

Diverse Learners Recovery Fund for Students with Disabilities

We encourage Chicago families of students with disabilities to apply for a chance to receive a one-time financial assistance payment.

- \$500 PER STUDENT
- UP TO TWO STUDENTS PER HOUSEHOLD



For a list of documents that can be used to prove eligibility, see the back side of this flyer.



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Reside in the City of Chicago
- Household Income < 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- Student currently enrolled in a K-12 Public or Private School
- Student has a Disability covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

WHAT IS THE DIVERSE LEARNERS RECOVERY FUND?

The Diverse Learners Recovery Fund, a collaboration between the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) and Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc., is dedicated to aiding families of students with disabilities impacted by COVID-19. It operates as a lottery-style grant drawing, offering a one-time cash grant of \$500 to eligible students with disabilities. Up to 8,000 will be selected through the lottery to receive the grant. Applying for the grant will not guarantee that you will receive the funds.

HOW TO APPLY:

Eligible parents or guardians can learn more and apply online at www.AdaMOPD.com or use the QR Code. For questions, email MOPD@adasmckinley.org or visit the Frequently Asked Questions section of the website. **Please note that completing an application does not guarantee that you will receive the funds.**

You can also use this QR Code to Learn More and Apply by pointing your phone camera at the code, then tapping the banner that appears.



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List of Acceptable Documents That Can Be Used as Proof of Eligibility

You will need to have at least one verification document for each bolded section listed below. For household income, you may need multiple documents, including information from other household members.

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- **Proof of identity, including residency:** Driver's licenses, State ID, US Passport, City Key ID, Military ID, or other document that shows your name and current city of Chicago address.
- **Proof of income requirement:** Public Aid Determination Letter (SNAP, TANF, etc.), current award letter for (Social Security Income) SSI /(Social Security Disability Income) SSDI Income, pension/annuity income, paycheck stubs covering 30 days or employer's letter on letterhead giving monthly income, unemployment benefits, child support documents, 2022 or 2023 tax returns, 2023 W-2s, VA benefits, verified enrollment in the Federal Free or Reduced Priced Lunch program, or other documents showing income.
- **Proof of legal guardianship of student:** Birth Certificate, adoption certificate, foster care agreement, or other document showing legal relationship to child.
- **Proof of student being enrolled in school:** Report card, enrollment documentation, Free or Reduced Lunch Program, current class schedule, other document showing current enrollment in public, private or charter school.
- **Proof of child's disability:** SSDI determination letter, Individualized Educational Plan (IEP), 504 Plan, a doctor's note providing verification of a disability or other official document verifying disability.



For more information on the Diverse Learners Fund, including when and where to apply, see the front side of this flyer or visit the official website at www.AdaMOPD.com.