

Ontario Learn and Stay Grant (OLSG) FAQs for Students

When will applications for the grant open?

Applications for the grant will open in spring each year, along with the OSAP application.

What happens if I withdraw or fail out of the program?

If students withdraw from their studies or do not meet the service requirement after graduation, the full amount of the grant will be converted to an Ontario Student Loan and will be administered as part of the Canada-Ontario Integrated Student Loan. A cohort deferral review may be considered for exceptional circumstances that require a student to leave studies temporarily.

What are the requirements of the service commitment?

Upon completion of their studies, students must complete a relevant, paid service commitment in the region where they studied for a minimum of six months for every year of full-time study funded by this grant. For example, a graduate of the 2-year Practical Nursing program will be required to work for 360 days (two periods of 180 days).

How would a reduced course load impact the service requirement?

The service requirement will be prorated to reflect the course load the student took. For example, 60 per cent of a full course load in a year would result in a minimum service requirement of 108 days (i.e., 60 per cent of 180 days).

What happens if students cannot fulfil the service commitment after they graduate?

Students have up to six months following their graduation to find an acceptable role that fulfils their service commitment. If they are unable to fulfil their service commitment, the full amount of their grant will be converted to an Ontario Student Loan, which will need to be paid back to the ministry.

How can students decide which funding program will better meet their needs, and can students change their minds after receiving funding?

The Learn and Stay application process will start with an information session which will provide students with an overview of the grant, the financial supports they can expect to receive and their obligations as recipients of the grant. Students will be required to read the information session prior to proceeding with the application.

If students change their mind after starting their program with Learn and Stay funding, they have the option to apply for full-time OSAP to be considered for funding for any remaining years of their studies. However, grant funding they received from Learn and Stay will be converted to a loan, which they will be required to pay back to the ministry.

Students can apply for and receive funding from both OLSG and OSAP at the same time to assist with program costs and living expenses.