

PLAN SUMMARY

CST Bright Plan™

Education Savings Plan Options:
Individual or Family

Investment Fund Manager: C.S.T. Spark Inc.

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This summary tells you some key things about investing in CST Bright Plan. You should read this Plan Summary and the Detailed Plan Disclosure carefully before you decide to invest.

If you change your mind

You have up to 60 days after signing your Contract to withdraw from your CST Bright Plan and get back all of your money.

If you (or we) cancel your Contract after 60 days you could end up with much less than you put in, since the value of the investments in CST Bright Plan may go down as well as up. If you (or we) cancel your Contract, you'll get back your Contributions, subject to investment risk. You will lose the Earnings on your money and we will pay them to a post-secondary institution we select unless you qualify for an Accumulated Income Payment. Your Government Grants will be returned to the government.

What is CST Bright Plan?

CST Bright Plan is a scholarship plan designed to help you save for your chosen Beneficiary's post-secondary education. When you open a CST Bright Plan, we will apply to the Canada Revenue Agency to register your Contract as a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP). It will be registered either as an Individual RESP or a Family RESP, depending on the option you chose when you open a CST Bright Plan. The differences between an Individual RESP and a Family RESP are highlighted below.

CST Bright Plan allows your savings to grow tax-free until the person(s) named as the Beneficiary of your RESP enrolls in post-secondary studies. The Government of Canada and some provincial governments offer Government Grants to help you save even more. To register your Contract as an RESP, we need Social Insurance Numbers for yourself and the person(s) you name as a Beneficiary.

In an individual or family scholarship plan, you are part of a group of investors. Everyone's Contributions are invested together. You can withdraw any portion of your Contributions at any time; however, if you withdraw Contributions before your Beneficiary enrolls in Eligible Studies, your Government Grants will be returned to the applicable governments. Once your Beneficiary qualifies for Educational Assistance Payments (EAPs), you may withdraw 100% of your Contributions and decide the amount, timing and number of EAPs within the limitations of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and the rules governing Government Grants. The Earnings plus your Government Grants are paid to your Beneficiary as EAPs. EAPs are paid for post-secondary education that qualifies as Eligible Studies under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

There are two main exceptions. Your Beneficiary will not receive EAPs, and you could lose your Earnings, Government Grants and Grant Contribution Room (also known as grant room), if:

- your Beneficiary does not enroll in a post-secondary school or program that qualifies under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), or
- you leave the plan before your Beneficiary enrolls in Eligible Studies.

If certain conditions are met, you may keep the Earnings by transferring them to your Registered Retirement Saving Plan (RRSP) or spousal RRSP, a Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) or you can withdraw the Earnings and pay a higher rate of tax on them. Withdrawals of Contributions are subject to investment risk.

Who is this Plan for?

CST Bright Plan is for investors planning to save for a Beneficiary's post-secondary education if:

- you want flexibility over when and how much to contribute to an RESP;
- you are fairly sure that your Beneficiary will attend a qualifying school or program;
- you want control over when and how much to withdraw from your RESP for your Beneficiary's education.

You are eligible to open a CST Bright Plan if your Beneficiary is a Canadian resident for tax purposes and has a Social Insurance Number.

You may open a CST Bright Plan as an Individual RESP or a Family RESP; both of which are subject to different rules for Beneficiaries under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

- Opening a CST Bright Plan as an Individual RESP is suitable if you want to save for one Beneficiary;
- Opening a CST Bright Plan as a Family RESP is suitable if you want to save for one or more children who are your children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren and who are siblings and currently under the age of 21 years.

CST Bright Plan has fewer restrictions and is more flexible than the other Canadian Scholarship Trust Plans. CST Bright Plan also has a different investment approach from the other Canadian Scholarship Trust Plans.

What does the Plan invest in?

During the first 60 days after you sign your Contract, your Contributions to CST Bright Plan will be held in cash.

After the first 60 days, your Contributions, Government Grants and Earnings, will be invested in a mix of equities and fixed income assets, including through exchange traded funds. CST Bright Plan uses a proprietary glide path long-term investment approach that seeks to match the age of the Beneficiary and his or her expected date to attend Eligible Studies with appropriate asset classes and investment mix. Your Contributions, Government Grants and Earnings will be managed with an investment mix with an emphasis on equity investing in the early years with the goal of maximizing your growth potential transitioning to a more conservative investment mix over time, with an emphasis on fixed income securities such as government and corporate bonds with the aim of preserving your gains. When the Beneficiary is of an age when he or she expects to attend Eligible Studies, the Contributions, Government Grants and Earnings will be primarily invested in fixed income securities.

CST Bright Plan's investments have some investment risk, with higher volatility (changes in value over time), but with higher possible returns, due to the emphasis on equity investing at the beginning years of the glide path. Returns will vary from year to year. (Please see "How We Invest Your Money" on page 15 of the Detailed Plan Disclosure for more information.)

How do I make Contributions?

You determine the amount and timing of your Contributions so long as your minimum initial investment is \$500 or you set up a regular Contribution schedule of at least \$10 per month. You can increase your contributions, change your contribution schedule, or add one-time contributions easily to meet your personal needs and goals.

There is no minimum Contribution for children eligible for a Canada Learning Bond.

What can I expect to receive from the Plan?

Your Contributions, subject to investment risk and net of fees if applicable, can be withdrawn at any time after your Beneficiary enrolls in Eligible Studies. You can have this money paid to you or directly to your Beneficiary.

You decide the amount, timing and number of EAPs. You must show proof that your Beneficiary has enrolled in a post-secondary school or program that qualifies under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) to receive an EAP.

EAPs are taxed in your Beneficiary's hands.

What are the risks?

If you do not meet the terms of your Contract, you could lose some or all of your investment. Your Beneficiary may not receive their EAPs.

You should be aware of three things about CST Bright Plan that could result in a loss:

1. **You cancel your Contract before your Beneficiary attends post-secondary school.** If your Contract is cancelled, you'll receive your Contributions subject to investment risk. Government Grants will be returned to the government. Repayment of Government Grants
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will result in the loss of the Beneficiary’s Contribution Room, which cannot be restored. You may lose the Earnings if you do not qualify for an Accumulated Income Payment, or transfer of the Earnings to an eligible RRSP or an RDSP.

- 2. You withdraw all or part of your Contributions before your Beneficiary attends post-secondary school.** If you withdraw your Contributions at a point in the glide path when your Contributions are invested with an emphasis on equity investing, there is an increased risk that the value of your Contributions will be less than what you paid in. Return of your Contributions is always subject to risk of loss.
- 3. Your Beneficiary doesn’t attend a qualifying school or program.** If your Beneficiary does not go to a school or program that qualifies for EAPs under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), you have the options of naming another Beneficiary (subject to some limitations), cancelling your Contract, transferring the Earnings to your RRSP or spousal RRSP or an RDSP, or withdrawing the Earnings and paying tax on them (see AIPs on page 25 of Detailed Plan Disclosure). Restrictions apply. Some options can result in a loss of Earnings and Government Grants.

If any of these situations arise with your CST Bright Plan, contact us to better understand your options to reduce your risk of loss.

How much does it cost? There are costs for participating in a CST Bright Plan. The following table shows the applicable fees and expenses of this Plan. There is no initial sales charge to set up a CST Bright Plan.

Other fees

Other fees apply if you make changes to your CST Bright Plan. See page 21 of the Detailed Plan Disclosure for details.

Fees paid by CST Bright Plan

The following fees are payable out of CST Bright Plan’s Earnings but if there are insufficient Earnings, they will be paid out of Contributions. You don’t pay these fees directly. These fees affect you because they reduce Earnings which reduces the amount available for EAPs.

Fee	What CST Bright Plan pays	What the fee is for	Who the fee is paid to
Management Fee¹	1.5% per year, plus applicable sales taxes, of the current market value of Contributions, Government Grants and Earnings.	Operating, managing, distributing and administering your plan, including portfolio management, trustee, valuation, distribution and custodial services.	Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation, which pays applicable fees to C.S.T. Spark Inc. to manage and distribute CST Bright Plan. C.S.T. Spark Inc. pays applicable fees to the portfolio manager(s) who manage CST Bright Plan’s investments and the trustee as trustee and custodian.
Independent Review Committee (IRC)	CST Bright Plan will pay its proportionate share of the fees and expenses for the Canadian Scholarship Trust Plans’ Independent Review Committee. This IRC will also be the IRC for CST Bright Plan. Each IRC member receives \$7,500 per annum, with a per meeting fee of \$1,000 (\$500 for	This is for the services of the Independent Review Committee. The committee reviews conflict of interest matters between the investment fund manager and CST Bright Plan.	Independent Review Committee

	<p>conference calls). The Chair of the IRC receives an additional \$2,500 per annum. The Plans, including CST Bright Plan, also share the annual secretariat fee of \$35,000 and other expenses.</p> <p>For the year ended October 31, 2020, \$77,431 shared by CST Bright Plan and the Canadian Scholarship Trust Plans.</p>		
<p>Operating Expenses of CST Bright Plan not paid for by the Foundation out of the Management Fee ¹</p>	<p>CST Bright Plan pays for certain expenses of its operation that are not paid for by the Foundation or C.S.T. Spark Inc. out of the Management Fee. This includes brokerage fees and other fees and disbursements directly relating to the investments made for CST Bright Plan, taxes payable by CST Bright Plan, expenses of any Subscriber meetings, and expenses related to out of the ordinary costs of the Trustee and Custodian. Any fees and expenses relating to compliance with a new requirement that may apply to CST Bright Plan will be charged to CST Bright Plan.</p>	<p>Certain operating costs not paid for by the Foundation or C.S.T. Spark Inc. out of the Management Fee.</p>	<p>Various entities.</p>

Notes:

¹ Subject to change if we give you 60 days written notice.

Are there any guarantees?

We cannot tell you in advance if your Beneficiary will qualify to receive any EAPs or how much your Beneficiary will receive. We do not guarantee repayment of your Contributions, the Earnings or that the Earnings will cover the full cost of your Beneficiary's post-secondary education.

Unlike bank accounts or GICs, investments in scholarship plans are not covered by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government insurer.

**For more
information**

The Detailed Plan Disclosure delivered with this Plan Summary contains further details about CST Bright Plan, and we recommend you read it. You may go on-line to www.cstspark.ca or contact C.S.T. Spark Inc. to speak with a Direct Dealing Representative for more information about CST Bright Plan.

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