



# COVID-19: AVAILABLE RESOURCES

*We're here for you!*

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# INVITATION

Join me tomorrow, Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 10 am via Facebook Live to celebrate Canada Day!

I will be accompanied by singer Tim Brink and the six special citizens who made outstanding contributions to our community during the pandemic.

Join me through my Facebook page @mclaudibibeau



# SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS

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## CANADIAN STUDENT SERVICE GRANT

The **Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG)** is a program that allows post-secondary students and graduates to help a non-profit organization in their community meet the challenges created by COVID-19.

The CSSG program will run from June 25, 2020 to October 31, 2020, and will offer eligible students and recent graduates the opportunity to serve their community and receive a grant ranging from \$ 1,000 to \$ 5,000.

### Eligibility

To be eligible, the applicant must:

- Be registered full-time or part-time in a recognized post-secondary program in spring-summer 2020 or fall 2020, or have completed their post-secondary studies in December 2019 or later;
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, have Indian status or have refugee status.

Students studying abroad are also eligible, provided they currently live in Canada.

Students who receive the Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB) are eligible for the scholarship while those who receive the Canada Emergency Benefit (CEB) are not eligible for the CSSG.

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## CANADIAN STUDENT SERVICE GRANT

### Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities, both virtual and in person, with charitable or non-profit organizations are published on the *I want to help* portal (<https://bit.ly/3dJzQvq>).

To apply for volunteer opportunities, you will need to prove your eligibility and provide:

- A valid identity document;
- Proof of registration from a recognized post-secondary school for the spring-summer 2020 or fall 2020 session;
- Proof of graduation dated December 2019 at the latest.

The deadline to register and apply is **August 21, 2020**.

### CSSG Grant Levels

The CSSG may be between \$ 1,000 and \$ 5,000 depending on the number of hours of volunteer work.

Note that the grant is only offered in increments of \$ 1,000 for each hundred hours of volunteer time worked.

Depending on the number of hours, applicants will receive:

- \$ 1,000 for 100 hours of volunteer work;
- \$ 2,000 for 200 hours of volunteer work;
- \$ 3,000 for 300 hours of volunteer work;
- \$ 4,000 for 400 hours of volunteer work;
- \$ 5,000 for 500 hours of volunteer work.

Students with questions can contact [support@iwanttohelp.org](mailto:support@iwanttohelp.org) or 1-833-521-0117.

For more information: <https://bit.ly/2BPZDEP>

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## SUPPORTING QUEBEC

Since April 2020, the **Canadian Armed Forces (CAF)** have sent medical support teams to long-term care centres in Quebec. Over 1,000 CAF members have provided assistance to employees and residents in long-term care centres.

Starting July 6, 2020, the Government of Canada will continue to offer its support through the deployment of a new Canadian Red Cross civilian humanitarian force to the facilities that are in greatest need.

Red Cross resources are expected to be in place until September 15, 2020. Until September 15, the CAF military personnel will remain ready to respond in any emergency.

For more information: <https://bit.ly/31wXbhk>

## TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF CANADA

As some countries prepare to partially reopen their borders, the Government of Canada reminds all Canadians to avoid non-essential travel outside the country.

For more information: <https://bit.ly/3gd37QJ>

# SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

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## EMERGENCY ACCOUNT FOR CANADIAN COMPANIES

The **Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)**, fully funded by the Government of Canada, offers interest-free loans of up to \$ 40,000 to small businesses and non-profit organizations.

The CEBA eligibility criteria have recently been extended so that more small businesses can have access to it.

As of June 26, 2020, small businesses operated by owners with no payroll, sole proprietors who directly earn business income, and private family companies that pay dividends to their employees rather than wages can apply through their financial institution.

Applicants will have to demonstrate that they have eligible non-deferred expenses that total between \$ 40,000 CAD and \$ 1,500,000 CAD in 2020.

**Major Canadian banks are now accepting applications with the new expanded criteria.** Gradually, all 230 financial institutions will adapt their offer and update the criteria.

For more information: <https://ceba-cuec.ca/>

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## I WANT TO HELP

The *I want to help* portal can make it easier for charitable and non-profit organizations to recruit volunteers for their activities response to COVID-19.

In essence, the portal connects organizations with students who wish to serve their community. To recruit volunteers, organizations must register on the portal (<https://bit.ly/3ggFPcv>).

Volunteer placement must meet the following criteria:

- Take place in Canada;
- Support Canada's response to COVID-19;
- Respect public health guidelines;
- Provide a rewarding experience for the volunteer;
- Take place over a period of at least 4 weeks between June 25 and October 31 at a rate of 2 hours per week minimum.

Organizations have until **August 21** to submit their volunteer opportunities.

For more information: <https://bit.ly/2VNEGBN>

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## YOUNG CANADA WORKS

The Young Canada Works in Both Official Languages is a summer jobs program that enables eligible employers to benefit from wage subsidies to and access a pool of talented youth with innovative ideas and competitive skills.

The positions last from 6 to 16 weeks and students must work 30 to 40 hours per week.

Thanks to additional funding from Canadian heritage, all positions will now be subsidized at 100% of the student's salary and these measures also apply for fall and winter positions in order to continue supporting organisations and companies get through the COVID-19 crisis.

An employer may be eligible for funding if it is:

- A private, public, non-profit organization, or a municipality;
- Incorporated;
- Involved in national, provincial, territorial, municipal or community activities;
- Willing to hire young people from other regions of Canada;
- Conducting activities in both official languages; and
- Stable and financially healthy.

This program is open until the funds are exhausted.

For more information: <https://bit.ly/2Bicvns>



# SECTORAL SUPPORT

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## SUPPORTING THE TOURISM SECTOR IN QUEBEC

The tourism sector has been hit hard by COVID-19 and the impact continues to be felt. To support the tourism sector and revive activities, the Government of Canada recently announced additional financial assistance totaling more than \$ 30 million.

Of this amount, the Quebec Tourism Industry Alliance will be able to count on \$ 13.5 million to offer financial support to tourism SMEs in Quebec. These funds can be used to for targeted advertising campaigns, as well as to help companies implement measures required to comply with new health standards.

In addition, the Alliance will grant non-repayable contributions to tourism SMEs primarily from the accommodation, attractions and tourist services sectors. In this way, beneficiaries will be able to finance improvements to their infrastructure and purchase protective equipment in order to comply with public health rules.

For more information: <https://bit.ly/2BN9uv7>

# INFORMATION ON OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE CURRENTLY OPEN

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**Canada Emergency Business Account** (<https://ceba-cuec.ca/>): Open

**Regional Relief and Recovery Fund** (<https://bit.ly/2Yvdbi0>): Open until funds are exhausted

**Regional Relief and Recovery Fund** (<https://bit.ly/3g18ySP>) – Non-refundable financial support component for technical assistance: Open until funds are exhausted

**Local Food Infrastructure Fund** (<https://bit.ly/2VwlG9s>): Open until funds are exhausted

**Young Canada Works in Both Official Languages** (<https://bit.ly/2Bicvns>): Open until funds are exhausted

**Mandatory Isolation Support for Temporary Foreign Workers Program** (<https://bit.ly/2VimgbO>): Open until June 30, 2020

**Business Resilience Service Hotline** (<https://bit.ly/2Z71sVX>): Open until July 2, 2020

**AgriStability** (<https://bit.ly/2VjgBSX>): Open until July 3, 2020

**Enabling Accessibility Fund** (<https://bit.ly/37YXAdu>): Open until July 13, 2020

## **Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF)**

Centraide Estrie (<https://bit.ly/2z6zgJZ>): Open until July 17, 2020

Estrie Community Foundation (<https://bit.ly/3fVf4dE>) : Open until July 27, 2020

Canadian Red Cross (<https://bit.ly/2CGdeiy>): Open until July 31, 2020

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**Emergency Processing Fund** (<https://bit.ly/31g55eJ>): Open until July 31, 2020

**Surplus Food Rescue Program** (<https://bit.ly/3dEqLh6>): Open until July 31, 2020 or until funds are fully committed

**Equipment and Training Program on Prevention of Disease Transmission** (<https://bit.ly/2NsFSpr>) : Open until July 31, 2020

**Canada Student Service Grant** (<https://bit.ly/2VwZLjM>) : Open until August 21, 2020

**I want to help** (<https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/volunteer>) : Open until August 21, 2020

**Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy** (<https://bit.ly/2Vk7JfN>): Open until August 29, 2020

**Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance** (<https://bit.ly/3dFe8c1>): Open until August 31, 2020

**Canada Emergency Student Benefit** (<https://bit.ly/2NqLvEJ>): Open until September 30, 2020

**Canada Emergency Response Benefit** (<https://bit.ly/2YvHLYI>): Open until October 3rd, 2020

# BEST SANITARY PRACTICES

To have up-to-date information concerning the coronavirus, we invite you to contact:

- The Canadian Government Website : <https://bit.ly/2QFBAwY>
- Phone **1-833-347-4397** (toll free).

If ever you are experiencing symptoms (fever, cough or difficulty breathing), contact **1-877-644-4545** (toll free).

For more information on ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the **workplace**, consult the following link: <https://bit.ly/3adWvz3>.



Public health experts recommend that we:

- Limit our contact with other people by practicing social distancing;
- Frequently wash our hands for a minimum of 20 seconds;
- Use an alcohol-based sanitizer if we don't have access to water and soap;
- Cough and sneeze in a tissue or in the crux of our arm
- Avoid touching our eyes, nose or mouth if we haven't previously washed our hands;
- Use approved sanitizers to clean hard surfaces;
- Clean surfaces that are frequently touched (telephones, door handles, etc...)

To learn more on risk prevention, consult the following link: <https://bit.ly/2Uv9d5M> or send an email to [phac.inof.aspc@canada.ca](mailto:phac.inof.aspc@canada.ca).