

Canadian Benefit for Parents of Young Victims of Crime

The death or disappearance of a child is devastating. It can leave parents grief stricken and unable to work. Federal income support is available for parents coping with the death or disappearance of a child as a result of a probable criminal offence and who suffer a loss of income when they take time away from work to cope with this tragedy.

Once completed, send your Application Form, along with the original signed Employment Form(s) and the Incident Report Form, to:

Canadian Benefit for Parents of Young Victims of Crime
Processing Centre
PO Box 8232, STN T
Ottawa ON K1G 3H7

BENEFIT AMOUNT AND DURATION

You may be eligible to receive \$450 per week, before tax, every two weeks. You may receive up to 35 weeks of income support during the two-year period immediately following the incident. The benefit is considered taxable income. Income tax will be deducted from your benefit amount, and you will receive a statement of income slip for income tax purposes at the end of the year. The benefit can be shared between multiple eligible parents.

ELIGIBILITY

To receive the Canadian Benefit for Parents of Young Victims of Crime, applicant(s) and the incident must meet the following criteria:

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

You must:

- be legally responsible for the child or children involved in the incident;
- have recent labour force attachment, having earned at least \$6,500 in the previous calendar year or in the 52 weeks prior to the incident;
- be on leave from employment or working no more than 50 percent of your regular work week, up to a maximum of 20 hours per week;
- have a valid Social Insurance Number;
- not have been charged with committing a probable Criminal Code offence that led to the death or disappearance of the child; and
- not be receiving any type of Employment Insurance benefits or Québec Parental Insurance Plan (QPIP) benefits

INCIDENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The child must be deceased or missing as a result of a probable Criminal Code offence;
- The child must have been under 25 years old at the time of the incident;
- The incident must have occurred in Canada;
- In the case of a missing child, the child must have been missing for over a week; and
- In the case of a deceased child, where the child is 14 years of age or older, it must be improbable that the child was a willing party to the crime that led to their death.

APPLYING

You can apply online or by mail using the **Canadian Benefit for Parents of Young Victims of Crime Application Form** at canada.ca/parents-young-victims-crime. The following two forms must also be completed and sent with your application:

Employment Form – must be completed and signed by the employer that you are currently working for or that you worked for in the 52 weeks before the incident occurred. If you are self-employed or are reporting both self-employed and employment earnings, you must also submit your Canada Revenue Agency notice of assessment from the previous income tax year.

Incident Report Form – must be completed and stamped by the law enforcement agency where the incident was reported.

You can download this publication by going online: publiccentre.edsc.gc.ca

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