

# Saskatchewan Student Aid for Students with Disabilities

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Students with disabilities are eligible to access all student aid. Some features of the Saskatchewan Student Aid program are specifically for students with disabilities.

## What's important?

### Financial supports for students with disabilities

- If you are a student with a disability who is eligible for student aid, you will be eligible to receive the Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities. You will be automatically considered for this grant in your student aid application. This grant provides \$2,800 per school year to assist with educational or living costs.
- If you are a student with a disability, you may take a reduced course load and be eligible for student aid for a longer academic period.
- If you are a student with a disability enrolled at a post-secondary educational institution, you may be eligible to receive the Canada Saskatchewan Student Grant for Services & Equipment. This grant provides up to \$22,000 per program year including \$20,000 for the Canada Grant and \$2,000 for the Saskatchewan Grant. Examples of eligible costs include: tutors, interpreters, computer software and specialized transportation.

### Request grants-only funding

When you apply for Saskatchewan student aid, you are assessed for a combination of non-repayable grants and repayable loans. You can choose to decline the loans and receive only grants.

### Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship

If you are a Saskatchewan Grade 12 graduate (2012 or later) and enrol in a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution, you may be eligible to receive the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship. The scholarship provides \$750 per year, with a lifetime maximum of \$3,000. To receive this scholarship, students are required to apply for student aid.

## Did you know?

**Students with disabilities are not required to make the fixed student contribution of \$3,000**

There is no fixed student contribution for students with disabilities, Indigenous students, students with dependants and students who are, or were, Crown wards.

### Medical and Parental Leave

If you are taking leave from your studies due to medical or parental reasons, you can apply for the Medical or Parental Leave and your loan will be treated the same as if you were in studies. The leave is available for six months at a time and can be extended twice (i.e., a leave can last a maximum of 18 months total). You must apply within six months of your period of study end date. Refer to the [Canada-Saskatchewan Student Loans Administrative Guidelines](#).

### Repayment Assistance Plan for Borrowers with Disabilities

You may qualify for the Repayment [Assistance Plan for Borrowers with Disabilities \(RAP-D\)](#) if you are having difficulty meeting loan payment obligations. RAP-D begins to pay down debt immediately and will ensure that the debt is paid in 10 years from the last period of study end date. For more information, contact the [National Student Loan Service Centre](#).

## Where can I get more information?

Online: [saskatchewan.ca/studentloans](https://saskatchewan.ca/studentloans)

Toll-free: 1-800-597-8278

Email: [studentservices@gov.sk.ca](mailto:studentservices@gov.sk.ca)

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