

INTERIM COVID-19 SUPPORT PROGRAMS:
**SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT
PROGRAM**

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) has put in place several *MNO COVID-19 Support Programs* to provide emergency financial supports to help affected MNO Citizens and families. Through the **MNO Special Needs Support Program** MNO Citizens with special needs children aged 0-21 years can receive a one-time benefit of **\$500 per child** with special needs up to a maximum of \$2,000 per family to provide assistance during this time of physical distancing. This benefit is limited to one per household.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Parent or Child must be a citizen of the Metis Nation of Ontario and reside in Ontario**
 - o A copy of MNO citizenship must be included
- **Child(ren) must be:**
 - o Child with special need diagnosis aged 0-21
 - o Please note: Families with children aged 0-12 also qualify for the MNO Family Emergency Fund, Technology Fund, and Food Security Fund.
- **Provide proof of child(ren)'s age (i.e. copy of a birth certificate, passport, health card, etc.)**
- **Supporting documentation that confirm your child's diagnosis. Approved documentation includes:**
 - o Letter from your child's doctor or psychologist confirming your child's diagnosis
 - o Psychological Assessment
 - o Proof that your child qualifies for the Disability Tax Credit
 - o Additional information on who may qualify for the Disability Tax Credit, please visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/information-medical-practitioners/eligibility-criteria-disability-tax-credit.html>
 - o You can also provide a screen shot from Revenue Canada indicating your child is entitled to the Disability Tax Credit. This information can be found in the Benefits and Credits tab.
 - o Official IPRC letter from your child's District School Board
- **Must not be receiving emergency support from any other provincial Métis Government**

Funds will be paid to MNO Citizens via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Please attach a void cheque or direct deposit slip to your application.

