

Equipment Loan Fund for the Disabled

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services' Equipment Loan Fund for the Disabled can help you purchase equipment that will improve the quality of your daily life.

Who Can Get A Loan?

All residents of New York State who are disabled are eligible. Money is loaned either directly to the person with the disability or to another individual responsible for that person.

What Types Of Disabilities Qualify?

Persons with a wide range of mental or physical disabilities may qualify under this program. A New York State licensed physician must certify that the person is disabled.



What Equipment Is Covered?

Equipment that assists the person with the disability, to overcoming barriers of daily living, is covered.

Some examples are:

Wheelchairs, wheelchair van lifts, ramps (does not include the actual vehicle), communication devices for the deaf and hearing impaired, prosthetic devices, and devices that allow persons who are blind or visually impaired to discern printed material. This list is not all-inclusive.

The Equipment Loan Fund for the Disabled is a loan program to assist New York State residents in obtaining essential adaptive equipment they might not otherwise be able to afford.

How Are Applications Approved?

Completed applications are reviewed by a loan committee comprised of representatives of various state agencies that serve persons with disabilities. The application Form (OCFS-4584) can be found at <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cb/equiploanfunds.asp> and submitted by email or by mail.

What Are The Terms Of The Equipment Loan?

- Minimum loan of \$500
- Maximum loan of \$4,000
- The repayment period is two to eight years, depending on the loan amount, at the discretion of the borrower.
- The interest rate is currently set at four percent per year.

How May I Apply For A Loan?

For information and an
application Form (OCFS-4584)
write, call or email:

**Equipment Loan
Fund for the Disabled**
New York State Office of
Children and Family Services
52 Washington Street
Rensselaer, NY 12144
Phone: (518) 474-0197
Email: ocfs.sm.ELF@ocfs.ny.gov

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Visit our website:
[http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cb/
equiploanfund.asp](http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cb/equiploanfund.asp)



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If you have complaints about a
child care provider, call the
Child Care Complaint Line at
1-800-732-5207

For foster care and
adoption information, call:
1-800-345-KIDS (5437)

To report child abuse or
maltreatment, call:
1-800-342-3720

For the Adult Services Helpline:
1-844-697-3505

For information on the Abandoned
Infant Protection Act, call:
1-866-505-SAFE (7233)

For information on services for
the blind, call:
**1-866-871-3000 or
1-866-871-6000 TDD**

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Do You Need Adaptive
Equipment?**

