



## 7.5 Information for Resources for Graduating Students With Diverse Needs

Note: this is not meant to be an all-inclusive list; rather, it is meant to help staff/parents get started on the path to transition for students with diverse needs as they plan for life after graduation.

### STUDENT AID BC

The best site found for a broad range of info is on [Student Aid BC](#) - it's easy to read and has lots of links.

Here is a link also to a PDF that has a page on grants and loans for students: [https://studentaidbc.ca/sites/all/files/form-library/appendix\\_8.pdf](https://studentaidbc.ca/sites/all/files/form-library/appendix_8.pdf). In most cases, there is no age requirement at all - it's dependent on whether the person has a permanent disability and whether they are attending school at a designated school (most post-sec institutions qualify) - anywhere between 40% and 100% of full-time studies and most don't have limits on what programs of study are followed.

There is a Disability Service Provider at most post-sec institutions (including Selkirk), who can help students (and potential students) walk through what is and might be available to them: [https://studentaidbc.ca/sites/all/files/form-library/disability\\_coordinators.pdf](https://studentaidbc.ca/sites/all/files/form-library/disability_coordinators.pdf).

### SELKIRK COLLEGE

Institutions such as Selkirk also have Accessibility Coordinators who provide a whole host of resources for students <https://selkirk.ca/services/student-support-services/accessibility-services>.

The SOAR program at Selkirk is for students 18+ (adults) -by September of the year they have graduated, most of our students are 18 years old. If not, they can take other programs or courses at Selkirk or other institutions and qualify for accessibility services - including support workers if needed (either through the institution or in concert with a government grant as below).

### OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

There is also the programming available through Bigby Place or more broadly through KCSL - while some programs are adult oriented (18 & up), there are also children & teen programs for youth up to 18 years old. <http://www.ksclcastlegar.net/>

Some of the funding available (depending on financial need in some cases) is (not exhaustive list) listed below. Students with disabilities also qualify for the same grants, bursaries, and scholarships as all other students qualify for.

- BC Student Loan (provincial but can be connected federally)



- Depends on income
- BC Access Grant (provincial)
- Canada Student Loan (federal)
  - Depends on family income
- Adult Upgrading Grant (includes Adult SPED programs)
  - Pays for fees, books, transportation, tuition - depends on income.
  - If student is not an adult, the student's parents can apply for the student. [https://studentaidbc.ca/explore/grants-scholarships/adult-upgrading-grant-application#What\\_is\\_available?](https://studentaidbc.ca/explore/grants-scholarships/adult-upgrading-grant-application#What_is_available?)
- Education Funding for People with Disabilities Grant (federal)
- Education Funding for Services and Equipment (federal)
- Assistance program for students with permanent disabilities (BC)
  - For services /equipment, over and above the Canada grant <https://studentaidbc.ca/explore/grants-scholarships/assistance-program-students-permanent-disabilities>
- Registered Disability Savings Plan (federal)
- CPP Children's Benefit (Federal) (for children of persons with disabilities)
  - From ages 18-25
- Child Disability Benefit (Federal) (for families with children with disabilities)
  - Based on family income up to \$68,700
- Learning Disability Assessment bursary
  - For students with learning disabilities to receive an updated assessment for programs and resources at post-secondary (including Selkirk)

There are also tax credits and benefits for families with children up to the age of 18, and then after the youth turns 18 they are eligible themselves for the credits and benefits if they have a disability (both provincial and federal): <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/what-persons-disabilities-claim-a-deduction-credit.html> . These would help or could help graduates who go on to work.

Through CLBC, 145 communities in BC (including Creston) have a STADD Navigator: <https://www.communitylivingbc.ca/what-support-is-available/preparing-access-clbc-supports/services-to-adults-with-developmental-disabilities-stadd/> . These are trained experts who help families and students plan for post-secondary options and help families find programs and resources available to them.