



Plan your child's education

SAVINGS.

It pays to save!



As a parent, you do your best to help your child succeed today and tomorrow. You may have already started thinking about your child's education after high school.

The Government of Canada can help you save in a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP).

Registered Education Savings Plan

An RESP is an education savings account registered with the Government of Canada. It helps you, your family and friends put money aside for your child's education after high school.

With an RESP, you could receive:

- the Canada Learning Bond; and
- the Canada Education Savings Grant.



Canada Learning Bond

The Canada Learning Bond (CLB) is \$500 offered by the Government of Canada to help you start saving now for your child's education after high school.

Your child could also get an additional \$100 each year up to age 15, to a lifetime maximum of \$2,000!

Your child is eligible for the Canada Learning Bond if:

- he or she was born in 2004 or later; and
- you are receiving or have received the National Child Benefit Supplement (NCBS), also known as the "family allowance" or "baby bonus".

No contribution is required to receive the Canada Learning Bond, but you must open an RESP.

This money can be used to pay for full-time or part-time studies in:

- apprenticeship programs
- CEGEPs
- colleges
- trade schools
- universities

The Canada Learning Bond and the Canada Education Savings Grant will not affect other Government of Canada benefits.

Every parent wants their child to achieve their dreams and live a happy and successful life.

How to open a RESP and apply for the Canada Learning Bond

It's quite simple!

Step 1. Get a Social Insurance Number (SIN) for yourself and for your child. Go to servicecanada.gc.ca to find out how.

Step 2. Make an appointment with a participating financial institution of your choice.

Step 3. Open an RESP and apply for the Canada Learning Bond.





Choosing the Right RESP

You can open an RESP at a financial institution such as a bank or credit union, or through a certified financial planner or a group plan dealer. These institutions, planners and dealers are known as “RESP providers”.



Choosing the right RESP for you

Your RESP provider can help you choose the type of RESP that is right for you.

These are three types of RESPs:

Family RESPs: Ideal if you have more than 1 child. You can save for all of your children using only one family RESP.

Individual RESPs: Ideal if you are not related to the child and you want to save in an RESP.

Group RESPs: Ideal if you can make regular payments throughout the term of the RESP without making any withdrawals. Your savings are combined with those of other people and the earnings are shared when it's time to pay for school.

What do I need to know when choosing an RESP provider?

It is important to choose the provider that best suits your needs.

Questions to ask your RESP Provider

- Do you offer the Canada Learning Bond, the basic and additional Canada Education Savings Grant or a provincial education savings incentive?
- What types of RESPs do you offer (family, individual and group)?
- Do I have to pay fees for:
 - * opening an RESP?
 - * withdrawing money from an RESP?
 - * managing my RESP?
 - * services and commissions?
- What will happen if I can no longer make my payments regularly?
- What will happen if my child does not continue his or her education after high school?
- If I have to close my RESP account early, will I:
 - * have to pay fees or penalties?
 - * get back the money I contributed to the plan?
 - * be able to transfer the money to another type of RESP?

Also available!

The Canada Education Savings Grant

Basic Grant




No matter how much money your family makes, the Government of Canada will add 20% on the first \$2,500 you save in an RESP per year.


Your child could receive up to \$500 a year with this grant and up to a lifetime maximum of \$7,200.

Additional Grant

Your child could also receive an additional 10% or 20% on the first \$500 you save per year, depending on your family income.

Where can I get more information?

-  **Visit** CanLearn.ca
-  **Call** 1-800-622-6232,
TTY 1-800-926-9105
-  **Visit** the nearest Service Canada Centre



Canada Revenue Agency

Individual income tax inquiries
1-800-959-7383 www.cra-arc.gc.ca

Financial Consumer Agency of Canada

1-866-461-3222 www.fcac.gc.ca

