

# What is CILT?

The Centre for Independent Living in Toronto (CILT) is a non-profit resource organization based in the GTA. CILT's vision is to create a society where people with disabilities achieve social and economic equity, promoted through an inclusive approach based on the independent living philosophy.



**CILT Website:**



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# WANT TO THRIVE IN COLLEGE?

Independent living  
resources for prospective  
post-secondary students!



# Attendant Services

Attendants are support staff who provide physical assistance with routine activities of daily living. Service users are responsible for **directing, training, and instructing** their attendants on where they need support and how to fit their needs



Attendants offer different types of care in various settings such as:

- at home, school or place of work
- on a regular, prescheduled basis
- on an on-call basis
- in specific accessible buildings
- in a shared living situation



# Scholarships

## Bursary for Students with Disabilities & Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment

*For students with a permanent, prolonged, or persistent physical disability with status verified for OSAP purposes*

BSWD - \$2000, with individual items subject to individual funding maximums  
CSG-DSE - \$20,000, with eligible items subject to individual funding maximums

## Empowered Kids Ontario Scholarship Program

*For students with a permanent physical disability enrolled in a degree program*

Six scholarships of \$2500

## Tamara Gordon Foundation Scholarship

*For students with a permanent physical disability enrolled in a degree program*

Financial awards ranging from \$750-\$3000

## Easter Seals Scholarships

*For students with a permanent physical disability enrolled in post-secondary education*

Various scholarship amounts

# Direct Funding

The Direct Funding program is a partnership between CILT and the Ontario Network of Independent Living Centres. It enables those with physical disabilities to receive monthly funds for attendants of their own choosing, to schedule as they please. This entails recruiting, hiring, scheduling, and paying their own attendants



- Allows for more freedom to schedule and control when, where, and how you want services
- Requires greater independence
- Funding amounts are determined by the level of assistance required