GRAD

GRADUATION READY WITH ASSISTIVE DEVICES

WHO: Students entering Grades 11 or 12 in September 2026, who experience barriers to academic success related to disability, and who could benefit from assistive technology.

WHAT: Up to $2,500 of equipment and support to assist the completion of high school and/or to pursue post-secondary education.

- ✓ Equipment (laptops, tablets, alternative controls, communication devices, etc.) to meet the applicants individual needs!
- ✓ Installation, training, and support of technology!
- ✓ Opportunity to connect with a Scotiabank volunteer mentor!

WHERE: Access to this opportunity is available to students throughout Saskatchewan.

WHEN: Funding support is available beginning September 1, 2026, and will continue through 2026 and 2027 until funding runs out. Applications will be filled in order of the date they are received.

WHY: Access to resources should not be the barrier that keeps anyone from pursuing a future and continuing to learn and grow with their peers. This program aims to provide those resources to students to assist them in achieving whatever level of academic success they aspire to. With funding provided by ScotiaRise, we hope to provide students with equipment they can use both at school and home, as well as post-graduation. With the broad scope of lowering the barriers to graduation, these funds could offer students the tools they need to excel in post-secondary education and other fields.

HOW: Fill out the application form and submit it to SaskAbilities, along with required documentation:

- ☐ GRAD (Graduation Ready with Assistive Devices) Application Form
- ☐ Letter from the applicant and/or applicant's family describing the need for the equipment and briefly explaining why the equipment hasn't been already secured (for example funding challenges, lack of opportunities for personal assessment of needs)
- ☐ Letter of support from health care professional or support worker (required) confirming the need and confirmation that requested equipment will meet those needs, outlining any potential challenges
- ☐ Confirmation from school representative (principal, guidance counsellor, school division therapist) permitting the use of desired technology at school
- ☐ Detailed equipment request list (optional)

Once approved, the ScotiaRise funding will cover costs to assess and identify the need for specific technology, purchase equipment, and setup of the identified technology/equipment for the individual, up to a maximum of $2,500.

The SaskAbilities Electronics Technologist can work with you, therapists, and schools to determine what equipment and services will be most suitable to address your goals and will purchase, install, and train users in the use of the equipment deemed appropriate.

Approved applicants are required to agree to answer a survey on the impact the equipment has made and provide a photo and brief testimonial on the program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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