

What is the Nova Scotia Grant for Services and Equipment?

These grants provide equipment and services to reduce or remove disability-related barriers in post-secondary for full-time or part-time Nova Scotia students with permanent disabilities. The grant is available to students even if they do not need financial help to pay for school.

Included in the Grant

The grant covers educational-related equipment costs students may incur to remove barriers while attending post-secondary, including but not limited to a computer or laptop, noise cancelling headphones, assistive software, such as voice recognition, screen readers, and screen magnifiers, Smart Pens, and FM systems for use with or without hearing aids.

Students may receive grants that cover the cost of services they incur that relate to their post-secondary studies. This may include but is not limited to tutoring in a course where a student has a demonstrated disability or a barrier in (e.g. a student with a learning disability in math enrolled in a math course and applying for a math tutor), note-taking in a course a student is enrolled in, academic learning strategists to assist students with developing key study skills to promote academic success, and interpreting, communication access real-time translation and attendant care in a classroom setting.

Excluded from the Grant

The grant does not cover costs that are not related specifically to attending post-secondary. Daily living equipment and services are not included. Examples of daily living equipment that are not covered by the grant are glasses, hearing aids, personal mobility devices, watches, ergonomic clothing, safety equipment, or guide dog related equipment. Examples of daily living services not covered by the grant include therapy (e.g. psychotherapy, physiotherapy) and attendant care services that take place at home (e.g. cleaning, dressing, bathing) or in the workplace. Furthermore, services to support or address barriers students may experience in pre-requisite courses that relate to the student's program of study are excluded.