
E-mail: futurebroadcasters@globaltv.com

HEALTH AUTHORITY BURSARY PROGRAM

For several years now, the Health Authority has made bursaries available to local candidates who are completing residency training programs in Canadian medical schools. The program is now being expanded to include Physiotherapy, Speech Pathology, Audiology, Respiratory Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy and Nursing.

Interested candidates are requested to contact:

Director of Human Resources
Restigouche Health Authority
P.O. Box 910 (Lily Lake Road)
Campbellton, NB E3N 3H3

Telephone: (506) 789-5163
Fax: (506) 789-5090
E-mail: frobichaud@health.nb.ca

INTERPROVINCIAL SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS/GRANTS

The Interprovincial School Development Association was formed by the Interprovincial School for the Deaf, the former name of the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority Resource Centre for the Hearing Impaired. The Development Association is a registered charitable organization. All monies raised and accepted by the Association are used to provide and extend recreational, cultural and educational opportunities, activities and experiences for Atlantic Canadian children up to 21 years of age who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Funds are used for:

1. Scholarships to provide incentives for: a) post-secondary training of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing; and b) post-secondary training of professionals working with or preparing to work with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.
2. Graduation awards and prizes to provide incentives for students who are deaf or hard of hearing in current APSEA programs.

3. Grants to support recreational, social and cultural activities such as and not limited to pupil exchanges, summer camps, student conferences/seminars/meetings, and sports.
4. Grants to support research towards the development of techniques that would improve the learning of students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

The deadline for submitting applications is May 1st for students who are deaf or hard of hearing and October 1st for professionals.

For more information:

Interprovincial School Development Association

Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA) Telephone: (902) 424-8500 (voice/TTY)

5940 South Street Fax: (902) 424-0543

Halifax, NS B3H 1S6

E-mail: dhh@apsea.ca

JOANNA TOWNSEND APPLIED ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

One scholarship valued at \$1,000 will be awarded annually to a Canadian student with learning disabilities who demonstrates an interest in pursuing an education and/or career in any of the various applied arts programs including the performance of music (instrumental or vocal), drama, dance and the creativity of visual art such as fine art (sculpture, painting), illustrations, including animation, film and graphic design.

Completed applications as well as all supporting documents must be received by the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada postmarked no later than May 15.

For more information:

Learning Disabilities Association of Canada

250 City Centre Suite 616

Ottawa, ON K1R 6K7

Telephone: (613) 238-5721

Fax: (613) 235-5391

E-mail: information@ldac-taac.ca

Website: www.ldac-taac.ca

JUDGE BRIAN STEVENSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Judge Brian Stevenson Scholarship Fund will make available scholarship awards from \$300 to \$500 to legally blind Canadians pursuing post-secondary studies with strong career aspirations. Because a limited number of awards are available, it is desired to have an even distribution of awards across the country whether by province or region. As well, grants will be made based on the

following criteria: financial need, academic achievement, and career goals. Application forms are available from C.N.I.B. Divisional Offices or the W. Ross MacDonald School in Brantford. These forms must be completed in full and returned to the following address before September 30.

For more information:

Judge Brian Stevenson Scholarship Committee
The W. Ross Macdonald School
350 Brant Avenue
Brantford, ON N3T 3J9

Telephone: (519) 759-0730
Fax: (519) 759-4741

MARY (NEE OUTLET) McDOUGALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to a student who has a physical disability on the Fredericton campus of the University of New Brunswick on the basis of scholastic attainment and financial need. Preference is given to Education students. The deadline for application is April 15.

For more information:

Undergraduate Awards - Registrar's Office
University of New Brunswick
P.O. Box 4400
Fredericton, NB E3B 5A3

Telephone: (506) 453-4894
Fax: (506) 458-7688
E-mail: awards@unb.ca
Website: www.unb.ca

MATTINSON ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIP FOR DISABLED STUDENTS

The purpose of this program is to encourage Canadian disabled students to pursue university studies with the ultimate objective of obtaining a first university degree. Candidates must be Canadian citizens, or those who have lived in Canada for at least two years as legal permanent residents. The award is valued at \$2,500 for each student who is chosen as a recipient. The deadline for application for the next academic year is June 13. The number of awards depends on funds available. Must be entering or currently enrolled in a first undergraduate degree program. Good for one academic year. Recipients may re-apply. Awards are only valid at Canadian post-secondary institutions.

For more information:

Higher Education Scholarships
Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
350 Albert Street Suite 600
Ottawa, ON K1R 1B1

Telephone: (613) 563-1236
Fax: (613) 563-9745
E-mail: awards@ucc.ca
Website: www.ucc.ca

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND - INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Memorial University of Newfoundland has university-administered scholarships and bursaries available to students with disabilities such as the Newfoundland and Labrador Neurotrauma Award (\$1,500), the Glenn Roy Blundon Memorial Scholarship (\$500), the Fraser Edison Scholarship (\$500), the William Kenneth MacLeod Scholarship (science, \$1200), the General Motors Undergraduate Scholarship (\$600), three Key Tag Scholarships (\$500), and the James Walsh Memorial Scholarship (Business Administration) (\$500). A comprehensive list of all available scholarships, bursaries and awards can be found in the Memorial University of Newfoundland Calendar.

For more information:

Scholarships and Awards Office
Memorial University of Newfoundland
St. John's, NF A1C 5S7

Telephone: (709) 737-3956
Fax: (709) 737-8615
Website: www.mun.ca/scholarships

MUCHMOREMUSIC ACCESSIBILITY SCHOLARSHIP

As part of CHUM Television's commitment to encouraging participation by persons with disabilities in Canadian broadcasting, MuchMoreMusic is proud to offer the annual MuchMoreMusic AccessAbility Scholarship. Awarded in partnership with the National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS), this scholarship will be given to the individual who best demonstrates skill, talent, excellence and enthusiasm in pursuing a future in the broadcast industry.

Value:

One scholarship of \$5,000 for post-secondary studies in the field of broadcasting. Payable directly to an accredited educational institution upon receipt of proof of enrollment.

Applicants must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada with a permanent disability;
- Be entering any year of full-time studies at an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution in the field of broadcasting.

Selection of Scholarship Recipient:

- One scholarship finalist will be selected as the scholarship recipient by MuchMoreMusic in conjunction with NEADS;
- Criteria considered include, but are not limited to: proven and potential ability, dedication and talent.

Postmarked application packages must be sent to NEADS, MuchMoreMusic AccessAbility Scholarship Committee, on or before November 1st. Please note: Incomplete application materials or application materials sent after November 1st will not be considered.

An application package must contain:

- The completed application form;
- Proof of disability in any of the following forms: medical certificate, documentation showing receipt of federal and/or provincial disability assistance, or a letter confirming the disability from an official from a college or university centre for students with disabilities;
- Two letters of reference from non-family members. Include the following information: name, title, organization, phone number and e-mail address;
- A maximum of 3 pages and / or five minutes of additional written or recorded materials which demonstrate why the applicant is worthy of the scholarship. These may include, but are not limited to, a letter from the applicant, transcript(s), resume, creative work (published article(s), design work, audio-visual projects such as short film, documentary, animation, etc).
- Please note: application materials will not be returned to applicants.

Send your application package to:

NEADS

MuchMoreMusic AccessAbility Scholarship Committee

c/o Frank Smith, National Coordinator

Rm. 426 Unicentre

1125 Colonel By Drive

Carleton University

Ottawa, ON K1S 5B6

Telephone: (613) 526-8008 (Voice & TTY)

Fax: (613) 520-3704 (attention Frank Smith)

E-mail: info@neads.ca

Website: www.neads.ca

NATIONAL BANK OF CANADA BURSARY AND SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The National Bank is proud to announce its 19th annual Bursaries and Summer Employment Program for university and CEGEP students with Functional Limitations. Under this Program, the Bank awards two \$5000 bursaries together with a paid 12-week summer job for university students living in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick and one \$2500 bursary together with a paid 10-week summer job for CEGEP students (Quebec only).

This initiative reaffirms the Bank's commitment to being an employer of choice. In fact, the Bank makes a considerable effort to achieve workplace equity so that each qualified person can benefit from employment opportunities and from any accommodations needed to do his or her work.

“Is this program for me?”

- Are you interested in a bursary and a summer job at the National Bank?
- Do you have a physical or sensory disability confirmed by a health professional?
- Are you a full-time or part-time university student (Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick) or CEGEP student (Quebec only)?
- Are you interested in the fields of banking and finance?

Program information and application forms are available on the website at www.nbc.ca/bursaries. Application deadline is February 1st.

For more information:

National Bank of Canada
Employment Equity and Diversity Department
600, de La Gauchetière West, 8th Fl.
Montreal, QC H3B 4L2

Toll-free: (877) 394-0781
(Option 2 followed by option 2)
Website: www.nbc.ca/bursaries

NEW BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour administers a variety of scholarships for New Brunswick Community Colleges. The number of scholarships varies from year to year, as does the amounts distributed. The Department processes cheques and receipts are provided for tax purposes.

The Department administers scholarships such as the following (list not all-inclusive):

- CN Scholarships for Women
- Johann Wordel Scholarship
- Fredericton Community Foundation Scholarships
- John A. Page Scholarships
- NBCC Entry Scholarships
- IODE Bursaries
- Electro-Federation Canada (Atlantic) Scholarships
- Wage Gap Action Plan Scholarships
- NBCC Foundation Scholarship and Bursary

Any student planning to attend a New Brunswick Community College should contact that campus to obtain information about the various scholarships, the necessary application forms and the deadlines for application or check our websites at www.nbcc.nb.ca and www.foundation.nbcc.nb.ca.

For more information:

Berthe J. Arseneault
Quality and Shared Services
Department of Post-Secondary Education,
Training and Labour
500 Beaverbrook Court, 5th Floor
P.O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Telephone: (506) 453-2447
Fax: (506) 444-4960
E-mail: berthe.j.arseneault@gnb.ca

NEW BRUNSWICK KIDNEY FOUNDATION BURSARY AWARD PROGRAM

The bursary program is designed to assist New Brunswick kidney patients (dialysis, transplant or those who have been diagnosed with chronic renal disease), or the spouse of a kidney patient, or the dependant child of a kidney patient, to further their education and/or training in an accredited post-secondary program. Five awards of \$500 each are available. The deadline for applications is April 18th. Applications are available through the Kidney Foundation office.

For more information:

The Kidney Foundation of Canada
New Brunswick Branch
42 Durelle Street, suite 2
Fredericton, NB E3C 1N8

Telephone: (506) 453-0533
Toll-free: (877) 453-0533
Fax: (506) 454-3639
E-mail: kidney@nbnet.nb.ca

RIVER VALLEY HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

As part of the River Valley Health's mission to provide quality health care to people they serve, the organization is proud to support the education of health professionals. Each year, River Valley Health presents four \$1,000 scholarships:

W. R. Duffie Scholarship: a \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship awarded to a civic-minded high school student who plans to study for a health care profession.

Proud to Care: two \$1,000 scholarships awarded to students entering their final year of study, leading to a qualifying licence or certification in one of the health care professions.

Sandra Levine Memorial Scholarship: a \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship awarded to a student entering their first year of a recognized program for registered nurses. (This scholarship is sponsored by the late Milton Levine, in memory of his wife Sandra Levine.)

Deadline for receipt of application for all scholarships is May 1.

For more information:

Director of Communications
River Valley Health
P. O. Box 9000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5N5

Telephone: (506) 452-5668
Fax: (506) 452-5670

RIXON RAFTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Rixon Rafter Scholarship Fund will make available scholarship awards to legally blind Canadians pursuing post-secondary studies with strong career aspirations. Because a limited number of awards are available each year, grants will be made based on the following criteria: financial need, academic achievement, and career goals. Application forms are available from C.N.I.B. Divisional Offices or the W. Ross MacDonald School in Brantford. These forms must be completed in full and returned to the following address before September 30th.

For more information:

Chairman
Rixon Rafter Scholarship Committee
The W. Ross Macdonald School

350 Brant Avenue
Brantford, ON N3T 3J9

Telephone: (519) 759-0730
Fax: (519) 759-4741

ROSS C. PURSE DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

The Board of Directors of The Canadian National Institute for the Blind is pleased to offer the Ross C. Purse Doctoral Fellowship to encourage and support theoretical and practical research and studies in the fields of blindness and visual impairment, other than those already covered by its CNIB Baker grants for medical research and training.

Applications will be considered from persons studying at a Canadian university or college, or at a foreign university where a commitment to work in the field of blindness in Canada can be demonstrated. One fellowship valued at up to \$12,500 is awarded annually, based upon acceptance of a qualified application. Preference will be given to graduates of a Canadian university or college. Applicants will be expected to have achieved a high academic standing and to have exhibited superior intellectual ability and judgment. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 2nd.

For more information:

National Research Department
CNIB
1929 Bayview Avenue
Toronto, ONM4G 3E8

Telephone: (416) 486-2500
Fax: (416) 480-7059
Email: awards@cnib.ca
Website: www.cnib.ca

ROTARY CLUB OF FREDERICTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship applicants must have successfully completed, as a minimum, one year of undergraduate study at a recognized university and be enrolled as a full time student at a university in the academic year for which the \$1,000 scholarship is awarded.

Scholarship applicants must be persons with disabilities or persons who are enrolled in a course of study the purpose of which is to assist or work with persons with disabilities. In the latter case, previous experience in working with persons with disabilities will be considered. In selecting candidates, preference will be given to applicants from the Greater Fredericton area.

The deadline for application is February 15th.

For more information:

Memorial Scholarship Committee
Rotary Club of Fredericton
P.O. Box 301
Fredericton, NB E3B 4Y9

E-mail: info@frederictonrotary.ca
Website: www.frederictonrotary.ca

S.R. HUSSEY MEMORIAL FUND

This fund provides a limited amount of assistance to legally blind residents of Atlantic Canada to purchase necessary equipment for their employment or to assist with educational expenses.

To be considered for a grant, an application must be submitted prior to May 1. Forms may be obtained from any office of the C.N.I.B. Grants typically range from \$100 to \$1, 000 depending on the perceived needs of the applicant and the funds available.

For more information:

S.R. Hussey Memorial Fund
c/o APSEA
5940 South Street
Halifax, NS B3H 1S6

Telephone: (902) 424-8500 (voice/TTY)
Fax: (902) 424-0543
E-mail: bvi@apsea.ca

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY STAFF UNION SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist students requiring financial assistance.

Students in any discipline are eligible for the Scholarship. The student must be a full time undergraduate of Saint Mary's University with a 3.0 GPA or better. Applicants must meet one of the following special conditions:

1. A son or daughter of a member of Saint Mary's University Staff Union.
2. A part-time student who is also a full-time Saint Mary's University Staff Union member attending Saint Mary's University.
3. A student with a disability attending Saint Mary's University.
4. An International Student.

For more information:

Financial Aid Office
Saint Mary's University
Halifax, NS B3H 3C3

Telephone: (902) 496-8726
Fax: (902) 491-6248

SCOUDOUC RIVER UNIVERSITY AWARD

This award is open to individuals who have "signal promise" but are especially needy or disabled in any way, have unusual direction or promise, or to those of distinct interest not qualified for other regularly established scholarships. Nominees must be enrolled full-time in undergraduate or graduate programs at the University of New Brunswick. The deadline for application is April 15th.

For more information:

Undergraduate Awards - Registrar's Office
University of New Brunswick
P.O. Box 4400
Fredericton, NB E3B 5A3

Telephone: (506) 453-4894
Fax: (506) 458-7688
E-mail: awards@unb.ca
Website: www.unb.ca

SOOZIE COURTER SHARING A BRIGHTER TOMORROW HEMOPHILIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarships will be awarded to applicants with hemophilia A or B who present the best combination of a creative and persuasive essay, excellent recommendations and superior academic standing.

For 2008-2009, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals will award sixteen \$5,000 college scholarships, two \$7,500 graduate scholarships and two \$2,500 vocational scholarships.

To be eligible, you must be a high school senior, have a graduate equivalency diploma (GED) or currently be enrolled in an accredited junior college, college (undergraduate or graduate) or vocational school. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than April 14th. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure that all applications and transcripts are postmarked by this deadline. An application is complete when the application form, essay, three recommendations, all transcripts, a photograph of the applicant and a completed release form have been received by Wyeth Pharmaceuticals.

For more information:

Hemophilia Scholarship Program (Bioanalytical Solutions)
PO Box 26825
Collegeville, PA 19426-0825
USA

Toll-free: (888)999-2349
Website: www.hemophiliavillage.com

SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA BURSARY PROGRAM

Two or more bursaries with values of up to \$1,000 are available to Canadian students with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus to continue their education in their chosen field of study. Applicants must be accepted for studies at university or other recognized program at any post-secondary facility and be a member of the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Canada or one of its member associations. Applications can be downloaded from the website. Deadline is May 15th.

For more information:

Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Canada/
Association de spina-bifida et hydrocephalie Canada
167 Lombard Avenue Suite 428
Winnipeg, MB R3B 0V3

Telephone: (800) 565-9488

Fax: (204) 925-3654

E-mail: bursary@sbhac.ca

Website: www.sbhac.ca

SUN LIFE FINANCIAL PEER SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The purpose of the peer scholarship is to assist peer volunteers and participants with a spinal cord injury or other physical disability to advance their post-secondary education in the disability field. The two scholarships are awarded once a year, with grants of \$1,500. Successful recipients are selected based on academic standing, merit and financial need. The deadline for application is August 31st.

For more information:

Sun Life Financial Peer Support Scholarship
Canadian Paraplegic Association
1101 Prince of Wales Drive, Suite 230
Ottawa, ON K2C 3W7

Telephone: (613) 723-1033

Fax: (613) 723-1060

E-mail: peersupport@canparaplegic.org

Website: www.canparaplegic.org

TERRY FOX HUMANITARIAN AWARD PROGRAM

Awarded to graduating secondary level students or those currently studying towards a first degree or diploma in a Canadian university or college, who have demonstrated the highest ideals and qualities of citizenship and humanitarian service while in pursuit of excellence in their academic, amateur sport, fitness, health, community service and related endeavours, particularly in the face of

obstacles. "Obstacles" may be with reference to physical disability, personal problems, social setting or any factors that call for courage, unselfishness and fortitude. The value of each award is \$7,000 annually, for a maximum of 4 years or until a first degree is obtained. For students attending institutions where no tuition fee is applicable, the value of the award is \$3,500. The deadline for application is February 1.

For more information:

Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program
Simon Fraser University
8888 University Drive
Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6

Telephone: (778) 782-3057
Fax: (778) 782-3311
E-mail: terryfox@sfu.ca
Website: www.terryfox.org

TORONTO REHABILITATION INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP IN REHABILITATION-RELATED RESEARCH FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Toronto Rehabilitation Institute Scholarship in Rehabilitation-related Research for Graduate Students with Disabilities supports the education and training of masters and doctoral students with disabilities who are studying in a rehabilitation-related field at McMaster, Ryerson, University of Toronto, Waterloo, Wilfrid Laurier or York.

Many fields of study may be eligible, including but limited to: Architecture, Biology, Biomedical Communications, Chemistry, Computer Science, Disability Studies, Engineering, Health Policy, Kinesiology, Labour Studies, medicine, Music Therapy, Nursing, Nutrition, Pharmacology, Physics, Psychology, Recreation Therapy, Social Work, Sociology, Statistics, Women's Studies, etc.

The scholarship provides a \$20,000 award and funding for educational expenses that are incurred as a result of the student's disability. The Scholarship committee actively works with the scholars to support their academic and research success and their future career goals.

The application and additional information is available in the Research section of the Toronto Rehab website at www.torontorehab.com. The deadline for application is May 1.

For more information:

Research Administration
Toronto Rehabilitation Institute
550 University Avenue, #12029
Toronto, ON M5G 2A2

Telephone: (416) 597-3422, ext. 7600
E-mail: ward.lois@torontorehab.on.ca
Website: www.torontorehab.com

UCBEYOND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The UCBeyond Scholarship Program will award seven (7), one-time scholarships of up to \$5,000 CDN each to people diagnosed with Crohn's disease and seven (7), one-time scholarships of up to \$5,000 CDN each to people diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. The winners must demonstrate academic ambition and use their scholarship toward post-secondary education (i.e. university, college, trade school, etc.) for the 2008/09 school year.

An independent selection committee of leading physicians and patient representatives from across the country will again choose the 2008 UCBeyond Scholarship recipients. Applicants will be evaluated based on a one-page essay demonstrating how they go above and beyond their disease, exhibit perseverance and empower others, as well as two letters of personal recommendation. The deadline to apply is June 30, and winners will be announced in September 2008.

For more information:

2008 UCBeyond Rheumatoid Arthritis Scholarship Fund

c/o Chrome Communications Inc.

2000 Argentia Road – Plaza 1 Suite 260
1406

Telephone: (905) 567-

Mississauga, ON L5N 1P7

Email:

info@chromecommunications.ca

Website:

www.chromecommunications.ca

WALLACE ANDERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The scholarship is designed to enhance manual Deaf students(s) living in South Western New Brunswick who wish to further their educational goals on a full time or part time basis. There is no age limit for Deaf applicants pursuing post secondary studies and can be applied for on a yearly basis. This can include but is not limited to University, College, private schools, literacy programs.

The Scholarship committee, which consists of the Executive Director and two volunteer members of the board, will review applications received by the stated deadline.

The amount of interests over principal will determine the number of scholarships awarded. The amount of the scholarship is to be no less than \$100.00.

Application form to be completed and submitted to the Saint John Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Inc. no later than April 30th. Those applicants that meet the application criteria will be notified of their success as well as the amount of the scholarship by June 15th. Students who are not successful will also receive written notification and will be encouraged to apply the following year.

Requirements:

1. Complete appropriate application form.
2. Letter or videotape of goals and expectations.
3. Two letters of reference (who are not family members)
4. Financial & other sources of support.
5. High School (or equivalent) Transcript.

All information is to be submitted to:

Saint John Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Inc.
c/o Scholarship Fund Committee
302-646 Fairville Blvd.
Saint John, NB E2M 4Y7

Fax: (506) 652-3382
E-mail: sjdhhs@nb.sympatico.ca
Website: www.sjdhhs.com

WALTER AND WAYNE GRETZKY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND YOUTH OF CANADA

This foundation presents scholarships on an annual basis to eligible blind and visually impaired students studying or planning to study at the post-secondary level. Through this, Walter, Wayne and the Gretzky family will continue a tradition of more than ten years of assisting the blind youth of Canada to pursue their academic and lifelong dreams.

All applicants must be:

1. Blind or severely visually impaired.
2. Graduating from a secondary school and planning to pursue a full-time post-secondary course of study.
3. Canadian citizens or have landed immigrant status for one year prior to application.

Scholarships are awarded based on academic excellence, service to the community and financial need. Applicants will be expected to have achieved a high academic standing and superior intellectual ability and judgement. The applicant's essay and answers to questions on the application play an important role in the selection of the winners of the scholarships.

In 2006, twenty-one scholarships were awarded at \$3,000 to \$5,000 each. The selection committee will endeavour to select winners from the various regions of Canada. Applications should be received by May 31st. Transcript deadline is July 31st.

For more information:

Kim Kohler

Walter and Wayne Gretzky Scholarship Foundation Telephone: (519) 458-8665
R.R. 2, #955256 Canning Road Fax: (519) 458-8609
Paris, ON N3L 3E2 E-mail: Kim.Kohler@cnib.ca

WANDERER'S TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS

This scholarship is available to mobility impaired students who have been accepted by a university or institution of higher learning in the Atlantic Provinces, who have a spinal cord injury. The recipient must be involved in an "athletic endeavour" or related activity such as scorekeeper, timekeeper, referee, etc.

Applicants must have a "C" average and have lived in any of the Atlantic Provinces continuously for the previous five years before applying. Scholarships will be awarded on merit and on any other criteria as the Selection Committee may determine.

The applicant is not eligible if he or she presently holds a degree from any university or institution of higher learning. No recipient may be a successful candidate for this scholarship more than three times. Closing date for applications is July 31st.

For more information:

Wanderer's Trust Scholarship Committee

c/o Canadian Paraplegic Association (Nova Scotia)

Suite S21, West End Mall

Telephone: (902) 423-1277, ext. 101

6960 Mumford Road

Fax: (902) 492-1213

Halifax, NS B3L 4P1

Website: www.thespine.ca

OTHER PROGRAMS

CANADA / NEW BRUNSWICK STUDENT LOANS PROGRAM

PERMANENT DISABILITY PROVISIONS

To qualify for permanent disability assistance, you must:

- Have 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 level or in the labour force; and
- Be able to provide proof of the disability, describing its type and substantiating that it is expected to remain with the person for the person's expected natural life. Proof could be in the form of:
 - a document showing that you are receiving federal and/or provincial disability assistance;
 - a medical certificate; or learning disability assessment.

The Canada Student Loans Program provides for the availability of relaxed eligibility criteria and grant assistance for persons who demonstrate that they have a permanent disability that restricts their ability to participate in post-secondary studies. A person with Permanent disability status is eligible for:

1. Reduced Course Loads
2. Longer Period of Studies
3. Permanent Disability Benefit
4. Canada Study Grants

1. *REDUCED COURSE LOADS*

If you are a full-time student with a permanent disability, you may be eligible for a Canada or New Brunswick student loan if your course load represents at least 40% of a full time course load; and you successfully completed 40% of a full-time course load in the previous year.

If you are a part-time student with a permanent disability, you may be eligible for a part-time loan if your course load represents at least 20% (but less than 40%) of a full time course load.

2. *LONGER PERIOD OF STUDIES*

A lifetime maximum of 520 weeks of Canada student loan assistance under the permanent disability provisions. This is to allow for the possible longer period of time it may take for a student to complete a program of studies at a reduced course load.

3. *PERMANENT DISABILITY BENEFIT*

If you are unable to repay your Canada student loan because of your permanent disability, you may qualify for the Permanent Disability Benefit.

To be eligible, you must:

- Have been permanently disabled at the time you received your first loan advance as a full-time or part-time student; or
- Have become permanently disabled before the first day of the seventh month following completion of full-time studies.
- Demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Canada Student Loans Program, an inability to repay the student loan without exceptional hardship.
- Applications may be made when a student has completed studies and is required by the lender to make payments on his/her Canada student loan.

4. *CANADA STUDY GRANTS (CSG)*

(A) Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities may be eligible for up to \$8000 a year from the federal government to cover exceptional education-related costs associated with certain permanent disabilities.

To apply for such a grant, you must first apply to your provincial or territorial authority for a full-time or part-time Canada student loan in order to establish

need. You must submit a separate application form for the Canada Study Grant to the same authority.

Applicants are therefore encouraged to apply at the earliest opportunity.

Types of disabilities that are eligible include:

- Deafness
- Hardness of hearing
- Blindness
- Visual Impairment
- Physical disability
- Learning disability
- Other (e.g., head injury, mental illness, etc.)

Exceptional education-related costs include:

Services

- Note taker
- Tutor
- Reader
- Interpreter (oral, sign)
- Attendant care for studies
- Specialized transportation (to/from institution only)

Equipment

- Technical aids (e.g., computer, braille)
- Alternate formats (e.g., large or braille printer)

(B) Canada Access Grant for Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities may be eligible for up to \$2000 per loan year to assist in covering the costs of accommodations, tuition, books and other education-related expenses.

To apply for such a grant, you must first apply to your provincial or territorial authority for a full-time or part-time Canada student loan in order to establish need.

As of August 1, 2005 the first \$ 2000 of assessed need for students with disabilities will be authorized by way of the Canada Access Grant.

To be eligible, all students must have a permanent disability, not be restricted from further Canada Student Loans, maintain a satisfactory scholastic standard, and have an assessed need.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For information about repayment options, contact the National Student Loan Service Centre or the lender that is holding your Canada Student Loan. For information about your eligibility, the assessment of your student loan application or to request an application for a Canada Study Grant for a student with a permanent disability contact the Student Financial Services Branch (below) or the financial aid office at your institution.

Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour

Student Financial Services

P.O. Box 6000

77 Westmorland Street, Suite 500

Fredericton, NB E3B 6Z3

Toll free: 1-800-667-5626

Fax: (506) 444-4333

Website: www.studentaid.gnb.ca

Application forms and additional information for the permanent disability provisions are also available from:

Canada Students Loans Program

P.O. Box 2090, Station "D"

Ottawa, ON K1P 6C6

Toll-free: 1-800-622-6232

TTY: 1-800-465-7735

Website: www.canlearn.ca

Or contact:

National Educational Association of Disabled Students

Room 426, Unicentre

Carleton University

Ottawa, ON K1S 5B6

Telephone: (613) 526-8008 (Voice & TTY)

Fax: (613) 520-3704 (attention Frank Smith)

E-mail: info@neads.ca

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES (TESS) FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

TESS provides funding for support services to persons with disabilities to help decrease barriers they face in achieving their occupational goal, obtaining employment or resuming employment when it has been interrupted.

Some of the services available through TESS include counselling to help decide on a suitable career plan, purchase of adaptive equipment required to pursue a career and assistance with special educational or training costs.

To find out how this program might help you, contact the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour in your area.

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