



DSAHA Bursary Support program

This program will allow member families[1] who have a family member with Down syndrome or the member[2] him or herself has Down syndrome access to up to \$750 on an annual basis[3] in funds to support and/or subsidize an intervention (s) of choice (*see Appendix A for activities/interventions that would qualify under the program*).

Eligible families will be expected to pay for approved service/intervention and they will be reimbursed by DSAH, upon the submission of receipts, providing it fits the criteria. Where it is not possible for a family to pay up front for a qualifying intervention, the DSAH Executive Board will consider assistance in advance.

Purpose

To allow the individual needs of our membership to be recognized and to give families the opportunity to make personal choices in selecting additional supports to enrich the lives of our children and adults with Down syndrome.

In order to qualify for this program:

- Your membership must be current
- You must provide invoices for approved service by March 31 of the fiscal year in which the service took place (*was rendered*)
- To be eligible for 'therapy' funding, the therapist must be a registered therapist (i.e. registered physiotherapist, occupational therapist etc...)
- Invoices submitted under this program must not be covered by work or private insurance.

Administration of the program

Two DSAH Executive Board members will be assigned the lead responsibility for the administration of this program. One of these members will be the Treasurer and one other as agreed by the Board. This other member will act as the Lead of the Bursary Support Program.



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Where members have questions about whether or not a certain support would qualify under this program or if they are unsure of their eligibility the member should contact one of the Lead (or Chair of the Bursary Support Committee). If there is any dispute as to eligibility, the Lead and the Treasurer should consult with the President of the Board or his or her designate for resolution.

Members should try to submit receipts soon after the service is rendered. These should be submitted to the Lead who will keep a log of activity and payments required. This will be passed to the Treasurer who arrange for the family to be reimbursed. The Treasurer will keep a financial log of the program.

The Lead will report to the Board on a monthly basis on the usage of the Bursary Support Program.



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Appendix A

Qualified services and interventions

Therapies:

- Occupational therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Music therapy
- Vision therapy
- Auditory therapy
- Speech and language therapy
- Therapeutic horse back riding

Education

- Nutrition & healthy eating habits
- Tutoring assistance for reading, writing and mathematics
- Employment skills

Assistive Devices

- iPad
- ipod
- Laptops
- Adaptive bicycles
- Any recommended paediatric equipment

[1] The family must be a paid member for the fiscal year in which the support plan is sought.

[2] The individual must be a paid member for the fiscal year in which the support plan is sought.

[3] As per the fiscal year of DSAH (April 1 – March 31)