

Financial Resources

Scholarships, Bursaries and Other Funding Sources Available to Students with Disabilities

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Q: Does the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) take into consideration that I have a permanent disability?

A: Yes. If you meet the OSAP definition of having a permanent disability, you may take a 40% course load. This means that you can take 1.0 credits per session and still qualify for OSAP funding/interest free status. **OSAP must be notified that you are a student with a disability.** Ask your Consultant in the AccessAbility Services office to submit a form called "Confirmation of Permanent Disability" to the Admissions and Awards department.

To find out more about OSAP go to www.osap.gov.on.ca

Q: Are there government grants or bursaries for students with disabilities?

A: Yes, these include:

1. Bursary for Students with a Disability (BSWD) - up to \$2,000 per academic year

- Full-time and part-time students with either permanent or temporary disabilities
- Students must have disability-related educational costs for services or equipment that are not covered by another agency or service and are required for postsecondary participation

2. Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Persons with Permanent Disabilities (CSG-PDSE) - up to \$8,000 per academic year

- Full-time and part-time students with permanent disabilities who have disability-related educational costs

3. Canada Student Grant for Persons with Permanent Disabilities – up to \$2, 000 per academic year

- Full or part-time students who have self-identified as having a permanent disability

To determine if you are eligible for the above bursary/grants, please speak to your Consultant.

Q: Are there U of T Scholarships for students with permanent disabilities?

A: Yes. The available scholarships include:

- **Prudential Ability Award**
- **Branko Vojnovic U of T Scarborough AccessAbility Award**
- **Irving J. Hoffman Memorial Scholarship**

For more information on the above scholarships and other available scholarships, please see:

www.utsc.utoronto.ca/registrar/financial_aid/scholarship

www.adm.utoronto.ca/adm-awards/html/awards/notices/hoffman_ij.htm

Q: Are there external financial awards available?

A: Yes. Please visit the following websites for more information:

<http://www.ldao.ca/ldao-services/ldao-scholarships-bursaries/>

<http://www.disabilityawards.ca/>

<http://www.neads.ca/en/about/projects/ete2/scholarship/holly.php>

www.scholarshipscanada.com

www.studentawards.com

Q: Are there other government programs to help me with my expenses?

A: Yes, some of the supports include:

Assistive Devices Program

www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/program/adp/adp_mn.html

Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

<http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/programs/social/odsp/>

Q: Who can I talk to if I have financial related questions (e.g., tuition, etc.)?

A: You can book an appointment with a Financial Aid Officer at U of T Scarborough to discuss financial related questions. Book your appointment through the eService link:

www.utsc.utoronto.ca/registrar/general/eservice

You can also find financial information on the Registrar's Office website:

www.utsc.utoronto.ca/registrar/

Location of Financial Aid Office (FAO) at U of T Scarborough:

Arts and Administration Building, Office of the Registrar, AA142

Phone: (416) 287-7001

Email: finaid@utsc.utoronto.ca

Q: Is there a health plan to help me cover my medication and other services and supports?

A: Yes. Through your student fees, you are automatically enrolled in one of two available health plans:

1. Scarborough Campus Student Union (SCSU) Health Plan

- offers health, dental and vision benefits
- students can opt out of the plan if covered by a family health plan. For applicable opt-out dates, please visit: http://www.ihaveaplan.ca/rte/en/UniversityofTorontoScarboroughCampusSCSU_ChangeofCoverage_OptOuts
- plan is for full-time students, however, **part-time students with disabilities can opt into the SCSU health plan** by completing an enrolment form at the SCSU Office on campus. For more information: www.ihaveaplan.ca/rte/en/UniversityofTorontoScarboroughCampusSCSU_ChangeofCoverage_SelfEnrolment

2. Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS) Health Plan

- offers health and dental benefits
- students can opt out of the plan if covered by a family health plan. For applicable opt-out dates, please visit: <https://studentplans.ca/apus>
- plan is for part-time students

For more information about the SCSU Health Plan:

http://www.ihaveaplan.ca/rte/en/UniversityofTorontoScarboroughCampusSCSU_Home

For more information about the APUS Health Plan: www.apus.utoronto.ca