

Tuition Support Program

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The Tuition Support Program (TSP) is of interest to families who have a child with specific special needs and who want to access education outside of the public school system.

The TSP provides financial support to students with **Attention Deficit Disorder, Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, Autism Spectrum Disorder** or **Learning Disabilities** to attend one of three special education private schools in the province.

Currently, students can receive the TSP for a maximum of four years.

In order to be eligible for the TSP:

- The student must have been diagnosed as having one of the special needs listed above by a licensed physician, or registered psychologist or candidate-registered psychologist.
- You must have secured a placement for the student for the 2009-2010 school year in one of the three special education private schools (Bridgeway Academy and Churchill Academy in Dartmouth or Landmark East School in Wolfville).
- The student must have attended a public school in NS for at least one year.
- The student must have been on an Individualized Program Plan (IPP) for the 2008-2009 school year.

- You must explain how you think the programs and services offered by the special education private school will have a positive effect on the student's behavior and learning.

For the 2009-2010 school year, the funding provided by the Tuition Support Program is \$6,600. Students who are approved for the TSP, are also eligible to apply for the Tuition Supplement, which can cover up to 90% of the cost of tuition, depending on family income.

The application deadline for the Tuition Support Program is March 1, 2009.

You can download the application at:

<http://tuitionsupport.ednet.ns.ca/info-forms.shtml>

You can find more information about the TSP at:

<http://tuitionsupport.ednet.ns.ca/index.shtml>

or by phoning Regional Education Services at (902) 424-5799.

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