ONTARIO DISABILITY SUPPORT PROGRAM (ODSP)

WHAT IS IT?
Social Assistance Program for individuals with a disability that provides income support for living expenses.

HOW TO APPLY
There are 3 ways to apply
1. Fill out application form, online.
2. Apply in person at your local ODSP office
3. By phone

FOR MORE INFORMATION
To find your local ODSP office and for more information, visit:

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Must meet the following qualifications:
1. You must live in Ontario and be at least 18 years old
2. You must be in financial need. (Financial need is determined during the ODSP intake meeting)
3. You must meet the definition of a person with a disability, or a member of a prescribed class

Meeting the definition of a person with a disability means that you:
1. Have substantial mental or physical impairment that is continuous or recurrent and is expected to last one year or more and
2. Your impairment directly impacts your ability to work, care for yourself, or take part in community life and
3. Your impairment and its duration and restrictions have been proven by an approved health care professional

APPLICATION PROCESS:
1. Once you have done the initial intake you will be contacted by a case worker within 5 business days to schedule an in person interview for financial eligibility review.
2. If you are financially eligible, the case worker will give you a Disability Determination Package to be filled out by yourself and your doctor.

IMPORTANT THOUGHTS
With ODSP you can receive:
An Ontario Drug Benefit drug card (this covers the costs of prescriptions, and basic glasses and dental. This covers all members of your family)
You may also have assistance with paying for medical expenses/supplies. Speak to your worker when costs arise.
You may receive disability-related benefits and a nutritional allowance.

All information from this sheet was gathered from the ADP website:
https://www.ontario.ca/page/enteral-feeding-and-ostomy