How May I Apply For A Loan?

For information and applications write to:

**Equipment Loan Fund for the Disabled**
New York State Office of Children & Family Services
52 Washington Street
Rensselaer, NY 12144
Phone: (518) 474-0197

Visit our website:


NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

Capital View Office Park
52 Washington Street
Rensselaer, NY 12144
Visit our website at:

[ocfs.ny.gov](http://ocfs.ny.gov)

For child care, foster care and adoption information, call:

1-800-345-KIDS (5437)

To report child abuse and neglect, call:

1-800-342-3720

To report adult abuse call:

1-800-342-3009

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

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State of New York

“Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services will make this material available in large print or in an appropriate format upon request.”

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Who Can Get A Loan?
Disabled residents of New York State are eligible. Money is loaned either directly to the disabled person or to another person responsible for the individual.

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 individual is disabled.

What Equipment Is Covered?
Equipment that assists the disabled person to overcome barriers of daily living is covered. Some examples are: Wheelchairs, wheelchair van lifts, ramps, communication devices for the deaf and hearing impaired, prosthetic devices, and devices which allow persons who are blind or visually impaired to discern printed material.

This list is not all inclusive and other equipment would be considered.

How Are Applications Approved?
Completed applications are reviewed by a loan committee comprised of representatives of various state agencies that serve persons with disabilities.

What Are The Terms Of The The Equipment Loan?
- Minimum loan of $500.
- Maximum loan of $4,000.
- The repayment period is 2 to 8 years, depending on the loan amount, at the discretion of the borrower.
- The interest rate is currently set at 4 percent per year.