

ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION:

Ontario Special Bursary (OSB):

- Non-repayable government bursary.
- For part-time students \leq less than 60% of a full course load.
- Covers tuition and compulsory fees; assists with books and supplies; assists with child care and transportation costs if required.
- No living expenses considered.
- Maximum \$2500 per academic year (September - August).
- Strict income limits. Cannot have OSAP funding at same time.
- Application is available on the OSAP website (<http://osap.gov.on.ca>) or Office of Student Awards website (www.uwindsor.ca/awards).

Part-time Canada Student Loan and Canada Study/Access Grants :

- For part-time students \leq less than 60% of a full course load.
- Covers same expenses as OSB plus incidental allowance of \$10 per week per course.
- No living expenses considered.
- Loan portion is not interest-free; monthly interest payments required while in school.
- Income limits for grant identical to those for OSB, but more flexible for loan.
- Cannot have more than \$10,000 in outstanding PT CSLs at any time.
- Maximum federal grant is \$1200 per academic year.
- Maximum provincial grant is \$500.
- Application is available on the OSAP website (<http://osap.gov.on.ca>) or Office of Student Awards website (www.uwindsor.ca/awards).

OSAP:

- Federal and provincial loans and grants. One application covers all components.
- Grants assessed automatically if student meets the criteria.
- For students taking 60% or more of a full course load (40% if student has self-identified as having a permanent disability and has provided documentation).
- May consider both educational and living allowances.
- Application is available on the OSAP website (<http://osap.gov.on.ca>).

Work Study:

- Part-time employment on campus.
- May earn up to \$1000 per term depending on need.
- Must have 60% of a full course load (40% with documented permanent disability).
- Cannot be on academic probation.
- Returning students must have a cumulative average of 5.0 or better.
- Application is available online through SIS (go to section on Awards Information).

Child Care Bursary (CCB):

- Non-repayable government funding.
- Must have qualified for OSAP and have at least 3 children under the age of 12 who require day care or babysitting while the student is in classes.
- Additional to the Canada Study Grant for Students with Dependents.
- Application is available for download from the OSAP website (<http://osap.gov.on.ca>).

Bursary for Students With Disabilities/Canada Study Grant:

- Combined federal and provincial non-repayable funding.
- Must have qualified for OSAP or OSB first.
- For students with permanent disabilities, up to \$10,000 is available.
- For students with temporary disabilities, up to \$2000 is available.

- Designed to assist with education- and disability-related costs for equipment and/or services.
- Application is available through: OSAP website (<http://osap.gov.on.ca>), Office of Student Awards website (www.uwindsor.ca/awards) or from Student Disability Services Office.

FOR LIVING AND DISABILITY-RELATED EXPENSES:

Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP):

- Ontario Government assistance for day-to-day needs such as accommodation.
- Benefits do not help with educational expenses.
- Assistance will be reduced if student has additional earned income, such as Work Study.
- Most bursaries and grants will not reduce ODSP income, but student should check with case-worker prior to accepting such income.
- Can be held at same time as OSB.
- Can be held with OSAP, although OSAP allowance must be adjusted so that funding for living expenses does not duplicate ODSP benefits.
- Information available from Ministry of Community and Social Services (www.mcscs.gov.on.ca)

Assistive Devices Program (ADP):

- Ontario Government assistance for expenses related to equipment/supplies essential for independent living.
- Cost-shared program with student responsible for paying 25% of costs.
- Information available from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (www.health.gov.on.ca).

Ontario March of Dimes:

- May provide help with the cost of devices or services.
- May provide help with the 25% share for which student is responsible under ADP.
- Information available through Ontario March of Dimes or online at www.marchofdimes.ca.

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES THROUGH UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR:

(subject to change)

Apply through SIS (go to section on Awards Information) unless otherwise stated

I.O.D.E. Auxiliary To The Blind Scholarship

- Value: \$200. Awarded to a student in Year 2 or beyond. Recipient must have a cumulative average of at least 8.5 and must be registered with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Deadline: October 31. (Must be in at least a 60% course load)

Italian-Canadian Handicapable Association Bursary

- Awarded on the basis of financial need and academic merit to a full-time undergraduate student registered beyond Year 1, who has a physical and/or emotional disability. Deadline: October 31. (Must be in at least an 80% course load)

Nu-Options Club of Windsor Inc. Awards

- Two awards valued at \$500 each, awarded annually to students who have a minimum average of 6.5, demonstrate financial need, and have a disability. Deadline: October 31. (Must be in at least an 80% course load)

Joannie Cowie Canada Cares Foundation Bursary

- Value: \$250. To Special Needs students with neuro-muscular disorders, registered in Year 2, 3 or 4 in the Sociology or Criminology program, given on the basis of financial need and satisfactory academic standing (minimum cumulative average of 5.0 required). Established in 2001 by the Joannie Cowie Canada Cares Foundation. Deadline: November 15 (Fall) and February 15 (Winter) (Must be in at least an 80% course load)

Special Needs and Accessibility Committee Bursary

- Value: \$500. Awarded annually to a Special Needs student. Based on financial need and academic standing. Established in 1996 by the Special Needs and Accessibility Committee of the University of Windsor Student Alliance. Deadline: November 30. (Must be in at least an 80% course load)

Joan Mitchell Diversity & Accessibility Award

- Value: \$500. Awarded to a Year 1 full- or part- time student registered in the School of Social Work, who is registered with Student Disability Services. The eligible candidate must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident who meets Ontario residency requirements, and has proven financial need. Deadline January 31.

Special Needs (OPUS) Student Achievement Award

- Value: \$500. Awarded annually towards tuition remission to a current part-time special needs undergraduate student, as defined by the University of Windsor. The successful applicant must have completed a minimum of five (5) course credits at the University of Windsor at the time of nomination and have demonstrated leadership abilities within the University community by raising awareness and promoting accessibility. Nominations may be made by faculty, staff, and students. Deadline: December 15. Contact Student Disability Services Office for more information.

Frank J. Dipierdomenico Disability Issues Scholarship

- Value: \$500. Awarded annually to a full-time student registered in Year 4 Social Work. Based on good academic standing, with evidence of a learning disability (must be registered with Student Disability Services). In addition to an on-line application, applicants must include a letter addressing commitment to work on disability issues (submit letter to Student Awards & Financial Aid Office clearly identified for this award.) Deadline: January 31.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Imasco Scholarship Fund for Disabled Students: \$5000 for students entering or enrolled in first undergraduate program. Administered by Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada on behalf of Imasco. Information available from AUCC. www.aucc.ca
- Mattinson Endowment Fund Scholarship for Disabled Students: \$2500 for students entering or enrolled in first undergraduate program. Administered by and information available from AUCC. www.aucc.ca

WEBSITES

Financial aid resources: www.canlearn.ca
www.youth.gc.ca
www.studentawards.com
www.scholarshipscanada.com
www.neads.ca