



GRAD

GRADUATION READY WITH ASSISTIVE DEVICES

**ARE YOU A SASKATCHEWAN GRADE 11 OR 12 STUDENT
EXPERIENCING A DISABILITY?**

Let us help you to get the technology necessary to meet your individual needs and help you graduate high-school and/or pursue post-secondary education!

Up to \$2,500 of equipment and support is available in 2022 for eligible Saskatchewan students!

For more information and the application form go to
ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY page of the SaskAbilities website
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WHO: Students entering Grades 11 or 12 in September 2022, 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 July 1, 2022 and will continue through 2023 until funding runs out.

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 Scotiabank, 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 technology 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 educational barrier or need for the equipment and briefly explaining why the equipment hasn't been already secured (i.e., funding challenges, lack of opportunities for personal assessment of needs, etc.)
- ☐ Letter of support from health care professional or support worker (required) confirming 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 Scotiabank 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 Adaptive 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 (a \$2,500 maximum less administration fees), 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. They will also have the opportunity to participate in a mentorship program with Scotiabank volunteers to gain advice on educational opportunities and career paths and peer support.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicant Name	
Mailing Address	
City/Town	
Postal Code	
Home Phone	
Mobile Phone	
Email Address	
Parent/Guardian Name	
Parent/Guardian Phone	
Parent/Guardian Email	

APPLICANT EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

School Attended	
Grade (2022-23 school year)	

EDUCATIONAL BARRIERS

Diagnosis or disability	
Description of the primary need or goal to be addressed with the use of the equipment	

EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDED

Detailed list of equipment recommended,
OR

☐ We require assistance in determining the appropriate solutions and equipment recommendations.

INSTALLATION OR SET UP REQUIREMENTS

If approved, the equipment will have basic set-up completed by SaskAbilities prior to delivery.

☐ We can complete the final set-up and installation on our own. **OR**

☐ We will need additional set-up and/or training on the equipment provided.

EQUIPMENT ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS COMPLETED BY

Name	
Designation	
Phone	
Email Address	
<input type="checkbox"/> I agree that the recommended equipment list provided with this application will meet the needs of this applicant and support them in their educational journey.	
Signature	
Date	

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED (REQUIRED)

- ☐ **Letter from the applicant and/or applicant's family** describing the educational barrier or need for the equipment, how the equipment will assist the student in achieving their educational goals and briefly explain why the equipment hasn't been already secured (i.e., funding challenges, lack of opportunities for personal assessment of needs, etc.)
- ☐ **Letter of support from health care professional or support worker** confirming the need and 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.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

- ☐ Please have a Scotiabank mentor volunteer contact me. I consent to SaskAbilities releasing my contact information to Scotiabank volunteers for this purpose.
- OR**
- ☐ I do not wish to be contacted by a Scotiabank mentor, but I would like for SaskAbilities to provide me with contact information of the volunteer so that I may connect with them at my convenience.

APPLICANT DECLARATION

- ☐ The applicant agrees that the equipment requested would meet my needs as assist in my educational goals and without this opportunity I would not have access to such equipment. **AND**
- ☐ The applicant agrees to answer a brief survey regarding the impact of this program on my educational goals. **AND**
- ☐ The applicant agrees to provide SaskAbilities with a brief testimonial about the program along with a photo of me utilizing the equipment provided.

SIGNATURES

Applicant	Date
Parent/Guardian	Date

For assistance with this application, for more information, or to submit documents, contact:

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