

# ALL ABOUT THE CANADA STUDENT SERVICE GRANT

DEADLINE IS AUGUST 21

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#### What is the CSSG?

The Federal Government launched the Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG) portal, that connects qualified postsecondary students and recent graduates with volunteer opportunities to support Canada's response to COVID-19.

#### How much is it?

In recognition for their service, eligible students can receive a grant of between \$1,000 and \$5,000, depending on the number of hours worked.

### You qualify if:

- you are enrolled and attending post-secondary education during spring, summer or fall 2020; or
- have graduated from PSE no earlier than December 2019; and
- are 30 years old or younger as of December 31st,
  2020; and
- are a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, First Nation, Métis or Inuit, or those with Refugee status.

Those who meet the eligibility criteria can receive the Grant for volunteering between June 25 and October 31, 2020. Students who study abroad are also eligible, but they must be currently living in Canada.

## You DON'T qualify if:

- are an International student
- are a mature student over the age of 30
- are already receiving or have received the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

While the grant does provide support to some students, many students will be left out. Canada needs a program that doesn't leave anyone behind.

The Canadian Federation of Students has a template, which students can use to call Minister Qualtrough, the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development, and Disability Inclusion, to ask for an expansion of the Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB) to include international students and make the CESB \$2000 per month.

# Applying for Volunteer Opportunities

Once you've confirmed you meet the eligibility criteria, you can start searching for service opportunities at iwanttohelp.org. You have until August 21, 2020 to apply. If you are already volunteering with a charity or not-forprofit organization and would like your hours to count towards the Canada Student Service Grant, the organization you're volunteering with can submit the opportunity for approval before August 21st, 2020.

Once you've found an opportunity, create your account and apply at iwanttohelp.org.

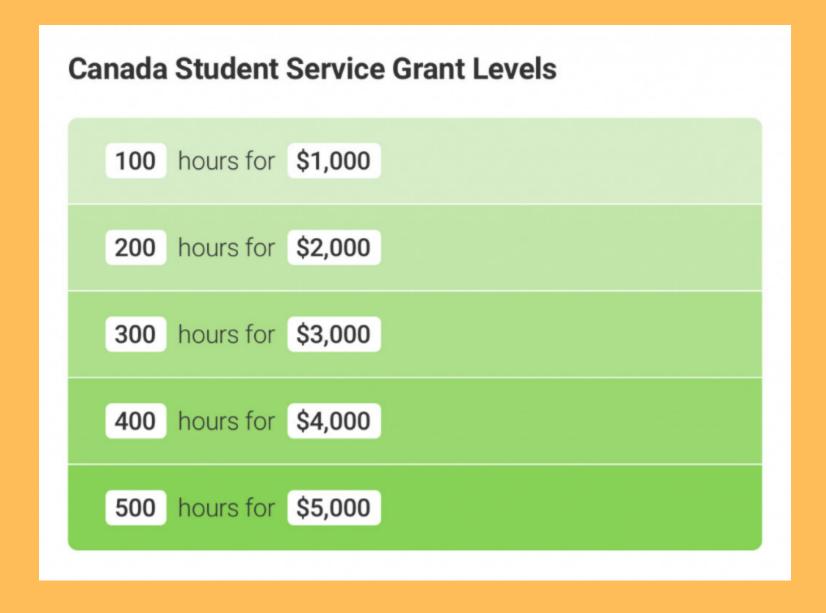
#### You will need:

A piece of identification such as a valid driver's license, provincial or territorial identification, or, a valid passport; and

A proof of registration from a recognized post-secondary institution for Spring/Summer 2020 or Fall 2020; **or** a proof of graduation from no earlier than December 2019.

#### Track your hours:

Remember to track your hours once you start volunteering at the place of your choice. The organization will assign you a supervisor who will be able to approve your volunteer hours as you complete them. The more volunteer hours you work between June 25 and October 31, 2020, the higher the grant amount you will be eligible to receive.



## Questions?

#### Call or email:

1 (833) 521-0117 support@iwanttohelp.org

#### **Hours:**

Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 8:00 pm EST

For more information, please review the eligibility details and application requirements at jobbank.gc.ca.