



# Children's Special Allowance Settlement

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



The Children's Special Allowance Settlement is a **\$445,200,000** court-approved settlement for people who were provincially funded children **in the care of a Child and Family Services (CFS)** agency in Manitoba between **January 1, 2005 and March 31, 2019**.

**Some people who may be eligible claimants may not receive mail, may have moved, or may not know about this settlement. You may be able to assist us in getting the “word out” to potential claimants. Our goal is to ensure all claimants get their share of the settlement money.**

### How can you help?

If you know someone who may have been in foster care in Manitoba during the years 2005 to 2019, please consider letting them know about this settlement. This could include:

- A former foster child
- A family member
- A friend or someone you are still in contact with

You do not need to explain the settlement or encourage them to apply. Our goal is for you to simply share this information with potential claimants.

### Important deadline

People who want to apply **must submit a claim by January 5, 2027**. Claims received after this date may not be accepted.

The Claim Registration Form can be found on the CSA Settlement website at: **[www.csasettlement.com](http://www.csasettlement.com)**. The Claim Registration Form can be submitted online, by email, regular mail, or fax.

### What to do next

If you think you may be eligible, or if you are helping someone who may be eligible, please contact the Claims Administrator to learn more or get help applying. There is no cost to apply.

- Call: **1-844-947-7101 (toll free) or 204-947-7101**
- Email questions to: **[info@csasettlement.com](mailto:info@csasettlement.com)**
- Email claims to: **[claims@csasettlement.com](mailto:claims@csasettlement.com)**
- Website: **[www.csasettlement.com](http://www.csasettlement.com)**

Thank you for helping us make sure this information reaches the people it was meant for.

Sincerely,

**Claims Administrator** - Children's Special Allowance Settlement  
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## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **How do I apply?**

You can apply online, by phone, mail or in person. You do not need internet or a computer. If you want, we can mail you an application and include prepaid return postage.

### **Is there a deadline to apply?**

Yes. Claims must be submitted by January 5, 2027. Claims received after this date may not be accepted.

### **Is there a fee to apply? Do I need a lawyer?**

Applying is free, and you do not need a lawyer.

### **Will this impact my Employment and Income Assistance (EIA)?**

No. Applying for this settlement will not affect your EIA eligibility or other Manitoba services or benefits. If you have questions about your situation, please contact us.

### **What if I don't have ID or a permanent address?**

That's okay. To get started, we only need your full name and date of birth. We understand that many people do not have ID or a permanent address.

### **What if I don't remember when I was in care or which agency was involved?**

That's okay. You do not need to remember exact dates or agency names. We can assist with obtaining that information.

### **How do I know if I was a "provincially funded" child in care in Manitoba?**

A provincially funded child in care is generally someone whose family did not live on a Reserve at the time they were taken into CFS care. We will confirm this information for you.

### **Who can submit a Claims Registration Form?**

A claim can be submitted by:

- You, if you are 18 years or older
- A guardian of a former child-in-care who turns 18 after the deadline
- A representative of a former child-in-care who is over 18
- The administrator of the estate of a former child-in-care who has died
- CFS agencies, for current children-in-care

### **Who is compensation paid to?**

- If you are eligible, compensation can only be paid in your name.
- If the former child-in-care has died, compensation is paid to their estate.
- If you are under 18, your compensation will be held in trust until your 18th birthday.

### **What if I don't want all of my compensation at once?**

If you are 18 or older, you can choose to have your compensation held in trust for up to three years. You can decide on a payment schedule that feels right for you.