

Student Loans Calculations Guide

This guide will help you approximate the amount of student loan funding you can expect to receive. Knowing in advance your approximate Student Loan funding can help you prepare and budget for the school year ahead.

The table below is the basic calculation used when assessing all applications for student aid. Use this calculation guide to approximate your resources and allowable expenses to estimate what you assessed need may be.

Allowable Expenses		Resources		Assessed Need
Tuition and student fees	-	Student contribution	=	The amount you receive will not exceed the maximum amount of loan funding.
Books and supplies		Income, savings, RESP's, etc.		
Living allowance		Scholarships and Bursaries		
Return travel allowance		Parent and Spouse Contributions		

Expected Parental Contribution:

A Parental Contribution Calculator is available online at the CanLearn.ca website. ([link to page](#))
or

You can also calculate your expected parental contribution manually using the below calculations.

Step 1:

Calculate your family's discretionary income by completing the following:

Total Family Income*	-	Total CPP & EI Contributions**	-	Total Income Tax Payable***	-	Moderate Standard of Living Allowance (See Table Below)	=	Discretionary Income
_____	-	_____	-	_____	-	_____	=	_____

*Total family income (current Income Tax Returns, line 150)

**CPP and EI contributions (lines 308 and 312)

***Total income tax payable (line 435)

Moderate Standard of Living Allowance (MSOL)	
Family Size	MSOL
2	37,163
3	47,246
4	54,402
5	59,949
6	64,483
7	68,315
8	71,643
9	74,566

Step 2:

Calculate your weekly parental contribution using your parents "Discretionary Income" from above.

If your Annual Discretionary Income is \$0 - \$7,000:

$$\frac{\text{Annual Discretionary Income}}{\text{Income}} \times 0.15 = \text{(A)} \qquad \frac{\text{(A)}}{52} = \text{Weekly Parental Contribution}$$

If your Annual Discretionary Income is \$7,001 - \$14,000:

$$\frac{\text{Annual Discretionary Income} - \$7,000}{\text{Income minus } \$7,000} \times 0.20 + \$1,050 = \text{(A)} \qquad \frac{\text{(A)}}{52} = \text{Weekly Parental Contribution}$$

If your Annual Discretionary Income is \$14,001 and over:

$$\frac{\text{Annual Discretionary Income} - \$14,000}{\text{Income minus } \$14,000} \times 0.40 + \$2,450 = \text{(A)} \qquad \frac{\text{(A)}}{52} = \text{Weekly Parental Contribution}$$

Step 3:

You can now calculate your approximate expected parental contribution for your study period.

Weekly Parental Contribution	X	Number of weeks in study period	÷	Number of dependents currently attending post-secondary Education	=	Expected Parental Contribution
_____	X	_____	÷	_____	=	_____

Expected Student Contribution:

How much am I expected to contribute? (a minimum student contribution may apply)

You are expected to contribute to your education expense with earnings from your pre-study period, based on the number of work weeks available. Even if you do not work full time, you are expected to have the minimum pre-study contribution described below:

- High school: 10 weeks (**\$1,100**)
- College: 14 weeks, possibly (**\$1,550**)
- University or workforce: 18 weeks (**\$2,000**)

Pre-study earnings:

You are expected to contribute **80 per cent** of your discretionary income (gross income after tax deductions and living allowance). Weekly living allowances are described below.

Study period income:

You must report all part-time earnings from work during your study period. A **\$100 per week exemption** for these earnings will be applied automatically.

Other financial resources:

If you have other resources or income supports, you are expected to use them, e.g. investments, training allowances, scholarships and bursaries, alimony or maintenance benefits, RESP's, etc.

Use the following calculation to obtain your approximate Expected Student Contribution.

$$\begin{array}{rcccl}
 \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \text{Discretionary Income} \\ \text{(A-B-C = Discretionary} \\ \text{Income)} \end{array}} & \times & \boxed{0.80} & = & \boxed{\text{Expected Student} \\ \text{Contribution}} \\
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 \text{(Discretionary Income)} & \times & 0.80 & = & \text{Expected Student Contribution}
 \end{array}$$

A. Gross Income:

What you earned during your pre-study period before payroll deductions.

B. Tax Deductions:

Gross monthly income Pre-Study Income X average tax deduction (%)

- \$1-1,499 (6.83%) X 0.0683
- \$1,500-2,000 (7.09%) X 0.0706
- \$3,000-4,400 (7.88%) X 0.0788
- \$4,500-5,000 (9.99%) X 0.0999
- \$6,000 and over (12.82%) X 0.1282

C. Weekly Living Allowance

Province	Single student at home	Single student living away	Single parent student	Married Student and Spouse	Allowance per dependant
PEI	\$110	\$221	\$282	\$439	\$114
NB	\$105	\$220	\$290	\$438	\$110
NS	\$109	\$234	\$304	\$468	\$120
NL	\$100	\$230	\$295	\$447	\$108
QC	\$110	\$234	\$292	\$426	\$121
ON	\$113	\$272	\$345	\$520	\$145
MB	\$114	\$248	\$287	\$462	\$133
SK	\$113	\$267	\$350	\$520	\$118
AB	\$122	\$256	\$311	\$493	\$134
BC	\$119	\$320	\$419	\$652	\$151

Return Travel Allowance:

Province of Study	Amount
PEI	\$250
NB/NS	\$500
NL	\$1,000
QC	\$900
ON	\$1,000
MB	\$1,100
SK/AB/BC	\$1,200

Who can I contact for help with my calculations?

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Please Note: This Calculation Guide is for estimation purposes only and your actual assessment result may vary.