

Funding Sources in Alberta

1. President's Choice Children's Charity supports children with special needs by providing financial grants for essential specialized equipment and therapies through individual grants. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the charity at 1-866-996-9918, or by email at pccharity@loblaw.ca.
2. The Children's Ability Fund is one of Alberta's oldest and longest serving funding sources; they provide funding for specialized equipment for children and young adults throughout Alberta. Application is available online
3. Lions International provides assistance for scholarships and educational needs for children and youth with vision loss. To locate a Lions Club in or near your community, go to the website www.lionsclubs.org and you will find detailed instructions on how to search through the club locator webpage.
4. The Military Police Fund for Blind Children is run and managed totally by Military Police volunteers. It remains unique in Canada, as the only official authorized 'military' charity in the country. Members of the Military Police, including other military and civilian community members, become personally involved in fund raising activities for the Blind Fund. They involve themselves with funding recipients, visit visually impaired children in many different environments, and invite them to Canadian Forces bases to learn more about the Canadian Military. In every Military Police unit, regardless of size or geographic location, you will find a Blind Fund representative. Their goals are: to financially provide support to children and young adults with vision loss (up to 21 yrs.) and to support charitable organizations and individuals involved in the education, training and recreation of blind and visually impaired children and young adults.

[Click here to view the application procedures for the MPFBC](#)

[Click here to view additional notes about applying for the MPFBC](#)

5. Alberta Society for The Visually Impaired (ASVI) is a registered non-profit society with northern and southern Alberta chapters. Due to the hard work of ASVI Edmonton/Calgary volunteers, they are able to offer funding for products not supplied by other organizations or schools. For more information, go to ASVI (Edmonton or Calgary) which ever one you are closest to and click on education/funding and you will find application forms ready to download. You need to be a member to apply. Membership information (\$5.00 per family per year) is located on the website on the home page.
6. CNIB Specialized Technical Equipment Program (STEP) provides consumer products and assistive technology to Albertans with significant vision loss. Equipment funding is supported by a grant from the Alberta Aids to Daily Living Program, Ministry of Health. STEP is a cost-share program. Clients and STEP share the cost of approved benefits received through the program. Low income clients may

be cost-share exempt. Contact the CNIB office closest to you for more information.
www.cnib.ca.