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**Canadian Scholarship Trust Plans**

**Canadian Scholarship Trust CST™ Advantage Plan**

**Minimum Subscription:**

Greater of \$9.50 per month or 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a Unit

**Canadian Scholarship Trust Individual Savings Plan**

Minimum Subscription: \$150

**Canadian Scholarship Trust Family Savings Plan**

Minimum Subscription: \$150



These investment funds are scholarship plans that are managed and distributed by C.S.T. Savings Inc.

## Important Information to Know Before You Invest

The following is important information you should know if you are considering an investment in a scholarship plan.

### No Social Insurance Number = No Government Grants, No Tax Benefits

We need Social Insurance Numbers for you and each child named as a Beneficiary under the Plan before we can register your plan as a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP). The *Income Tax Act* (Canada) won't allow us to register your plan as an RESP without these Social Insurance Numbers. Your plan must be registered before it can:

- qualify for the tax benefits of an RESP, and
- receive any Government Grants.

You can provide the Beneficiary's Social Insurance Number after your plan is open. If you don't provide the Beneficiary's Social Insurance Number when you sign your Contract with us, we'll put your Contributions into an unregistered education savings account. During the time your Contributions are held in this account, we will deduct sales charges and fees from your Contributions as described under "Costs of Investing in this Plan" in the prospectus. You will be taxed on any Income earned in this account if your plan is not registered.

If we receive the Beneficiary's Social Insurance Number within 24 months of your Application Date, we'll transfer your Contributions and the Income they earned to your registered plan. If you do not obtain the Social Insurance Number for your Beneficiaries within 12 months of your Application Date, you must contact us to request a 12-month extension to the deadline.

If we do not receive the Beneficiary's Social Insurance Number within 12 months of your Application Date, and if you do not contact us to apply for the available 12 month extension, we'll cancel your plan. You'll get back your Contributions and the Income earned, less sales charges and fees. Since you pay sales charges up front, you could end up with much less than you put in.

**If you don't expect to get the Social Insurance Number for your Beneficiary within 24 months of your Application Date, you should not enroll or make Contributions to the plan.**

### Payments Not Guaranteed

We cannot tell you in advance if your Beneficiary will qualify to receive any Educational Assistance Payments (EAPs) or how much your Beneficiary will receive. We do not guarantee the amount of any payments or that they will cover the full cost of your Beneficiary's post-secondary education.

### Payments from CST Advantage Plan Depend on Several Factors

The amount of the EAPs from CST Advantage Plan will depend on how much the Plan earns and the number of Beneficiaries in the group who do not qualify for payments. Specifically, the EAP values reflect:

- the total number of Units for which there are Beneficiaries enrolled in Eligible Studies who will share in the Income in the EAP Account; and,
- the amount of the Group Plan Bonus paid from the General Fund to supplement EAPs.

### Understand the Risks

**If you withdraw your Contributions early or do not meet the terms of the Plan, you could lose some or all of your money. Make sure you understand the risks before you invest. Carefully read the information found under "Risks of Investing in a Scholarship Plan" and "Risks of Investing in this Plan" in this Detailed Plan Disclosure.**

### If You Change Your Mind

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

If you (or we) cancel your plan after 60 days, you'll get back your Contributions, less sales charges and fees. You will lose the Income on your money in the CST Advantage Plan. Your Government Grants will be returned to the government. **Keep in mind that you pay sales charges up front. If you cancel your plan in the first few years, you could end up with much less than you put in.**

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# Introduction

This Detailed Plan Disclosure contains information to help you make an informed decision about investing in our scholarship plans and to understand your rights as an investor. It describes the Plans and how they work, including the fees you pay, the risks of investing in a Plan and how to make changes to your plan. It also contains information about our organization. The prospectus is comprised of both this Detailed Plan Disclosure and each Plan Summary that was delivered with it.

You can find additional information about each Plan in the following documents:

- the Plan's most recently filed annual financial statements,
- any interim financial reports filed after the annual financial statements,
- the Plan's most recently filed annual management report of fund performance, and
- the undertaking to the Ontario Securities Commission and each other provincial and territorial securities regulator concerning investments of the Plans and other matters (the undertaking).

These documents are incorporated by reference into the prospectus. That means they legally form part of this document just as if they were printed as part of this document.

You can get a copy of these documents at no cost by calling us toll-free at 1-877-333-7377 or by contacting us at [cstplan@cstsavings.ca](mailto:cstplan@cstsavings.ca).

You will also find the financial statements, management reports of fund performance and the undertaking on the Plans' designated website at [www.cstsavings.ca](http://www.cstsavings.ca).

These documents and other information about the Plans are also available at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

Any financial statements and management reports of fund performance, if filed by a scholarship plan after the date of the prospectus and before the termination of the distribution, are deemed to be incorporated by reference in the prospectus.

Each Plan is required to prepare annual audited financial statements and semi-annual unaudited financial statements

that comply with applicable laws and accounting standards. Each Plan is also required to prepare annually a management report of fund performance that contains information that is required by law. These documents must be filed with the regulators (through the SEDAR<sup>+</sup> filing system).

Along with the Plan's prospectus, the Plan's financial statements and management report of fund performance provide information that will help you assess the Plan, its past operations, its financial condition, its future prospects and its risks. These documents contain information that is required by law and, in the case of the financial statements that meet applicable accounting standards.

The Plan's annual and interim financial statements include statements of financial position, statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in net assets attributable to subscribers and beneficiaries and statements of cash flows. These statements include information about the amount of EAPs that have been paid to students in past years, as well as the funding of the sales charge refund account. The financial statements notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

How scholarship funds are managed can say much about the Plans' ability to withstand market changes and unexpected events. The Plans' management reports of fund performance are prepared each year by the investment fund manager and describe the objectives, strategies and risk management considerations applied to investing Plan assets. The reports discuss events that have affected the Plans' investment performance and set out the investment fund manager's expectations for the coming year. They also describe the investments made by the Plans and how those investments have performed. You can get a list of the investments in each Plan by reviewing the Plan's latest management report of fund performance and financial statements.

The Plans are managed in accordance with National Policy Statement No. 15 *Conditions Precedent to Acceptance of Scholarship or Educational Plan Prospectuses* and the undertaking provided by the investment fund manager to the Ontario Securities Commission as well as each securities regulatory authority in the provinces and territories of Canada.

## Terms used in this Prospectus

In this document, “we”, “us” and “our” refer to the Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation (the Foundation) and C.S.T. Savings Inc. (CSTS). “You” refers to potential investors, Subscribers and Beneficiaries.

The following are definitions of some key terms you will find in this prospectus:

**Accumulated Income Payment (AIP):** the Income on your Contributions and/or Government Grants that you may get from your plan if your Beneficiary does not pursue post-secondary education and you meet certain conditions set by the federal government or by the Plan.

**AIP:** see Accumulated Income Payment.

**Application Date:** the date you opened your plan with us, which is the date you sign your Contract.

**Attrition:** under CST Advantage Plan (a group plan), a reduction in the number of Beneficiaries who qualify for EAPs in a Beneficiary Group. See also Pre-maturity Attrition and Post-maturity Attrition.

**Beneficiary:** the person you name to receive EAPs under your plan.

**Beneficiary Group:** Beneficiaries in CST Advantage Plan (a group plan) who have the same Year of Eligibility. They are typically born in the same year.

**Contract:** the agreement you enter into with us when you open your plan which includes your application form and education savings plan agreement.

**Contribution:** the amount you pay into a Plan. Sales charges and other fees are deducted from your Contributions and the remaining amount (net Contributions) is invested in your plan. Payments of net Contributions may be reduced if the Income balance is negative as discussed on page 16, 35 and 43 in this Detailed Plan Disclosure.

**EAP:** see Educational Assistance Payment.

**EAP Account:** for CST Advantage Plan (a group plan), an account that holds the Income earned on Contributions made by Subscribers. There is a separate EAP account for each Beneficiary Group. An EAP Account also includes the Income earned on Contributions of Subscribers who have cancelled their plan. The money in this account is distributed to the remaining Beneficiaries in the Beneficiary Group as part of their EAPs.

**Earnings:** any money earned on your (i) Contributions and (ii) Government Grants, such as interest, dividends and capital gains/losses. For CST Advantage Plan, it does not include any Income earned in the General Fund (please refer to page 31 for more information), such as interest earned on Income after the Maturity Date.

**Educational Assistance Payment (EAP):** In general, an EAP is a payment made to your Beneficiary after the Maturity Date for Eligible Studies. An EAP consists of your Income and your Government Grants. For CST Advantage Plan (a group plan), an EAP consists of your Government Grants, Income on your Government Grants, your Beneficiary’s share of the EAP Account and the Group Plan Bonus (please refer to page 29 for more information). EAPs do not include sales charge refunds.

**Eligible Studies:** a post-secondary educational program that meets the Plan’s requirements for a Beneficiary to receive EAPs.

**Government Grant:** any financial grant, bond or incentive offered by the federal government, (such as the Canada Education Savings Grant, or the Canada Learning Bond), or by a provincial government, to assist with saving for post-secondary education in an RESP.

**Grant Contribution Room:** the amount of Government Grant you are eligible for under a federal or provincial government grant program (also known as grant room).

**Income:** has the same meaning as Earnings.

**Maturity Date:** the date on which your plan matures, which is defined as a date in the calendar year in which your Beneficiary turns 18. In general, it is in the year your Beneficiary is expected to enroll in their first year of post-secondary education.

**Plan:** means the CST Advantage Plan, Individual Savings Plan, or Family Savings Plan (collectively, the Plans), each a scholarship plan that provides funding for a Beneficiary’s post-secondary education.

**Post-maturity Attrition:** under CST Advantage Plan (a group plan), a reduction in the number of Beneficiaries who qualify for EAPs in a Beneficiary Group after the Maturity Date. See also Attrition.

**Pre-maturity Attrition:** under CST Advantage Plan (a group plan), a reduction in the number of Beneficiaries who qualify for EAPs in a Beneficiary Group before the Maturity Date. See also Attrition.

**Subscriber:** the person who enters into a Contract with the Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation to make Contributions to a Plan.

**Unit:** under CST Advantage Plan (a group plan), a Unit represents your Beneficiary’s proportionate share of the EAP Account. The terms of the Contract you sign determine the value of the Unit.

**Year of Eligibility:** the year in which a Beneficiary is first eligible to receive EAPs under a Plan. For CST Advantage Plan (a group plan), it is the year in which your Beneficiary turns 18. For Individual and Family Savings Plans, the Year of Eligibility is the year when your Beneficiary enrolls in Eligible Studies.



## Overview of our Scholarship Plans

### What is a Scholarship Plan?

A scholarship plan is a type of investment fund that is designed to help you save for a Beneficiary's post-secondary education. Your plan must be registered as a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) in order to qualify for Government Grants and tax benefits. To do this, we need Social Insurance Numbers for you and the person you name in the plan as your Beneficiary.

You sign a Contract when you open a plan with us. You make Contributions under the Plan. We invest your Contributions for you, after deducting applicable fees. You will get back your net Contributions whether or not your Beneficiary goes on to post-secondary education. Your Beneficiary will receive Educational Assistance Payments from us if they enroll in Eligible Studies and all the terms of the Contract are met.

Please read your Contract carefully and make sure you understand it before you sign. If you or your Beneficiary do not meet the terms of your Contract, it could result in a loss and your Beneficiary could lose some or all of their EAPs.

## Types of Plans We Offer

The Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation offers the following Canadian Scholarship Trust Plans:

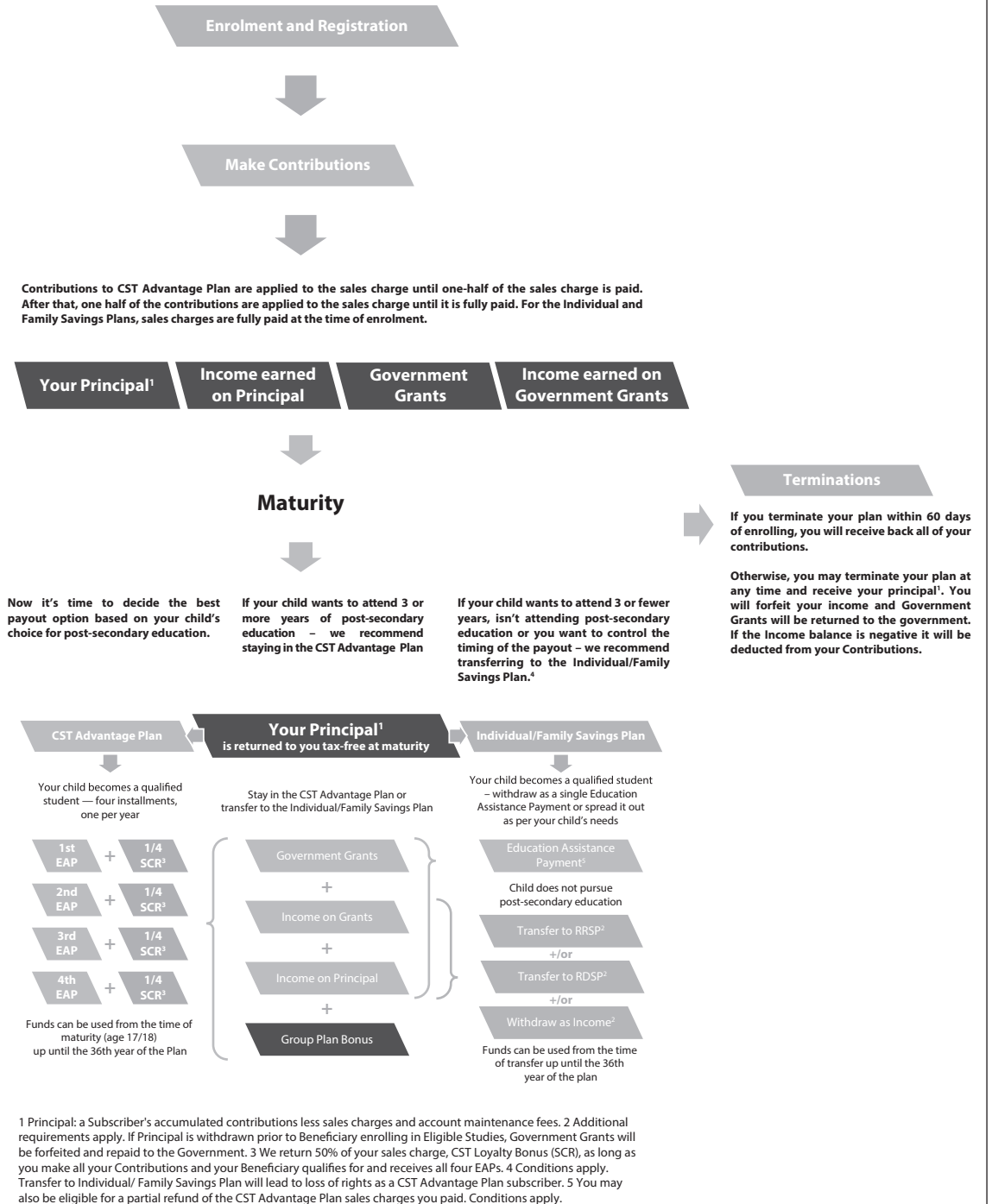
- CST Advantage Plan
- Individual Savings Plan
- Family Savings Plan

There are differences in the enrolment criteria, Contribution requirements, fees, payments to Beneficiaries, options for receiving EAPs and options if the Beneficiary does not pursue Eligible Studies among the scholarship Plans offered. The Plan-specific disclosure for each scholarship Plan is provided on pages 15, 35, and 43 for CST Advantage Plan, Individual Savings Plan and Family Savings Plan, respectively.

# How our Plans work

## Make sure your contact information is up to date

It is important that you keep your address and contact information up to date. We will need to communicate important information to you throughout the life of your plan. We will also need to find you and the Beneficiary when the plan matures so we can return your Contributions and make payments to the Beneficiary.





## Enrolling in a Plan

### To enroll:

- Complete an application and any applicable Government Grant applications and supply your Social Insurance Number. Spouses or common-law partners may apply as joint Subscribers. For the Family Savings Plan and Individual Savings Plan ex-spouses or former common-law partners may apply as joint Subscribers provided both are the legal parent of a beneficiary. Each Subscriber's Social Insurance Number is required at the time of enrolment to register the Plan as an RESP under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).
- Designate a Beneficiary for CST Advantage Plan or Individual Savings Plan. Designate one or more Beneficiaries for Family Savings Plan. Each Beneficiary must be a Canadian resident. Multiple Beneficiaries must be (i) all siblings; (ii) all family members of the Subscriber; and (iii) all under the age of 21.
- Provide your Beneficiary's Social Insurance Number within 24 months of your Application Date so that we can register your plan.
- If your Beneficiary qualifies for Canada Learning Bond and/or Additional Canada Education Savings Grant, have the Beneficiary's primary caregiver complete the form designating your plan as the one to receive these grants.
- **CST Advantage Plan:**
  - Choose the amount you wish to contribute (which will determine the number of Units you purchase)
  - Select a Contribution schedule
- **Individual/Family Savings Plan:**
  - Choose an initial Contribution amount
  - Establish a Contribution schedule of your choice
- Submit the application to us through your sales representative
- When we accept the application, you will have entered into an education savings plan agreement which will be your Contract. We will provide a copy of the Contract to you.

### If your Beneficiary does not have a Social Insurance Number

Your education savings plan does not qualify as an RESP until it is registered under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). We will apply to register your plan with Canada Revenue Agency on your behalf, but we cannot register an education savings plan agreement without Social Insurance Numbers (SINs) for both the Subscriber and any Beneficiaries. You must normally supply SINs for any Beneficiaries within 24 months of your Application Date. You have the option to wait until the Beneficiary has a SIN to purchase a scholarship plan.

Any Contributions (less sales charges and fees) made for a child whose SIN we have not received will be deposited in an

unregistered education savings account and invested in money market securities and bonds pending our receipt of the Beneficiary's SIN. An unregistered education savings account is not eligible for tax benefits or grants. However, as long as you provide the Beneficiary's SIN by our deadline it will:

- permit the Year of Eligibility for your Beneficiaries to be determined based on your Application Date;
- prevent you having to make higher Contributions for the same amount of EAPs due to a child moving into the next age bracket while waiting for a SIN (see CST Advantage Plan "Contribution Schedule" on page 17);
- permit the Contributions deposited in the unregistered education savings account to be eligible for Government Grants once your plan is registered; and
- permit Income earned on amounts deposited into the unregistered education savings account to not be taxed in your hands, but in the hands of your Beneficiaries when it is paid out as part of an EAP.

If we receive the required SIN within 24 months of your Application Date, we will contribute the original amount of your Contributions to the applicable Plan and we will also transfer the Income earned on your Contributions to the Plan. The date of this transfer will be considered the date of the Contribution into the Plan.

If we have not received the required SIN within 12 months of your Application Date (or any extended deadline, if applicable) we will refund all amounts contributed to an unregistered education savings account except for sales charges, and account maintenance fees. Any Income earned on these Contributions will be taxed in the Subscriber's hands. The tax benefits described in this prospectus do not apply to an unregistered education savings account and Government Grants are not payable on Contributions made to such an account.

In the event circumstances make it difficult for you to obtain SINs for your Beneficiaries, we can extend the 12-month deadline by up to a further 12 months. Should you wish to extend your deadline, you need to complete an Application for Extension of Deadline to Submit SIN available from us.

If we close your unregistered education savings account because we did not receive SINs for your Beneficiaries by our deadline, you can reinstate your plan by providing the required SIN within two years of termination and making any Contributions (plus Income that would have accrued) that were missed prior to reinstatement.

## Government Grants

The following is a brief summary of the various Government Grants. To receive any applicable Government Grants, you are required to complete the appropriate application form and we will apply to the applicable government on your behalf.

Any Government Grants you receive are owned by your Beneficiary and invested on their behalf in your plan. Government Grants for your Beneficiary are pooled with the Government Grants of other Beneficiaries. Government Grants are invested separately from your Contributions. Government Grants of your Beneficiary, and any Income on them, are paid to your Beneficiary when he/she collects his/her EAPs. One-quarter of the Government Grant invested in CST Advantage Plan is paid with each EAP along with one-quarter of the Income earned on the Government Grants. With the Individual Savings Plan and the Family Savings Plan, the Government Grants are paid in proportion to the amount of Income withdrawn as an EAP.

### Canada Education Savings Grant (CESG)

The CESG is a grant of up to \$7,200 from the federal government, paid into the RESP of an eligible Beneficiary. The amount of grant your Beneficiary receives is based on Contributions you make until the end of year in which the Beneficiary turns 17 years of age and any available Grant Contribution Room the Beneficiary may have up to that time. Families with an annual income below certain income levels are entitled to an additional 10% to 20% CESG on the first \$500 they contribute each year. For more information about CESG, please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/registered-education-savings-plans-resps/canada-education-savings-programs-cesp/canada-education-savings-grant-cesg.html>.

### Canada Learning Bond (CLB)

The CLB is a grant of up to \$2,000 from the federal government, paid into the RESP of an eligible Beneficiary born on or after January 1, 2004. In any given year, your Beneficiary may receive the CLB up to the end of the calendar year in which they turn 15 provided adjusted net family income eligibility is met. Repayment of CLB does not result in a loss of entitlements. For more information about CLB, please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/registered-education-savings-plans-resps/canada-education-savings-programs-cesp/canada-learning-bond.html>.

### Quebec Education Savings Incentive (QESI)

The QESI is a Quebec government program that pays refundable tax credits of up to \$3,600 into the RESP of a Quebec resident Beneficiary. The amount of grant your Beneficiary receives is based on Contributions you make until the end of the year in which the Beneficiary turns 17 years of age and any available Grant Contribution Room you may have. Families with an annual income below certain levels are entitled to an additional 5% to 10% QESI on the first \$500 they contribute each year. For more information about QESI, please visit <https://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/citizens/tax-credits/quebec-education-savings-incentive/>.

### British Columbia Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG)

The BCTESG is a one-time grant of \$1,200 from the Government of British Columbia (B.C.) paid directly into the RESP of an eligible Beneficiary who (i) has been born on or after January 1, 2006 and (ii) is a B.C. resident. Beneficiaries are eligible for the BCTESG on their sixth birthday up until the day before their ninth birthday. No matching or additional Contributions are required in order to receive the grant. For more information about BCTESG, please visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/bc-training-and-education-savings-grant>.

The following table summarizes various Government Grants including when we are required to return your Government Grants to the applicable government.

Grant	Provider	Lifetime Maximum	Annual Maximum per Beneficiary	Examples of conditions under which Government Grants must be returned to the Government
<b>CESG</b>	Federal Government	\$7,200	\$500, provided you pay \$2,500 in Contributions \$1,000 with carry forward room provided you pay \$5,000 in Contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You withdraw Contributions from your plan and the Beneficiary is not enrolled in Eligible Studies;</li> <li>Your plan is terminated before grant is paid out or its registration as an RESP is revoked;</li> <li>You add a Beneficiary to your plan that has received Additional CESG, and the additional Beneficiary is not a sibling of the other Beneficiaries;</li> <li>You change the Beneficiary of your plan and the new Beneficiary is not under the age of 21 years or not a sibling of the former Beneficiary;</li> <li>You transfer an amount from one RESP to another and the transfer is not an eligible transfer;</li> <li>Accumulated Income Payments are made; or,</li> <li>Payment to a designated educational institution (a post-secondary institution).</li> </ul>
<b>CLB</b>	Federal Government	\$2,000	\$500 in the first year; \$100 every qualifying year thereafter until the Beneficiary turns 15 You are not required to make any Contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your plan is terminated before grant is paid out or its registration as an RESP is revoked;</li> <li>You change the Beneficiary;</li> <li>You must repay grant received for a Beneficiary who has received CLB and ceases to be a Beneficiary;</li> <li>Accumulated Income Payments are made; or,</li> <li>Payment to a designated educational institution.</li> </ul>
<b>QESI</b>	Quebec Government	\$3,600	\$250, provided you pay \$2,500 in Contributions \$500 with carry forward room provided you pay \$5,000 in Contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You withdraw Contributions from your RESP before the Beneficiary enrolls in Eligible Studies;</li> <li>You add a Beneficiary to your plan who has received Additional QESI, and the additional Beneficiary is not a sibling of the other Beneficiaries;</li> <li>You change the Beneficiary of your plan and the new Beneficiary is not under the age of 21 years or not a sibling of the former Beneficiary;</li> <li>Accumulated Income Payments are made; or,</li> <li>Payment to a designated educational institution.</li> </ul>
<b>BCTESG</b>	British Columbia Government	\$1,200	One-Time payment of \$1,200 at age 6 to be collected before the Beneficiary turns age 9 No matching or additional Contributions required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your plan is terminated or its registration is revoked before grant is paid out as part of an EAP;</li> <li>You withdraw Contributions from your plan and the Beneficiary is not enrolled in Eligible Studies; or,</li> <li>Application for the grant contained false information.</li> </ul>

## Contribution Limits

While none of our Plans imposes a limit on Contributions that can be made, the total of all Contributions for any Beneficiary is subject to a lifetime limit of \$50,000 under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). Government Grants are not included in calculating Contribution limits. If you make Contributions that exceed this limit, there are tax consequences (please see “How you are taxed” on page 12 for details).

You can make Contributions to your plan that exceed the amount that would result in you receiving the maximum annual amount in Government Grants. These additional Contributions do not allow you to receive additional Government Grants. All Contributions you make are invested in your plan in the same way.

## Fees and Expenses

There are costs for joining and participating in our Plans. You pay some of these fees and expenses directly from your Contributions. The Plans pay some of the fees and expenses, which are deducted from the Plans’ Income. See “Costs of Investing in this Plan” on pages 21, 36 and 44 of this prospectus for a description of the fees and expenses of each of our Plans. Fees and expenses reduce the Plan’s returns which reduces the amount available for EAPs. There are different fees and expenses associated with each of the Plans we offer. The choice of Plan also affects the amount of compensation that is paid to us in our capacity as dealer as well as the amount of compensation paid to your sales representative.

## Eligible Studies

EAPs will be paid to your Beneficiary only if he or she enrolls in Eligible Studies. For a summary of the educational programs that qualify for EAPs under our Plans, see “Summary of Eligible Studies” on pages 15, 35 and 43.

## Payments from the Plan

### Return of Contributions

We always return your Contributions, less sales charges and fees to you or to your Beneficiary. Income from the Plan will generally go to your Beneficiary. If your Beneficiary does not qualify to receive the Income from your Plan, you may be eligible to get back some of the Income as an “Accumulated Income Payment (AIP)”. See the “Accumulated Income Payments” section in this Detailed Plan Disclosure for more information about AIPs.

### Educational Assistance Payments

We will pay EAPs to your Beneficiary if you meet the terms of your plan, and your Beneficiary qualifies for the payments

under the plan. The amount of each EAP depends on the type of plan you have, how much you contributed to it, the Government Grants in your plan and the performance of the Plan’s investments.

You should be aware that the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) has restrictions on the amount of EAPs that can be paid out of an RESP at a time. A full-time student may not receive more than \$8,000 as an EAP unless he or she has completed at least 13 consecutive weeks of study in the previous 12 months. A part-time student can collect EAPs of up to \$4,000 for each 13-week period of study.

## Unclaimed accounts

Your plan is considered unclaimed when a payment is due to you and we are unable to locate either you or your Beneficiary. We will contact you and/or your Beneficiary using the information on file. If your information is not current and/or our communications are returned as undeliverable, we will make reasonable efforts to locate you or your Beneficiary using other available public services.

If we cannot locate you or your Beneficiary, we will continue to invest your net Contributions and Government Grants in your plan until plan expiry.

If your plan is in CST Advantage Plan, we will transfer the Income earned on your net Contributions at the Maturity Date into the EAP Account for your Beneficiary’s Year of Eligibility. At the end of the 36<sup>th</sup> year of your plan, we will transfer any Income earned on your net Contributions after the Maturity Date into the General Fund and we will pay Income earned on Government Grants to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). Any Government Grants received will be returned to the applicable government. Contributions will be transferred to the General Fund unless you reside in a province where unclaimed property legislation is in force, then any provincial unclaimed property laws will apply.

If your plan is in the Individual Savings Plan or Family Savings Plan, at the end of the 36<sup>th</sup> year of your plan we will pay any Income within the plan to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). Any Government Grants received will be returned to the applicable government. Contributions will be forfeited unless you reside in a province where unclaimed property legislation is in force, then any provincial unclaimed property laws will apply.

You can claim your Contributions, and/or your EAPs or AIPs until December 31<sup>st</sup> of the 36<sup>th</sup> year of your plan by contacting us. You will forfeit your unclaimed Contributions, EAPs, or AIPs after the expiry of the plan.

# How We Invest your Money

## Investment Objectives

The Plans' investment objectives are to protect Subscribers' principal (net Contributions) and to deliver a reasonable positive return on investments over a long-term investment horizon within prudent risk tolerances.

The fundamental investment objectives of the Plans may not be changed without the consent of a two-thirds vote of a Plan's Subscribers represented at a meeting in person or by proxy.

To meet our responsibilities to Subscribers and strive to achieve the Plans' investment objectives, the Foundation and its Investment Committee establish investment policies for the Plans, and other policies that guide the selection and monitoring of portfolio managers. The Plans invest primarily in debt securities of Canadian governments, corporate debt securities, and equity securities including exchange traded funds that replicate the performance of a market index.

## Investment Strategies

We understand there is an inherent conflict in the goals stated above – that often, to achieve a competitive return, we need to assume a certain amount of risk which might conflict with our first goal, protecting Subscribers' principal (net Contributions). At least every three years, we undertake an asset-liability modeling exercise to establish the nature and amount of Plan liabilities or obligations to Subscribers, and to determine the asset classes and portfolio composition best suited to achieving the investment objectives. The risk budgeting exercise determines how best to manage the conflict described above by establishing a minimum risk position and measuring how different investment strategy combinations might contribute to enhance investment returns and to reduce risk. By calculating each Plan's investment horizon or duration and investment return potential (including returns earned to date), we determine how best to optimize risk and return characteristics to ensure that the Plan's investment objectives are met.

The result of this work is set out in a statement of investment policies and goals and includes each Plan's asset mixes, asset classes, and performance objectives. Each Plan's investment portfolios are managed by portfolio managers. The mandates and benchmarks of each portfolio manager are designed to support and enhance the Plans' return and risk objectives.

Currently there are six portfolio managers that manage the Plans' investments. To gain the benefit of diversification, we employ portfolio managers that have their own unique strengths and strategies. Those strategies encompass sector selection, yield curve and duration positioning, credit analysis and security selection. Our objective is to employ

portfolio managers who excel in their own area of specialization and at the same time fulfill a role within the overall Plan investment objectives. We monitor the performance of the portfolio managers on an on-going basis. CSTS's Chief Investment Officer conducts this monitoring and manages the various portfolio managers. CSTS may decide to change the portfolio managers or the allocation of assets assigned to any portfolio manager from time to time in its sole discretion and may do so without prior or other notice to Subscribers of the Plans.

Principal and amounts representing Government Grants paid into each Plan are invested in one or more of the following types of securities in accordance with the undertaking:

- (1) Debt securities of any government of Canada or debt securities of federal and state governments in the United States;
- (2) Certain guaranteed mortgages;
- (3) Mortgage-backed securities, where all of the underlying mortgages are guaranteed mortgages;
- (4) Cash equivalents;
- (5) Debt securities of corporations, provided those securities have a minimum credit rating; and,
- (6) "Index participation units" ("IPUs") that provide indirect exposure only to the types of investments listed above. An IPU means a security traded on a stock exchange in Canada or the United States (exchange traded fund or ETF) and issued by an issuer whose only purpose is (a) holding the securities included in a widely quoted market index in substantially the same proportion as those securities in that index, or (b) investing in a manner that causes the ETF to replicate the performance of a specified widely quoted market index.

In addition to the above-noted securities, Income of each Plan can be invested also in one or more of the following types of securities in accordance with the requirements of the undertaking:

- (1) Exchange-traded equity securities listed on a stock exchange in Canada or the United States (US); and,
- (2) IPUs (exchange traded funds or ETFs).

The Plans will only use derivatives for currency hedging purposes in accordance with NI 81-102 and as permitted by the undertaking.

The Plans may buy securities denominated in US currency. The value of these securities will vary with changes in the value of the Canadian dollar. To protect against variations in exchange rates, these Plans may buy or sell forward currency contracts or currency futures contracts. Each Plan that engages in currency hedging will exchange currency on a spot basis at prevailing rates or through forward contracts of one year or less. We enter into currency hedging contracts



only up to the market value of the assets a fund holds in that currency. We may adjust the contracts from time to time.

As investment fund manager, we can change the investment strategies and activities of the Plans without the consent of Subscribers, subject to any required approvals of the Canadian Securities Administrators and the Foundation and/or its Board of Directors.

## Investment Restrictions

The investment of your Contributions, Grants and the Income earned on them must comply with restrictions contained in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), and the undertaking. The Plans are managed in accordance with the investment restrictions set out in the undertaking. The undertaking is incorporated by reference into this prospectus and is available for review on our website [www.cstsavings.ca](http://www.cstsavings.ca) or the SEDAR+ website [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

The undertaking describes the specific investments which may be made by the Plans and also sets out the specific investment restrictions as noted below. Unless permitted by the undertaking, no other investments can be made by the Plans.

### Investments in corporate bonds

The Plans may invest in debt securities issued by corporations as noted in the section above. These investments are permitted subject to the following restrictions:

- investments may only be made in debt securities with a minimum credit rating of BBB (low) or equivalent from a designated credit rating organization; and,
- no more than 10% of the net assets of the Plan, taken at market value at the time of the transaction, may be invested in the securities of a single corporate issuer.

### Investments in exchange-traded equity securities

The Plans may invest in exchange-traded equity securities, including index participation units of exchange traded funds, provided that:

- principal or Government Grants may only be invested in IPU's that provide indirect exposure only to the types of investments which principal or Government Grants may be invested in directly, as described above;
- a Plan will not purchase a security of an issuer, with the exception of IPU's, if immediately after the purchase the Plans would hold securities representing more than 10 percent of
  - the votes attached to the outstanding voting securities of that issuer; or,
  - the outstanding equity securities of that issuer; and,
- no more than 10% of the net assets of the Plan, taken at market value at the time of the transaction, may be invested in the securities of a single issuer excluding IPU's.

### General restrictions

The Plans must also invest in accordance with the restrictions set out in the undertaking including the following:

- the Plans will not purchase a security for the purpose of exercising control over or management of the issuer of the security;
- the Plans cannot purchase any illiquid assets;
- investments in real estate and physical commodities are not permitted; and,
- purchasing securities on margin, short selling, securities lending, or repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements are prohibited.

We are required to confirm our compliance with the undertaking annually to the Ontario Securities Commission. We are only able to deviate from the restrictions set out in the undertaking with the agreement of the Canadian Securities Administrators and subject to any required approval of the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

## Risks of Investing in a Scholarship Plan

If you or your Beneficiary do not meet the terms of your Contract, it could result in a loss and your Beneficiary could lose some or all of their EAPs. Please read the description of the plan-specific risks under “Risks of Investing in this Plan” in this Detailed Plan Disclosure.

### Investment Risks

The prices of the investments held by the Plans can go up or down. Below are some of the risks that can cause the value of the Plans’ investments to change, which will affect the value of your Contributions and the amount of EAPs available to Beneficiaries. Unlike bank accounts or guaranteed investment certificates, your investment in the Plan is not covered by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government deposit insurer.

#### General Market Risk

General market risk is the risk that the markets will go down in value, including the possibility that the markets will move down sharply and unpredictably. Several factors can influence market trends, such as economic developments, changes in interest rates, political changes and other developments such as war and occupation, terrorism and related geopolitical risks, natural disasters, and public health emergencies including an epidemic or pandemic. All investments are subject to market risk.

#### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk of a lower return from interest-bearing fixed income securities as a result of fluctuations in market interest rates. Generally an increase in interest rates causes bond values to decline, while a decline in interest rates will increase bond values. Our portfolio managers manage this risk by analyzing and employing duration, yield curve, sector, credit and security selection strategies.

#### Credit Risk

Plan assets may be invested in bonds issued or guaranteed by federal or provincial governments in addition to corporate debt. Government and government-guaranteed bonds are generally considered to be of high credit quality, thereby moderating credit risk. Corporate credit risk reflects the risk of the underlying corporate debt issuers and is moderated by setting credit quality standards and concentration limits.

#### Derivative Risk

A derivative is a contract between two parties. The value of the contract is based on or derived from an underlying asset, such as a stock, a market index, a currency or a basket of securities. It is not a direct investment in the underlying asset itself.

The Plans may only use derivatives for currency hedging purposes. While derivatives can be useful for hedging against foreign exchange losses, they have certain risks:

- the hedging strategy used by a fund may not be effective
- the other party to a derivative contract may not be able to meet its obligations
- the price of a derivative may not accurately reflect the value of the underlying security or currency
- derivatives don’t prevent changes in the market value of the investments in a Fund’s portfolio or prevent losses if the market value of the investments falls
- the cost of the derivative contracts may increase.

#### Liquidity Risk

The Plans must repay net Contributions to Subscribers and make EAP payments to Beneficiaries as described in this prospectus and in accordance with the Plan rules. The risk that the funds may not be available to make these payments is managed through the Plans’ investment strategies. The Plans primarily invest in securities that are traded in active markets and can be readily bought and sold. The Plans retain sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet liquidity requirements by using cash forecasting models that incorporate the aging of Contributions and accumulated Income.



### **Price Risk**

This risk includes a financial instrument's fluctuations in value resulting from changes in market prices. The Plan invests Contributions mainly in fixed income securities and the Income earned on each Plan's assets can be invested in exchange-traded equity securities, including certain Canadian and US listed ETFs. The return on these securities can vary based on both market sentiment and the value and prospects of the underlying issuer or, in the case of ETFs, the broad market indexes. Prices of securities can go up or down although equity securities and equity ETFs may have greater risk and price volatility than fixed income investments. Each Plan's equity price risk is managed primarily by limits on the total amount of equity in the Plan, not allowing any principal or Government Grants to be invested in equity securities and additional risk controls set out in the mandates of the portfolio managers.

### **Currency Risk**

Plan assets can be invested in securities which are denominated and traded in a foreign currency. The value of investments denominated in a currency other than Canadian dollars is affected by changes in the value of the Canadian dollar in relation to the value of the currency in which the investment is denominated. When the value of the Canadian dollar falls in relation to a foreign currency, then the value of the foreign investment increases. Each Plan's currency risk is managed primarily by limits on the total amount of foreign securities, if any, in the Plan, and additional risk controls set out in the mandates of the portfolio managers. We may also use a currency hedging strategy that involves derivatives and their risks are outlined above in Derivative Risk.

### **Other Risk**

The sales charge refund account (see Refund of Sales Charges on page 24) is a separate portfolio where the Foundation makes funding payments and does not include investor deposits. This account is invested in equities and bonds, and as a result, security prices and values may vary according to issuer, industry or market. We provide our portfolio managers with investment policies, risk tolerances and guidelines for selecting and managing these securities.

## **How Taxes Affect your Plan**

Your plan is registered with the Canada Revenue Agency to become a Registered Education Savings Plan, which provides you with certain tax benefits described below.

### **How the Plan is taxed**

Each Plan qualifies as a registered education savings plan and assuming such status is maintained, no tax is payable under Part I of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) on the Income of the Plan.

## **How you are taxed**

Your Contributions to an RESP are not deductible by you for income tax purposes. As such, your Contributions are not taxable when withdrawn from the Plan, either at the Maturity Date or another time.

### **Return of Contributions at the Maturity Date**

Contributions refunded to you after the Maturity Date will not be taxable.

### **Withdrawal of Contributions before the Maturity Date**

Contributions withdrawn before the Maturity Date will not be taxable.

### **Refund of sales charges or other fee**

Any refunded portion of the sales charges paid will not be taxable as income to you as they are part of your Contributions.

### **Any other distributions to the Subscriber in the form of income, capital or otherwise**

No distributions are made to you. You may only receive an AIP. For information on the tax consequences of receiving an AIP, please see "If you receive an Accumulated Income Payment (AIP)".

### **Cancellation of units prior to the maturity date**

Contributions refunded to you as a result of the cancellation of units prior to the Maturity Date are not taxable. If the units are cancelled prior to registration of the plan with the Canada Revenue Agency, any Income earned in the plan will be taxable in your hands.

### **Purchase of additional units**

Contributions made to purchase additional units are not tax deductible by you for income tax purposes.

### **Transfer between plans**

The amounts transferred between eligible RESPs are not taxable.

### **Additional Contributions made to address backdating of a plan or to cure defaults under the plan**

If you are enrolled in the CST Advantage Plan, a portion of your Contributions may be allocated to the Income balance in your plan under certain circumstances. This could occur if you backdate your plan on enrolment, if you change your deposit frequency, if you are in default and need to make payments to bring your plan back to good standing or if you need to advance your Maturity Date to an earlier date. See "Making Changes to your Plan" on page 24 for more details.

Any Contributions allocated to Income becomes taxable when paid as an Educational Assistance Payment or Accumulated Income Payment.

### **A Contribution beyond the limit set by *Income Tax Act* (Canada)**

The total of all Contributions to all RESPs for a Beneficiary is subject to a lifetime limit of \$50,000. If the \$50,000 limit is exceeded, the Subscriber will be subject to a 1% per month penalty tax on the Subscriber's share of the excess.

Where there has been a change of Beneficiary, Contributions made for the former Beneficiary are deemed to have been made for the new Beneficiary (and are therefore taken into account in determining compliance with the lifetime limit) unless:

- the new Beneficiary is under age 21 and is a sibling of the former Beneficiary; or
- both the former and the new Beneficiaries are under age 21 and are family members of the Subscriber.

### **If you receive an Accumulated Income Payment (AIP)**

*This only applies to the Individual Savings Plan and the Family Savings Plan or to your post-maturity Income and Income on Government Grants in the CST Advantage Plan.*

If certain conditions are met (See Accumulated Income Payments on pages 32, 42, and 50), Income from an RESP may be paid to the Subscriber or certain persons replacing the Subscriber as an AIP.

The full amount of an AIP will be subject to regular income tax in the year that it is received, plus an additional tax of 20% (calculated for Quebec residents as federal tax of 12% and provincial tax of 8% and otherwise as federal tax of 20%).

Relief from this tax may be available where the recipient of the AIP is:

- the original Subscriber,
- the spouse or former spouse of the original Subscriber who acquired the Subscriber's rights upon marriage breakdown, or
- the spouse or former spouse of a deceased Subscriber where there was no replacement Subscriber.

A recipient may, to the extent he/she has unused Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) or Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) contribution room, transfer up to \$50,000 of the AIP into an RRSP or spousal RRSP or up to \$200,000 into a qualifying RDSP for the same Beneficiary without being subject to tax. This transfer must be made in the year the AIP is received or in the first 60 days of the following year. Once an AIP is made from an RESP, the plan must be terminated by the end of February of the year after the year in which the first AIP is made.

### **How your Beneficiary is Taxed**

Amounts paid as EAPs under a Plan, for Canadian-resident Beneficiaries will be taxable income of the Beneficiary and taxed at their marginal tax rate. Beneficiaries who are non-residents of Canada may be subject to Canadian withholding tax of up to 25%. If a Beneficiary receives more than \$7,200 of CESGs, the excess must be repaid to the federal government and deducted from the taxable income of the Beneficiary.

## Who is Involved in Running the Plans

<b>Investment Fund Manager and Principal Distributor:</b>  <b>C.S.T. Savings Inc.</b> <b>2235 Sheppard Avenue East, Suite 1600,</b> <b>Toronto, Ontario M2J 5B8</b>	C.S.T. Savings Inc. a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Foundation, directs the business, operations and affairs of the Plans, and provides administrative services, including the maintenance of Subscriber records, to the Plans and Foundation. CSTS also distributes the Plans.
<b>Plan Sponsor:</b>  <b>Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation</b> <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>	The Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation enters into the education savings plan agreements with Subscribers and provides governance oversight by supervising the administration of the Plans.
<b>Trustee and Custodian:</b>  <b>RBC Investor Services Trust</b> <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>	<p>The Plans are trusts for which RBC Investor Services Trust is the Trustee. The Trustee also acts as Custodian for the Plans and performs valuation services.</p> <p>RBC Investor Services Trust is unrelated to CSTS and the Foundation.</p>
<b>Portfolio Managers:</b>  <b>BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited</b> <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>  <b>BMO Asset Management Inc.</b> <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>  <b>CIBC Asset Management Inc.</b> <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>  <b>C.S.T. Asset Management Inc.</b> <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>  <b>Fiera Capital Corporation</b> <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>  <b>TD Asset Management Inc.</b> <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>	<p>Each portfolio manager manages a portion of the assets of the Plans according to specific mandates including the provision of investment analysis or investment recommendations and making investment decisions. The portfolio managers are responsible for making brokerage arrangements relating to their portfolio.</p> <p>The portfolio managers, with the exception of C.S.T. Asset Management Inc., are unrelated to CSTS and the Foundation.</p> <p>CSTS's Chief Investment Officer manages and monitors the portfolio managers. CSTS may decide to change the portfolio managers or the allocation of assets assigned to any portfolio manager from time to time in its sole discretion and may do so without prior or other notice to Subscribers of the Plans.</p>
<b>Auditor:</b>  <b>Deloitte LLP</b> <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>	The auditor is responsible for auditing the financial statements of the Plans and expressing an opinion based on their audits as to whether the financial statements comply, in all material respects, with International Financial Reporting Standards.
<b>Independent Review Committee:</b>  <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>	The Independent Review Committee provides independent review and oversight of conflicts of interest relating to the management of the Plans.

## Your Rights as an Investor

You have the right to withdraw from your Contract and get back all of your money (including any fees or expenses paid), within 60 days of your Application Date. If your plan is cancelled after 60 days, you will only get back your net Contributions. Any Government Grants you've received will be returned to the government.

In several provinces and territories, securities legislation also gives you the right to withdraw from a purchase and get back all of your money, or to claim damages, if the prospectus or any amendment contains a misrepresentation or is not delivered to you. You must act within the time limits set by the securities legislation in your province or territory.

You can find out more about these rights by referring to the securities legislation of your province or territory or by consulting a lawyer.

# Specific information about our Plans – CST Advantage Plan

## Type of Plan

Type of scholarship plan	Start Date
Group Scholarship Plan	April 27, 2001

## Who this Plan is for

You are eligible to enroll in this Plan if:

- your child is under 13 years of age;
- your child is a Canadian resident within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

This Plan is suitable if:

- you are comfortable making Contributions on a regular basis and on time;
- you intend to stay in the Plan until the Maturity Date;
- you are planning for your child to attend three or four years of post-secondary education.

If this doesn't describe you, then this Plan may not be appropriate for you and an Individual Savings Plan or Family Savings Plan may be more suitable for you.

## Your Beneficiary Group

A Beneficiary Group is a group of Beneficiaries who are expected to start their post-secondary education in the same year (known as the Year of Eligibility). Beneficiaries are generally grouped based on their age. The amount of EAPs received by your Beneficiary will be based, in part, on the experience of your Beneficiary Group.

The Maturity Date is the date at which the Income earned on a Subscriber's Contributions is transferred into the EAP Account (unless they have exercised their option to transfer into the Individual or Family Savings Plan prior to that date). Maturity generally occurs in the calendar year in which your Beneficiary turns 18. In general, it is in the year your Beneficiary is expected to enroll in their first year of post-secondary education.

The Year of Eligibility is the year in which your Beneficiary is first eligible to receive EAPs under the plan. This is initially set to be equal to the year that the plan reaches the Maturity Date.

EAPs are paid based on the funds available in the EAP Account for each Beneficiary Group. The EAP Account will also receive Income earned on Contributions of Subscribers who have cancelled their plans or whose plans were cancelled by us. Beneficiaries in the same Beneficiary Group will receive a proportionate share of the EAP Account according to the number of Units purchased on their behalf.

Once your plan is established, you will be notified of the actual Beneficiary Group your Beneficiary is in. However the table below can help you estimate your Beneficiary Group. In general, the Beneficiary Group is determined by the age of the Beneficiary when you sign your Contract.

Age of Beneficiary when the Plan is purchased	Beneficiary Group
12 years old	2031
11 years old	2032
10 years old	2033
9 years old	2034
8 years old	2035
7 years old	2036
6 years old	2037
5 years old	2038
4 years old	2039
3 years old	2040
2 years old	2041
1 year old	2042
Newborn	2043

## Summary of Eligible Studies

The following is a description of the post-secondary programs that are Eligible Studies and qualify for EAPs under the CST Advantage Plan.

Contact us or your sales representative to find out if the educational programs your Beneficiary is interested in are Eligible Studies. We can provide you with a current list of qualifying institutions and programs on request. This list is also available on our website at [www.cstsavings.ca](http://www.cstsavings.ca).

For more information about receiving EAPs, see "Educational Assistance Payments" on page 29.

### What's eligible

Beneficiaries must be enrolled in any post-secondary program that qualifies under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). For full-time programs at eligible Canadian schools, this means a program of at least 3 consecutive weeks duration with at least 10 hours of instruction or work each week. For part-time studies, it means a program of at least 3 consecutive weeks with at least 12 hours per month spent on courses. For eligible schools outside Canada, the program must be at least 13 consecutive weeks duration, or for Beneficiaries enrolled full-time at a university, the program must be at least 3 consecutive weeks in duration.

Qualifying post-secondary institutions may include universities, community colleges, trade schools, vocational

schools, technical schools, religious schools, CEGEPs, as well as distance learning or correspondence learning programs.

## What's not eligible

Any post-secondary program that would not qualify for an EAP under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) would not be considered Eligible Studies under the Plan.

Beneficiaries who don't enroll in Eligible Studies under the requirements of the Plan will also not receive payments of Government Grants.

## Risks of Investing in this Plan

### Plan risks

You sign a Contract when you open a plan with us. Read the terms of the Contract carefully and make sure you understand the Contract before you sign. If you or your Beneficiary does not meet the terms of your Contract, it could result in a loss and your Beneficiary could lose some or all of his or her EAPs.

Keep in mind that payments from the plan are not guaranteed. We cannot tell you in advance if your Beneficiary will qualify to receive any EAPs from the plan or how much your Beneficiary will receive. We do not guarantee the amount of any payments or that the payments will cover the full cost of your Beneficiary's post-secondary education.

In addition to the investment risks described under "Investment Risks" on page 11, the following is a description of the risks of participating in this Plan:

### Termination of your Plan Before the Maturity Date

If you withdraw from the CST Advantage Plan more than 60 days after your Application Date but before the Maturity Date, you will forfeit your Income, Government Grants and Income on Government Grants. In addition, you will not be eligible for a refund of sales charges. Any Government Grants received will be returned to the applicable government. The Income earned on your Contributions will be transferred to the EAP Account for your Beneficiary Group to be shared with other Beneficiaries unless the Income balance is negative in which case it will be deducted from your Contributions. Income earned on Government Grants will be paid to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

### Contributions Allocated to Income

Certain changes to your plan may require that a portion of your Contributions need to be allocated to your accumulated Income balance. This can occur if you:

- backdate your plan;
- change your Contribution schedule;
- advance your Beneficiary's Year of Eligibility to a date prior to Maturity; or
- change the Beneficiary to an older child.

This allocation may result in certain adverse tax and other financial consequences to you and/or your Beneficiary as described in "Making Changes to your Plan" on page 24.

### Risk of Missing a Notification Deadline

If your Beneficiary will not be enrolling in Eligible Studies, or if he or she will be enrolling in 3 or fewer years of Eligible Studies, you have the option of transferring to the Individual Savings Plan or Family Savings Plan until the end of the calendar year in which the Beneficiary turns 20. If you fail to notify us of your intent to transfer the plan by the end of the calendar year in which the Beneficiary turns 20, you will remain in the CST Advantage Plan and your Beneficiary will need to qualify for payments from the plan based on the requirements of the CST Advantage Plan.

### Qualification for Beneficiaries to collect EAPs

You may not be entitled to any Income earned on your net Contributions, if your Beneficiary does not qualify to receive EAPs and if you are not eligible to take an Accumulated Income Payment. If your Beneficiary attends fewer than four years of Eligible Studies, he or she will not be eligible for all four EAPs or for all four installments of the refund of the sales charges paid.

### Level of EAPs

We cannot predict the actual amounts of EAPs, which are impacted by a number of factors including:

- The amount of Income earned.** The amount of Income earned on your net Contributions may vary from year to year and past performance is not necessarily indicative of what will be earned in the future.
- Change in Attrition.** The amount of Attrition will change from year to year and cannot be predicted. As a result, the amount of EAPs available to Beneficiaries will be affected and can be more or less than what is being paid out today.



Investment risks

The prices of the investments held by the plan can go up or down. You can find a list of risks that can cause the value of the Plan’s investments to change under “Investment Risks” on page 11.

How the Plan has Performed

The table below shows how the investments in CST Advantage Plan performed in each of the past five financial years ending on October 31. Returns are after expenses have been deducted. These expenses reduce the returns you get on your investment.

It’s important to note that this doesn’t tell you how the Plan’s investments will perform in the future.

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Annual Return	16.6%	4.1%	(9.6%)	5.9%	3.5%

Making Contributions

The minimum required investment in the CST Advantage Plan is the greater of \$9.50 per month or 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a Unit. The maximum length of time the Contributions can be made for is 17 years or 204 months.

What is a Unit?

A Unit represents a share of the EAP Account for any given Beneficiary Group. The number of Units you have in your plan depends on how much, how often and for how many years you contribute to your plan. The number of Units you hold will determine your Beneficiary’s proportionate share of the EAP Account for his or her Beneficiary Group.

The value of a Unit is based on the total size of the EAP Account for your Beneficiary Group and the number of Units held by beneficiaries that qualify for a payment from the EAP Account.

Your Contribution Options

The Plan offers the following 9 Contribution options:

- 1. Monthly
- 2. Monthly for 10 years
- 3. Monthly for 5 years
- 4. Monthly for 2 years
- 5. Annual
- 6. Annual for 10 years
- 7. Annual for 5 years
- 8. Annual for 2 years
- 9. Single Contribution

Contribution Schedule

The Contribution schedule below shows how much you have to contribute to buy one Unit. The price of a Unit depends on your Beneficiary Group and whether you pay for your Units all at once or make periodic Contributions to pay for your Units. The prices of a Unit for the various Contribution options are determined so that the Contributions of each Subscriber for a Beneficiary Group will generate the same Income per Unit.

Certain fees and expenses are deducted from your Contributions. For more information, see “Fees you pay” on page 21.

The Contribution schedule was prepared in 2001 by a member of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries.

How to use this table

For example, let’s assume your Beneficiary is a newborn. If you want to make monthly Contributions until maturity, it will cost \$9.50 each month for each Unit you buy. You would have to make 204 Contributions over the life of your plan, for a total investment of \$1,938.00.

If your child is five years old and you want to make annual Contributions until maturity, it will cost \$210.00 each year for each Unit you buy. You would have to make 12 Contributions over the life of your plan, for a total investment of \$2,520.00.

**Contribution Schedule**  
**Contributions Per Unit (in Canadian dollars)**

CONTRIBUTION OPTION	Newborn	1 Year of Age	2 Years of Age	3 Years of Age	4 Years of Age
<b>MONTHLY</b>	0M	1M	2M	3M	4M
Contribution Amount	\$9.50	\$10.70	\$12.15	\$13.95	\$16.20
Number of Contributions	204	192	180	168	156
Total Amount of Contributions	\$1,938.00	\$2,054.40	\$2,187.00	\$2,343.60	\$2,527.20
<b>MONTHLY FOR 10 YEARS</b>	0U	1U	2U	3U	4U
Contribution Amount	\$11.35	\$12.45	\$13.75	\$15.35	\$17.35
Number of Contributions	120	120	120	120	120
Total Amount of Contributions	\$1,362.00	\$1,494.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,842.00	\$2,082.00
<b>MONTHLY FOR 5 YEARS</b>	0K	1K	2K	3K	4K
Contribution Amount	\$18.05	\$19.55	\$21.25	\$23.30	\$25.80
Number of Contributions	60	60	60	60	60
Total Amount of Contributions	\$1,083.00	\$1,173.00	\$1,275.00	\$1,398.00	\$1,548.00
<b>MONTHLY FOR 2 YEARS</b>	0E	1E	2E	3E	4E
Contribution Amount	\$37.50	\$40.55	\$44.10	\$48.20	\$53.20
Number of Contributions	24	24	24	24	24
Total Amount of Contributions	\$900.00	\$973.20	\$1,058.40	\$1,156.80	\$1,276.80
<b>ANNUAL</b>	0A	1A	2A	3A	4A
Contribution Amount	\$105.00	\$118.00	\$134.50	\$154.50	\$179.00
Number of Contributions	17	16	15	14	13
Total Amount of Contributions	\$1,785.00	\$1,888.00	\$2,017.50	\$2,163.00	\$2,327.00
<b>ANNUAL FOR 10 YEARS</b>	0T	1T	2T	3T	4T
Contribution Amount	\$126.50	\$138.75	\$153.25	\$170.75	\$192.50
Number of Contributions	10	10	10	10	10
Total Amount of Contributions	\$1,265.00	\$1,387.50	\$1,532.50	\$1,707.50	\$1,925.00
<b>ANNUAL FOR 5 YEARS</b>	0J	1J	2J	3J	4J
Contribution Amount	\$202.00	\$219.00	\$239.00	\$262.00	\$290.00
Number of Contributions	5	5	5	5	5
Total Amount of Contributions	\$1,010.00	\$1,095.00	\$1,195.00	\$1,310.00	\$1,450.00
<b>ANNUAL FOR 2 YEARS</b>	0D	1D	2D	3D	4D
Contribution Amount	\$435.00	\$469.00	\$508.00	\$554.00	\$610.00
Number of Contributions	2	2	2	2	2
Total Amount of Contributions	\$870.00	\$938.00	\$1,016.00	\$1,108.00	\$1,220.00
<b>SINGLE CONTRIBUTION</b>	0L	1L	2L	3L	4L
Contribution Amount	\$829.00	\$894.00	\$969.00	\$1,054.00	\$1,158.00
Number of Contributions	1	1	1	1	1
Total Amount of Contributions	\$829.00	\$894.00	\$969.00	\$1,054.00	\$1,158.00



5 Years of Age	6 Years of Age	7 Years of Age	8 Years of Age	9 Years of Age	10 Years of Age	11 Years of Age	12 Years of Age
5M	6M	7M	8M	9M	10M	11M	12M
\$19.00	\$22.65	\$27.45	\$33.90	\$42.80	\$55.80	\$75.40	\$107.00
144	132	120	108	96	84	72	60
\$2,736.00	\$2,989.80	\$3,294.00	\$3,661.20	\$4,108.80	\$4,687.20	\$5,428.80	\$6,420.00
5U	6U						
\$19.75	\$23.10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
120	120	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
\$2,370.00	\$2,772.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5K	6K	7K	8K	9K	10K	11K	
\$28.75	\$32.40	\$37.10	\$43.20	\$51.40	\$62.50	\$80.00	N/A
60	60	60	60	60	60	60	N/A
\$1,725.00	\$1,944.00	\$2,226.00	\$2,592.00	\$3,084.00	\$3,750.00	\$4,800.00	N/A
5E	6E	7E	8E	9E	10E	11E	12E
\$58.90	\$65.60	\$74.40	\$85.10	\$98.75	\$116.80	\$141.60	\$177.80
24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
\$1,413.60	\$1,574.40	\$1,785.60	\$2,042.40	\$2,370.00	\$2,803.20	\$3,398.40	\$4,267.20
5A	6A	7A	8A	9A	10A	11A	12A
\$210.00	\$249.00	\$301.00	\$368.00	\$461.00	\$593.00	\$790.00	\$1,100.00
12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
\$2,520.00	\$2,739.00	\$3,010.00	\$3,312.00	\$3,688.00	\$4,151.00	\$4,740.00	\$5,500.00
5T	6T						
\$218.50	\$254.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
\$2,185.00	\$2,540.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5J	6J	7J	8J	9J	10J	11J	
\$323.00	\$362.00	\$413.00	\$478.00	\$563.00	\$676.00	\$845.00	N/A
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	N/A
\$1,615.00	\$1,810.00	\$2,065.00	\$2,390.00	\$2,815.00	\$3,380.00	\$4,225.00	N/A
5D	6D	7D	8D	9D	10D	11D	12D
\$674.00	\$746.00	\$843.00	\$959.00	\$1,105.00	\$1,297.00	\$1,554.00	\$1,916.00
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
\$1,348.00	\$1,492.00	\$1,686.00	\$1,918.00	\$2,210.00	\$2,594.00	\$3,108.00	\$3,832.00
5L	6L	7L	8L	9L	10L	11L	12L
\$1,275.00	\$1,410.00	\$1,586.00	\$1,796.00	\$2,057.00	\$2,393.00	\$2,835.00	\$3,450.00
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
\$1,275.00	\$1,410.00	\$1,586.00	\$1,796.00	\$2,057.00	\$2,393.00	\$2,835.00	\$3,450.00

The Contribution schedule was prepared on the basis that Units within each Beneficiary Group will earn approximately an equal amount of Income by the Maturity Date, including provision for Income transferred to the EAP Account on early termination, regardless of the Beneficiary's age at the time of enrolment or the selected Contribution frequency. The primary assumptions used in the preparation of the Contribution schedule include lapse assumptions selected to reflect the overall Attrition rates experienced by the Plans, an effective annual interest rate of 6.0%, and the sales charges and account maintenance fees at the rates disclosed in the "Costs of Investing in this Plan" on page 21.

You can set up your plan based on an age younger than the current age of your Beneficiary, which allows you to purchase more Units. You can do this for a monthly Contribution Plan for a maximum of 6 months, and for an annual or single Contribution Plan for a maximum of 11 months. If you choose to do this for your plan, you will need to contribute the amount of Contributions and Income that would have accumulated had you actually started your plan on the earlier date. Income owing is calculated at an annual rate of 6% on the amount of Contributions owing.

## If you have difficulty making Contributions

If you have made at least 6 payments to your plan and subsequently miss one or more Contributions, your Contribution schedule will be automatically extended by a month for each missed payment to a maximum of 6 months. If you miss payments after the maximum Contribution schedule extension or if you do not qualify for this extension, you'll have to make up both the Contributions you missed and what the Contributions would have earned within 3 months to stay in the plan, which could be costly. Otherwise your plan will be transferred to the Individual or Family Savings Plan.

For information about the steps you have to take to stay in the plan after extending your Contribution schedule by 6 months, see "Default, Withdrawal or Cancellation" on page 27.

## Your options

You must make all Contributions required to complete your Contribution schedule in order for your Beneficiary to be eligible for EAPs.

If you feel that you cannot continue making Contributions over the long term, you have several options:

### 1. Reduce the number of Units

You can reduce the number of Units in your plan (provided you maintain at least 1/10 of a Unit) to decrease the amount of future Contributions. This option will reduce your Beneficiary's share of the EAP

Account by the number of Units you cancel. There are no service fees charged to exercise this option. Sales charges paid to date on cancelled Units are kept in the plan as a credit which can be used to purchase additional Units at a future date provided your Beneficiary is under the age of 13. See "Changing your Contributions" on page 24 for more details.

### 2. Change your Contribution schedule

You can change your Contribution schedule to reduce, delay or eliminate future Contributions. Under some circumstances, this may result in an allocation of your net Contributions to the Income portion of your plan. See "Changing your Contributions" on page 24 for details. There are no service fees to exercise this option.

### 3. Transfer to the Individual Savings Plan or the Family Savings Plan

You can transfer to the Individual Savings Plan or the Family Savings Plan. On transfer, 100% of your Contributions (net of fees), Government Grants and Income earned within the Plan is transferred. There is no service fee to exercise this option. After transfer, you will no longer hold Units in the CST Advantage Plan and will forego the opportunity to receive any Attrition. See "Transferring to Individual Savings Plan or Family Savings Plan" on page 26 for details.

### 4. Cancel your plan

On cancellation, you will receive a refund of your net Contributions. Any Government Grants received will be repaid to the applicable government, and your Income will remain in the EAP Account for your Beneficiary Group. Repayment of Government Grants will result in the loss of the Beneficiary's Grant Contribution Room, which cannot be restored. There are no service fees to cancel your plan.

## Withdrawing your Contributions

You are entitled to withdraw your net Contributions, at any time before the Maturity Date of your plan by cancelling your plan. Please see "Default, Withdrawal or Cancellation" on page 27 for detailed information on the process and implications associated with cancelling your plan.

The Plan does not allow for partial withdrawal of your net Contributions before your child enrolls in Eligible Studies. However, you may transfer your plan to the Individual Savings Plan or the Family Savings Plan, and withdraw some of your Contributions. Please see "Transferring to Individual Savings Plan or Family Savings Plan" on page 26 for detailed information on the process and implications associated with transferring to the Individual Savings Plan or Family Savings Plan.

There are no service fees to process the withdrawal of your net Contributions.

## Costs of Investing in this Plan

There are costs for joining and participating in the CST Advantage Plan. The following tables list the fees and

expenses of this Plan. You pay some of these fees and expenses directly from your Contributions. The Plan pays some of the fees and expenses, which are deducted from the Plan's Income.

### Fees you pay

These fees are deducted from your Contributions. They reduce the amount that gets invested in your plan, which will reduce the amount available for EAPs.

	Fee	What you pay	What the fee is for	Who the fee is paid to
<b>Paying off the sales charges</b>  Assume, for example, you buy one Unit of the CST Advantage Plan on behalf of your newborn child, and you commit to paying for that Unit by making monthly Contributions until your plan's Maturity Date. All of your first 11 Contributions go toward the sales charges until half of the sales charges are paid off. Half of your next 21 Contributions go toward the sales charges until they are fully paid off. Altogether, it will take 32 months to pay off the sales charges. During this time, 34% of your Contributions will be invested in your plan.	<b>Sales charge<sup>1</sup></b>	\$200 per Unit  This can be between 3.1% and 24.1% of the cost of a Unit, depending on the Contribution option you select for your plan and how old your Beneficiary is at the time you open your plan  All of your Contributions go toward this fee until half of it has been paid off, and then half of each of your Contributions afterwards goes toward this fee until it has been paid in full  Beneficiaries enrolled in Eligible Studies who collect all four EAPs will receive a refund of 50% of sales charges paid. See Refund of Sales Charges on page 24	This is for paying commissions to your sales representative, and covering the costs of selling your plan	A portion is paid to the sales charge refund account and the balance is paid to C.S.T. Savings Inc. as a distribution fee
	<b>Account maintenance fee<sup>2</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$20.00 per year for monthly Contributions</li> <li>• \$13.00 per year for annual Contributions</li> <li>• \$8.00 per year for annual Contributions over 2 years</li> <li>• \$7.00 per year for single Contributions plus applicable taxes<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>	This is for processing your Contributions and for maintaining your plan	Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation
	Notes: <sup>1</sup> Sales charges may not be increased without Subscriber approval. <sup>2</sup> Subject to change upon 60 days prior written notice by us. <sup>3</sup> The Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) applies in lieu of the federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the provinces of Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Prince Edward Island and both the GST and Quebec Sales Tax apply in Quebec.			

## Fees the Plan Pays

The following fees are payable from the Plan's Income. You don't pay these fees directly. These fees affect you because they reduce the Plan's returns which reduces the amount available for EAPs.

Fee	What the Plan pays	What the fee is for	Who the fee is paid to
<b>All-Inclusive Management Fee</b>	<p>Fee consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Administration fee<sup>1</sup>: Each year, 0.50% of the total amount of net Contributions, Government Grants and Income earned on these amounts. The Administration fee is subject to applicable taxes<sup>2</sup></li> <li>(ii) Trustee and Custodian fees: Based on the current agreement in place with the Trustee. In 2024, the fees were 0.01% of assets plus applicable taxes<sup>2</sup></li> <li>(iii) Portfolio management fees and expenses: Based on the current portfolio manager fee agreements in place with the portfolio managers. In 2024, the annual weighted average fees were 0.08% of the average market value of assets in the Plan plus applicable taxes<sup>2</sup>. CSTS's expenses incurred to monitor and manage the portfolio managers are included in the portfolio manager fees.</li> </ul> <p>For year ended October 31, 2024, the total All-Inclusive Management Fee was 0.59% of assets plus applicable taxes<sup>2</sup></p>	Operating and administering your plan, including portfolio management, trustee, record-keeping and custodial services	Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation, which pays applicable fees to the portfolio managers who manage the Plan's investments and the Trustee as trustee, record keeper and custodian. The Foundation pays amounts out of the administration fee to CSTS for its management services
<b>Independent Review Committee</b>	<p>\$16,000 to the Chair, \$13,000 to each member which includes the meeting attendance fees for 2 meetings, and \$1,500 for each additional meeting attended plus secretariat fee of \$35,000 and other expenses</p> <p>For the year ended October 31, 2024, \$94,757 shared by all Plans, including the Discontinued Plans and CST Spark Education Portfolios</p>	This is for the services of the Plan's Independent Review Committee. The committee reviews conflict of interest matters between the investment fund manager and the Plan	Independent Review Committee

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Administration fee may not be changed without Subscriber approval.

<sup>2</sup> The Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) applies in lieu of the federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the provinces of Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Prince Edward Island and both the GST and Quebec Sales Tax apply in Quebec.

## Transaction Fees

We will charge the following fees for the transactions listed below.

Fee	Amount	How the fee is paid	Who the fee is paid to
<b>Returned (N.S.F.) payments</b>	\$25 per item	Directly by the Subscriber	Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation
<b>Transfer to another RESP provider</b>	\$50 per transfer	Deducted from your Contributions	Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation
<b>Lost cheque replacement or Stop Payment</b>	\$20 per item	Deducted from the new cheque amount	Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation

**Note:** Transaction fees may be changed with a 60 day written advance notice to Subscribers.

We do not charge for the following services: changing your Contributions, Beneficiary, or Maturity Date; however, there may be an Income adjustment if the Maturity Date is advanced.

## Refund of Sales Charges

The Foundation will refund 50% of the sales charges you paid for your Units as a Loyalty Bonus if you make all required Contributions, your plan reaches maturity and your Beneficiary receives all four EAPs.

To meet its commitment to refund 50% of sales charges paid, the Foundation has established a segregated account into which a portion of the sales charges is transferred. Deposits into the sales charge refund account are made when you purchase Units and your Contributions are paid into the Plan.

The Foundation has established a funding policy, with the objective of making sure money is available in future years to refund 50% of sales charges to eligible Subscribers and will manage the assets in the sales charge refund account to meet this commitment. The policy requires that a valuation be done on the sales charge refund account every two years with the results reported to the Foundation. The funding policy confirms the Foundation's obligation to fund any deficits in the sales charge refund account.

We pay your refund of sales charges to your Beneficiary in four installments along with EAPs unless you instruct us to pay the refunds directly to you. You cannot collect a greater number of sales charge refund installments than the number of EAPs your Beneficiary receives. You will receive 12.5% of the sales charges paid per Unit, as a refund with each EAP your Beneficiary receives. If your Beneficiary does not qualify to receive an EAP, you will not receive a sales charge refund. The amount refunded is not taxable to the Subscriber or Beneficiary. Any amounts refunded will not include Income earned on the sales charges.

If you transfer to the Individual or Family Savings Plan from the CST Advantage Plan, you may be eligible for a partial refund of the CST Advantage Plan sales charges paid as part of your Beneficiary's Education Assistance Payments. The percentage of sales charges available for refund depends upon how long you were in the CST Advantage Plan and range from 0-25% of the total sales charges paid.

## Making Changes to your Plan

### Changing your Contributions

You may change your Contribution schedule at any time. To do so, you may be required to:

- make additional Contributions; and/or
- allocate part of your Contributions to the Income portion of your plan. Allocating Contributions to Income is sometimes necessary to ensure that your plan earns approximately the same amount of Income per Unit, by the Maturity Date, as other Units held by Subscribers with the same Beneficiary Group. This re-allocation may result in certain adverse tax and other financial consequences to you and/or

your Beneficiary as described in "How Taxes Affect your Plan" on page 12.

There are three ways you can change your Contributions:

#### 1. Change your Contribution frequency

You may contact us at any time and ask to change your Contribution frequency. We will provide you with a summary of the changes, including:

- any additional Contribution required to change to the new frequency;
- any allocation of your Contributions to the Income portion of your plan;
- any future Contributions required under the new Contribution schedule; and
- any change to the Maturity Date of the plan.

There is no service fee to change your Contribution schedule. You will need to complete, sign and return a form agreeing to the changes.

#### 2. Adding Units

Until your Beneficiary reaches age 13, and provided that Units continue to be offered on the same terms as described in this prospectus, you may add Units in increments of  $1/1000^{\text{th}}$  of a Unit. You can:

- increase the amount of each Contribution, keeping the same frequency as your original Contribution Schedule, based on the current age of the Beneficiary; or
- add Units at any time by making a lump sum Contribution of at least \$100 without increasing your monthly or annual payments.

To add Units to your plan, you will need to meet with your sales representative who will complete the application to purchase additional Units. You will pay additional sales charges of \$200 per Unit purchased as described in this prospectus.

#### 3. Reducing Units

You may reduce Units purchased under your plan without terminating the plan as long as the number of Units does not fall below  $1/10^{\text{th}}$  of a Unit and you maintain a minimum monthly Contribution of \$9.50.

If you reduce Units:

- the net Contributions for your reduced Units will be used to reduce future Contributions on the remaining Units;
- Income from the reduced Units remains in the plan; and
- sales charges you paid on reduced Units can be used proportionally towards the sales charges of any Units you add at a future date provided your Beneficiary is under the age of 13. Sales charges paid on reduced Units will not be applied towards the sales charges for your remaining Units.



To make this change, contact us and we will provide you with a form that you will need to complete, sign and return to us. You must agree with the terms of the change. You will forfeit the right to receive any refund of the sales charges on the Units that you have cancelled. There is no service fee for reducing Units.

## Changing the Maturity Date

You may change your Maturity Date based on the specific circumstances of your Beneficiary to ensure that the plan aligns with their post-secondary education.

If your Beneficiary enrolls in Eligible Studies later than anticipated, or if your Beneficiary is uncertain of what they wish to do after secondary school, you will have until the end of the calendar year in which the Beneficiary turns 20 to transfer to the Individual or Family Savings Plan. This gives you more time to consider transferring from the Plan to an Individual or Family Savings Plan, an option that expires January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year the Beneficiary turns 21.

If your Beneficiary enrolls in Eligible Studies earlier than anticipated, you may advance your plan's Maturity Date. If you select this option, we will deduct an amount equal to our estimate of the Income that would have normally been earned between the early withdrawal date and the original Maturity Date from your Contributions. The funds deducted will be added to the amount transferred to the EAP Account for your Beneficiary Group.

To make this change, please contact us and we will provide you with a form that you will need to complete, sign and return to us. You must agree with the terms of the change. There is no service fee for this change.

## Changing your Beneficiary's Year of Eligibility

The Year of Eligibility is set as of the year your plan matures at which time your Beneficiary, once enrolled in Eligible Studies, can collect EAPs. If your Beneficiary enrolls in Eligible Studies earlier than expected, you can advance the Year of Eligibility. The earliest you can advance the Year of Eligibility is two years prior to Maturity. When you change the Year of Eligibility, the Income earned on your Contributions will be pooled with that of other Beneficiaries in the Beneficiary Group associated with the new Year of Eligibility and your Beneficiary's first EAP will be calculated in the new Year of Eligibility.

*To advance the Year of Eligibility:* Simply advise us of the date the Beneficiary expects to enroll in Eligible Studies prior to Maturity Date of the year in which the Beneficiary wishes to collect his or her first EAP. In order to advance the Year of Eligibility to a date before Maturity, you need to advance the Maturity Date of the Plan (see "Changing the Maturity Date").

To make this change, please contact us with the new Year of Eligibility and we will make the change free of charge.

## Changing the Subscriber

The Plan allows the Subscribers to be changed at any time during the life of your plan if:

1. the original Subscriber(s) passes away;
2. there is a court order requiring a change of Subscriber arising from marital breakdown; or
3. another individual or Public Primary Caregiver has been appointed and granted rights as a Subscriber.

The new Subscriber must meet the requirements in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) including:

- the new Subscriber is the spouse or common-law partner, or ex-spouse or former common-law partner of the original Subscriber and gets the original Subscriber's rights under the RESP as a result of a court order or written agreement for dividing property after a breakdown of the relationship; or
- the new Subscriber acquired the Subscriber's rights under the RESP, or the new Subscriber continues to make Contributions into the RESP for the Beneficiary, after your death; or
- the new Subscriber is your estate that acquired the Subscriber's rights under the RESP, or that continues to make Contributions into the RESP for the Beneficiary, after your death.

To make the change, we will require:

- original or notarized copy of the court order, if applicable;
- original or notarized death certificate and, if applicable, your will; or
- original or notarized copies of any other applicable legal documents.

To make this change, please contact us and we will provide a form to be completed, signed and returned to us. There will be no losses incurred by the Subscriber or the Beneficiary if the change is made. There is no service fee for the change.

## Changing your Beneficiary

You may change your Beneficiary any time before the Maturity Date as long as the new Beneficiary is under the age of 21 and you provide the new Beneficiary's Social Insurance Number. Accumulated Government Grants, with the exception of the CLB, will be transferred to the new Beneficiary subject to any legal restrictions on such a transfer. If the new Beneficiary is not a sibling of the former Beneficiary, Government Grants will be returned to the government. If the ages of the new and original Beneficiary are different, your Contribution schedule will change to



correspond to the new Beneficiary's Year of Eligibility. If the new Beneficiary is older, you may need to:

- make additional Contributions; and
- allocate some of your Contributions to Income so that your plan will earn approximately the same amount of Income by the Maturity Date as other Subscribers in the same Beneficiary Group.

If the new Beneficiary is younger, you may be entitled to a refund of Contributions. If you take the refund of Contributions before your Beneficiary enrolls in Eligible Studies, a portion of your Government Grants will be repaid to the applicable government. If you don't take the refund, the refund amount will remain in the plan and continue to earn Income, however such Income will be transferred to the EAP Account on the Maturity Date.

Provided the new Beneficiary is (i) under the age of 21 and a sibling of the original Beneficiary or (ii) is connected to the original Subscriber by adoption or blood relationship, and both Beneficiaries (original and new) are under the age of 21, Contributions made on behalf of the original Beneficiary will not be included in determining whether an over-contribution has been made for the new Beneficiary in past years.

To make this change, please contact us and provide new Beneficiary's name, date of birth, Social Insurance Number and relationship to the former beneficiary. We will provide you with a form that you will need to complete, sign and return to us. You must agree with the terms of the change. There is no service fee for the change.

## Death of the Beneficiary

If your Beneficiary dies before the plan's Maturity and a substitute Beneficiary is not named, you are entitled to cancel your plan and receive a refund of all Contributions including any sales charges and fees paid. If there is Income in the plan, it can be taken out as an AIP (see "Accumulated Income Payments" on page 32 for details). If you choose not to take the Income out as an AIP, the Income earned on principal (net Contributions) will be shared amongst the Beneficiaries with the same Year of Eligibility. Income earned on Government Grants will be forfeited and paid to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

To cancel the plan, please contact us and provide us with an original or notarized death certificate of the Beneficiary. There is no service fee for the change.

## Disability of the Beneficiary

If your Beneficiary becomes disabled such that it is expected to prevent your Beneficiary from pursuing post-secondary education (as verified in writing by a qualified third-party practitioner), please contact us. Due to significant variation in disability types, each situation is treated on a case-by-case basis.

**Pre-Maturity:** You may name another Beneficiary or cancel your plan. If you cancel your plan you will receive a refund of all Contributions including any sales charges and fees paid. If there is Income in the plan, it can be taken out as an AIP (see "Accumulated Income Payments" on page 32 for details) or transferred to a Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP). If you choose not to take the Income out as an AIP or a transfer to an RDSP, the Income earned on principal (net Contributions) will be shared amongst the Beneficiaries with the same Year of Eligibility. Income earned on Government Grants will be forfeited and paid to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

**Post-Maturity:** You may name another Beneficiary. If you decide not to name another Beneficiary, any remaining post-maturity income or income earned on Government Grants in the plan can be taken out as an AIP (see "Accumulated Income Payments" on page 32 for details) or transferred to a Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP). If you choose not to take the Income out as an AIP or a transfer to an RDSP, any Income earned on principal (net Contributions) after the Maturity Date and Income earned on Government Grants will be forfeited and paid to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

To name another Beneficiary or cancel the plan, please contact us and we will let you know the documents we require such as notarized or original evidence of disability of the Beneficiary. There is no service fee for the change.

## Transferring your Plan

### Transferring to Individual Savings Plan or Family Savings Plan

You may transfer to the Individual Savings Plan or the Family Savings Plan at any time. This option is available until the end of the calendar year in which the Beneficiary turns 20. On transfer, 100% of your accumulated net Contributions, Government Grants, and Income earned on your Contributions and Government Grants will be transferred into the applicable Plan.

If your Beneficiary is a family member, you may transfer to either the Individual Savings Plan or the Family Savings Plan. Most Subscribers choose the Family Savings Plan because of its flexibility in naming additional Beneficiaries. If the Beneficiary is not a family member, you may only transfer to the Individual Savings Plan.

You should consider transferring to the Individual Savings Plan or the Family Savings Plan if you wish to control the amount and timing of Contributions, as there is no fixed Contribution schedule with these Plans.

You should also consider transferring to the Individual Savings Plan or Family Savings Plan if you wish to control the amount and timing of EAPs, or if you believe your Beneficiary:

- may never enroll in Eligible Studies (as the Individual and Family Savings Plans allow you to receive your Income as an AIP); or
- may pursue Eligible Studies of three years or less (as the Individual or Family Savings Plan allows you to withdraw all of your Income and Government Grants after just 13 consecutive weeks of full-time study).

When you transfer to the Individual Savings Plan or the Family Savings Plan, you no longer hold any Units and your rights as a Subscriber under CST Advantage Plan no longer apply. Upon transferring, you become bound by the terms and conditions of the Individual Savings Plan or the Family Savings Plan's education savings plan agreement. You may be eligible for a partial refund of the sales charges paid as part of your Beneficiary's Education Assistance Payments based upon how long you remained in the CST Advantage Plan. For more information, see "Refund of Sales Charges" on pages 42 and 50.

You can transfer back to CST Advantage Plan until your original Maturity Date. To do this, you will need to provide us with a Contribution which covers:

- all missed Contributions prior to the transfer to the Individual Savings Plan or Family Savings Plan;
- all Contributions that would have been made after the transfer date had you stayed in CST Advantage Plan; and
- any Income that would have been earned on these Contributions.

To transfer your plan, please contact us and we will provide you a form to complete, sign and return to us. There is no service fee for this change.

## Transferring to Another RESP provider

If you have been in the CST Advantage Plan for more than 60 days, you may terminate your plan and direct us to transfer your RESP to another RESP provider, as long as:

- the receiving RESP is for the same Beneficiary or the Beneficiary named under the receiving RESP is a sibling of the Beneficiary named under the existing RESP and,
- the receiving RESP is
  - (i) a family RESP; or,
  - (ii) an individual RESP that was entered into before the Beneficiary was 21 years old;
- a Canada Learning Bond transfer is only made to an account for the same Beneficiary; and
- the receiving RESP complies with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) requirements.

We will transfer your net Contributions, your Government Grants and Income earned on your Government Grants

(subject to the rules contained in applicable legislation) to the receiving institution. On transferring, you will lose:

- sales charges, and any fees paid to us;
- all Income earned on your Contributions – the Income will remain in the plan to benefit Beneficiaries who remain in your Beneficiary Group.

To start the transfer, please contact the receiving RESP provider to prepare the necessary transfer form. We will charge a transfer-out fee of \$50 per plan.

## Transferring to this Plan from Another RESP provider

You may purchase Units using Contributions transferred from another RESP provider to the scholarship plan, if:

- it is for the same Beneficiary, or a sibling of that Beneficiary;
- the Beneficiary is under 13 years of age; and
- an AIP has not been made from the transferring RESP.

When transferring Contributions, you also need to transfer proportionate amounts of Government Grants into the plan. Income you have earned that is being transferred into the plan will be placed in your account and cannot be used to purchase Units. The plan will expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the earlier of the start dates of the transferring RESP and the receiving RESP.

To start the transfer, please see one of our sales representatives. The sales representative will complete a new plan application form and other necessary paperwork along with transfer-in documents.

We will not charge any fee for the transfer; however, there will be sales charges on the Units purchased. You might incur loss of sales charges and fees paid to the sending RESP provider or any other amount. The sending RESP provider may also charge you a transfer-out fee. Please check with your sending RESP provider for more details.

## Default, Withdrawal or Cancellation

### If you withdraw from or cancel your plan

You may cancel your plan at any time before the Maturity Date by providing us with a written notice of your cancellation. If you cancel your plan within the first 60 days after you enroll, you will receive a refund of all Contributions. If you cancel your plan more than 60 days after the Application Date, you are entitled to a return of Contributions, less sales charges and fees. On cancelling your plan, any Income earned in the plan will remain for the benefit of the remaining Beneficiaries in your Beneficiary Group unless the Income balance is negative in which case it will be deducted from your Contributions. There is no service fee for the cancellation.

## If your plan goes into default

If you miss a Contribution and are eligible for a Contribution schedule extension, we will send you a notice advising you that your Contribution Schedule will be extended by one month for each missed payment to a maximum of 6 months.

Your plan can go into default if an expected Contribution is not received by us after your Contribution Schedule has been extended by the 6 month maximum or if you do not qualify for this extension. We will send you a notice advising you to contact us to make arrangements to make the Contribution. If no instructions are received and the missed Contribution is not made within 3 months, we will transfer your plan to the Individual Savings Plan or the Family Savings Plan. You will then have until the Maturity Date to decide whether to transfer back to CST Advantage Plan or to remain in the Individual Savings Plan or the Family Savings Plan. If you do not advise us in writing prior to the Maturity Date, you will remain in the Individual Savings Plan or Family Savings Plan and be bound by the terms and conditions of that Plan. By remaining in the Individual Savings Plan or Family Savings Plan, you will lose your entitlement to any Group Plan Benefits but may retain the entitlement to the partial refund of sales charges.

You should contact us to bring your plan into good standing. You may need to make up the missed Contributions and accrued Income. We will not charge any fee for this process. If your plan is brought to good standing, you and your Beneficiary will qualify for the same payments and sales charge refund under the Plan as if the default had not occurred.

## If we cancel your plan

If your plan was opened without a Social Insurance Number for your Beneficiary, and if you do not provide us with a Social Insurance Number for your Beneficiary within 12 months of your Application Date (or any longer period as agreed to by us), your plan will automatically be cancelled and your Contributions, less sales charges and fees will be returned to you. Any Income earned on your Contributions will be paid to you and will be taxable in your hands.

We will not charge a service fee for the cancellation of your plan.

## Re-activating your plan

You may contact us at any time while your plan is in default or has been transferred to an Individual or Family Savings Plan to bring your plan into good standing. You may need to make a Contribution to cover the missed Contributions and accrued Income. We will not charge any fee for this process. If your plan is brought to good standing, you and your Beneficiary will qualify for the same payments under your Plan as if the default had not occurred.

If you cancel your plan and have received and cashed your refund of Contributions, it is no longer possible to re-activate your plan. If you did not receive or cash a refund of Contributions, you can re-activate your plan provided you arrange to make all the missed Contributions and Income.

If your plan was an unregistered plan, you can re-activate the plan by providing your Beneficiary's Social Insurance Number and making all the missed Contributions and Income.

Re-activating your plan will qualify you and your Beneficiary for the same payments under the Plan as if the cancellation had not occurred.

## If your plan expires

Your plan expires on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the plan. If your plan expires, it cannot be re-instated. On expiry of your plan, you will forfeit:

- any unclaimed Income earned on your net Contributions after the Maturity Date to the General Fund;
- any unclaimed net Contributions to the General Fund, unless you reside in a province where unclaimed property legislation is in force, then any provincial unclaimed property laws will apply;
- any unclaimed Government Grants as the grants will be returned to the applicable governments;
- any unclaimed Income earned on your Government Grants which will be paid to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada); and
- any remaining entitlement to a sales charge refund.

## What Happens when your Plan Matures

Prior to the Maturity Date, we will send you a communication advising you of the upcoming maturity of the plan which will provide details on options available to you, including:

- remaining in the Plan; or
- transferring to the Individual Savings Plan or Family Savings Plan.

You have until the end of the calendar year in which your Beneficiary turns 20 to transfer your plan to an Individual or Family Savings Plan. If the plan is not transferred to the Individual Savings Plan or Family Savings Plan, the Income in the plan is transferred to the EAP Account for distribution to qualified Beneficiaries.

When we receive evidence that your Beneficiary is enrolled in Eligible Studies, we will return your net Contributions to you as instructed by you. Grants and Income on grants are available for distribution to the Beneficiary as a part of EAPs.

## If your Beneficiary does not enroll in Eligible Studies

If you do not anticipate that your Beneficiary will enroll in Eligible Studies after the Maturity Date, you have until the

end of the calendar year in which your Beneficiary turns 20 to change to a new Beneficiary (see “Changing your Beneficiary” on page 25), or transfer to the Individual Savings Plan or Family Savings Plan (see “Transferring to Individual Savings Plan or Family Savings Plan” on page 26).

A Beneficiary who does not enroll in Eligible Studies will not receive EAPs from the Plan.

A Beneficiary who does not enroll in Eligible Studies after the Maturity Date and remains in the plan will have until the plan expires at the end of the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the plan to collect available EAPs. Any EAPs, excluding Government Grants, that are not collected by this deadline will be reallocated to other Beneficiaries in the same Beneficiary Group, or transferred to the General Fund if all EAPs for the group have been paid. Any Government Grants must be repaid to the government.

You are always entitled to a return of your Contributions, less sales charges and fees.

## Receiving Payments from the Plan

### Return of Contributions

Your net Contributions are available to you (or to another person as you may direct) after the Maturity Date. Your net Contributions are returned on your request in the amount as directed by you. There is no service fee for the return of your net Contributions.

If you withdraw your net Contributions after Maturity but before your Beneficiary enrolls in Eligible Studies, we will repay to the applicable government:

- CESGs ranging from 20% to 40% of the Contribution amount withdrawn (depending on whether you received additional CESG); and
- If applicable, QESIs ranging from 10% to 20% of the Contributions withdrawn (depending on whether you received Additional QESI).

### Educational Assistance Payments

Your Beneficiary is eligible for up to four EAPs of approximately equal amounts paid over four years starting in his or her Year of Eligibility. Twenty-five percent of EAPs issued are paid generally in the months of August and September each year. The latest that a Beneficiary can receive an EAP is December 31<sup>st</sup> in the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the plan (or a later date if permitted by the *Income Tax Act* (Canada)).

Starting in a Beneficiary's Year of Eligibility, we will send instructions to all eligible Beneficiaries in February of each year. If your Beneficiary will be qualifying for an EAP in any given year, he or she will need to provide us with proof of enrolment in Eligible Studies once available to ensure that he or she receives the payment in advance of the traditional school payment deadline usually on or about September 1<sup>st</sup>.

However, if your Beneficiary will not be collecting an EAP in a given year, there are options available to him or her. If your Beneficiary has not collected any EAPs, we will notify the Beneficiary about their EAP options each year until December 31 in the year the Beneficiary turns 20. Your Beneficiary will not lose his or her EAP entitlement until the plan expires, as long as he or she applies for EAPs while enrolled in Eligible Studies.

As the EAPs are paid out in four installments, your Beneficiary will need to qualify for the installments over a four year period by enrolling in Eligible Studies. This does not necessarily mean a four year program, but could include any combination of programs or years that total four years. For example, your student could pursue four one-year programs or two two-year programs and collect the maximum number of EAPs. Beneficiaries who enroll in Eligible Studies of less than four years, or who do not pursue four years of Eligible Studies, will not qualify for the maximum number of EAPs and will receive a lower total amount of EAPs over the duration of their Eligible Studies than Beneficiaries who complete four years of study. Similarly, Beneficiaries who enrol in part-time studies may receive a lower total amount of EAPs if they do not complete the equivalent of four years of full-time studies. For this reason, we encourage you to carefully consider your options prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> in the year your Beneficiary turns 20 to determine if you wish to remain in the CST Advantage Plan, or transfer to an Individual or Family Savings Plan.

### How we determine EAP amounts

We cannot predict or guarantee the amount of the EAPs that will be available to Beneficiaries in a given year. EAPs paid to your qualified Beneficiary include the following components:

#### 1. Your qualified Beneficiary's share of the EAP Account

The EAP Account includes Income earned on the Contributions for all plans in your Beneficiary Group, including forfeited Income from terminated plans. The number of Beneficiaries in the Beneficiary Group who qualify to share in the EAP Account will have an impact on what your Beneficiary's share of the EAP Account will be. Beneficiaries may not receive EAPs if their plans are terminated prior to Maturity or they do not qualify for all four EAPs before their plan expires.

#### 2. Your qualified Beneficiary's Government Grants and Income earned on those Government Grants

The Government Grants and Income earned on them received by your Beneficiary are paid in quarterly installments with each EAP.

#### 3. Income Earned in Your Plan after Maturity

Income is earned on your net Contributions after the Maturity Date until it is repaid to you and is paid in quarterly installments with each EAP.



#### 4. Group Plan Bonus

Each year we allocate the available balance of the General Fund as a Group Plan Bonus to the eligible Beneficiaries collecting EAPs that year. While we cannot predict the balances in the General Fund, we allocate

amounts from it annually on a pro rata basis according to the number of Units held by each Beneficiary. This ensures that all Beneficiaries eligible to collect an EAP in a particular year are treated on a consistent basis.

The following table shows how EAP values are determined:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Educational Assistance Payments are your qualified Beneficiary's share of the EAP Account	One-quarter of the EAP Account for the Beneficiary's Year of Eligibility divided by the total Units owned by qualified Beneficiaries	One-third of the balance of the EAP Account for the Beneficiary's Year of Eligibility divided by the total Units owned by qualified Beneficiaries	One-half of the balance of the EAP Account for the Beneficiary's Year of Eligibility divided by the total Units owned by qualified Beneficiaries	The remaining balance of the EAP Account for the Beneficiary's Year of Eligibility divided by the total Units owned by qualified Beneficiaries
PLUS ...				
Your qualified Beneficiary's Government Grants	One-quarter of the Government Grants	One-quarter of the Government Grants	One-quarter of the Government Grants	One-quarter of the Government Grants
Income earned in your plan after your Maturity Date	One-quarter of the amount in your Income account	One-third of the balance of your Income account	One-half of the balance of your Income account	The remaining balance of your Income account
Group Plan Bonus	Available balance of the General Fund allocated to supplement EAP divided by the total Units owned by qualified Beneficiaries	Available balance of the General Fund allocated to supplement EAP divided by the total Units owned by qualified Beneficiaries	Available balance of the General Fund allocated to supplement EAP divided by the total Units owned by qualified Beneficiaries	Available balance of the General Fund allocated to supplement EAP divided by the total Units owned by qualified Beneficiaries

The *Income Tax Act* (Canada) does not allow an EAP to exceed \$8,000 for a student who has not completed at least 13 consecutive weeks of study in the previous 12 months. If a student is subject to this \$8,000 cap but entitled to an EAP that exceeds this amount, we will pay it in two installments – \$8,000 in August or September and the balance after we receive proof that the student has completed 13 weeks of consecutive study. A Beneficiary with expenses exceeding \$8,000 in the first 13 weeks may contact us to apply to ESDC on his or her behalf to have the limit increased. For part-time study, the student may access up to \$4,000 of his or her income and Government Grants for each 13 week period of study.

Realized and unrealized capital gains and losses on investments are allocated monthly to your plan.

Income attributable to units cancelled before the Maturity Date is transferred to the EAP Account where it is allocated on pro-rata basis based on the number of units held by the remaining Beneficiaries in the same Beneficiary Group. Income earned on the EAP Account is transferred to the General Fund and is paid out as a part of the Group Plan Bonus

on pro-rata basis based on the number of units of all Beneficiaries collecting EAPs.

The difference between the maximum total amount of EAPs and the lower amount collected by Beneficiaries who enrol in Eligible Studies that do not qualify for the maximum total amount of EAPs is transferred to the General Fund after the expiry of the plan and paid out as a part of the Group Plan Bonus.

Government Grants and Income on Government Grants are maintained individually for each Subscriber and are paid out with each EAP. Any unpaid portion of Government Grants is returned to the applicable government and Income on Government Grants is paid to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act (Canada)*.

#### Payments from the EAP Account

A portion of each EAP consists of a Beneficiary's share of the EAP Account. The rest of an EAP is made up of the Beneficiary's Government Grants and the Income on those Government Grants and the Group Plan Bonus paid from the General Fund.

The EAP Account holds the Income earned on Contributions made by Subscribers. This includes the Income earned on Contributions of Subscribers who have cancelled their plan or whose plan was cancelled by us. There is a separate EAP Account for each Beneficiary Group.

#### Past breakdown of Income in the EAP Account

The table below shows the breakdown of Income in the EAP Account at the Maturity Date for the five Beneficiary Groups that most recently reached their Year of Eligibility.

	Beneficiary Group				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Income earned on Contributions</b>	99.3%	99.3%	99.3%	99.5%	99.4%
<b>Income from cancelled plans</b>	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%
<b>EAP Account Total</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

#### Past payments from the EAP Account

The table below shows how much was paid from the EAP Account per Unit for the five Beneficiary Groups that most recently reached their Year of Eligibility and includes the Group Plan Bonus.

The breakdown of Income can vary by Beneficiary Group. The amount of Income earned on Contributions depends on the performance of the plan's investments. The amount of Income from cancelled plans depends on how many plans were cancelled, as well as the investment performance of those funds.

Keep in mind that this Plan is generally a long-term investment. The payments shown largely reflect investments made years ago. It's important to note that this doesn't tell you how much a Beneficiary will receive in the future.

	Payments (per Unit) from EAP Account and Group Plan Bonus from General Fund by Beneficiary Group				
Year of studies	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>First year</b>	\$137.00	\$123.00	\$179.00	\$192.00	\$177.00
<b>Second year</b>	Note 1	\$143.00	\$131.00	\$205.00	\$200.00
<b>Third year</b>	Note 1	Note 1	\$145.00	\$219.00	\$208.00
<b>Fourth year</b>	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1	\$251.00	\$228.00

**Note 1:** The amount is not shown because the Beneficiaries in this Beneficiary Group are not yet enrolled in that year of studies.

#### Payments from the General Fund

The General Fund is an account in the CST Advantage Plan held in trust into which Income earned on the EAP Account is deposited and unclaimed net Contributions and Income are transferred. The non-discretionary Group Plan Bonus is paid from this account.

#### Group Plan Bonus

The Group Plan Bonus is a non-discretionary payment that Beneficiaries receive in addition to their EAPs. Each year we allocate the available balance of the General Fund as a Group Plan Bonus to the eligible Beneficiaries collecting EAPs that year. The General Fund is a separate account within the Group Savings Plan Trust with the following funding sources:

1. Income earned on amounts transferred to the EAP Account at the Maturity Date of each Subscriber's Education Savings Plan Agreement;
2. Income earned on amounts transferred to the EAP Account through Pre-Maturity Attrition;

3. Income set aside for future EAPs which is not collected by Beneficiaries before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the plan; and
4. Unclaimed net Contributions, and Income earned on net Contributions after the Maturity Date.

Because Beneficiaries in the plan may collect up to four EAPs over four years, each year we allocate the available General Fund balance across:

- Beneficiaries whose Year of Eligibility is the current year and are eligible to collect their first EAP;
- Beneficiaries whose Year of Eligibility is the prior year who are collecting their second EAP;
- Beneficiaries whose Year of Eligibility is 2 years prior who are collecting their third EAP; and
- Beneficiaries whose Year of Eligibility is 3 years prior who are collecting their fourth EAP.

There may be timing differences in allocating amounts in the General Fund to eligible Beneficiaries who do not take immediate payment of their EAPs. As a result there may be

amounts within the General Fund at any point that are being held for prior years' Beneficiaries until December 31<sup>st</sup> of the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the plan.

The table below shows the amount of Group Plan Bonus paid per Unit for the five Beneficiary Groups that most recently reached their Year of Eligibility.

While we cannot predict the balances in the General Fund, we allocate amounts from it annually on a pro rata basis according to the number of Units held by each Beneficiary. This ensures that all Beneficiaries eligible to collect an EAP in a particular year are treated on a consistent basis.

Group Plan Bonus (per Unit) payments by Beneficiary Group					
Year of studies	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
First year	\$3.32	\$1.36	\$1.96	\$5.80	\$3.66
Second year	Note 1	\$2.44	\$0.90	\$2.49	\$7.26
Third year	Note 1	Note 1	\$4.48	\$1.12	\$2.13
Fourth year	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1	\$2.29	\$1.04

**Note 1:** The amount is not shown because the Beneficiaries in this Beneficiary Group are not yet enrolled in that year of studies.

## If your Beneficiary does not complete Eligible Studies

If your Beneficiary does not complete their program, they may still claim all 4 EAPs provided they continue to enroll in Eligible Studies. Your Beneficiary may lose one or more EAPs if they do not enroll in Eligible Studies for 4 years. Your Beneficiary is eligible to claim EAPs until your plan expires on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the plan.

After that date, we will pay any remaining Income in the EAP Account for your Beneficiary Group to the General Fund and Income on Government Grants to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). All remaining Government Grants must be repaid to the government.

## Accumulated Income Payments

If your Beneficiary decides not to pursue post-secondary education and you did not exercise your option to transfer to the Individual Savings Plan or the Family Savings Plan before the end of the year in which your Beneficiary turns 20, you may withdraw Income earned on Government Grants and post-Maturity Income in your plan as an Accumulated Income Payment, provided that:

- the AIP is made to only one person;
- the recipient is a resident of Canada at the time of the payment; and
- the recipient is a Subscriber under the plan unless the Subscriber has died;

and one of the following conditions is met:

- each person who is or was a Beneficiary (other than a deceased Beneficiary) has reached 21 years of age and is not enrolled in Eligible Studies at that time, and the plan has existed for at least 10 years;

- the payment is made in the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the plan; or
- each Beneficiary under the plan has died.

You may request the Minister of Revenue issue a waiver from condition (a) if your Beneficiary suffers from severe and prolonged mental impairment that prevents the Beneficiary from enrolling in eligible studies at a qualifying post-secondary institution.

If you qualify for an AIP, you may:

- transfer up to \$50,000 of RESP Income (per Subscriber) to your RRSP or your spousal RRSP or up to \$200,000 to a qualifying RDSP for the same Beneficiary, as long as you have unused RRSP or RDSP contribution room; or
- receive RESP Income as taxable income for the year, and pay an additional tax of 20% (calculated for Quebec residents as federal tax of 12% and provincial tax of 8% and otherwise as federal tax of 20%) on the RESP Income for that year.

Entitlement to EAPs, Government Grants, sales charge refund and Income accumulated on Contributions will be lost. There is no service fee for taking an AIP. For the tax consequences of receiving an AIP, refer to "If you receive an Accumulated Income Payment (AIP)" on page 13.

## Attrition

You and your Beneficiary must meet the terms of the plan in order for your Beneficiary to qualify for all of the EAPs under the plan. If Beneficiaries fail to qualify for some or all of their EAPs, there will be fewer Beneficiaries remaining in the Beneficiary Group to share the amount of money available for paying EAPs. This is known as "Attrition".



Your Beneficiary may not qualify for some or all of their EAPs if:

- before the Maturity Date of the Plan, you cancel your plan or transfer your plan to another RESP. This is known as “Pre-maturity Attrition”; or
- after the Maturity Date of the plan, your Beneficiary decides not to pursue a post-secondary education, does not attend Eligible Studies, or does not attend Eligible Studies for the maximum period provided for in the plan or does not qualify for all 4 EAPs. This is known as “Post-maturity Attrition”.

## Pre-maturity Attrition

If you leave the plan before it matures, you will get back your net Contributions. You will not get back any Income. The Income on your Contributions up to the time your plan is

cancelled will go to the EAP Account and be paid to the remaining beneficiaries in your Beneficiary Group as part of their EAPs.

You may, however, be eligible to receive an AIP on the Income from the Government Grants in your plan. See “Accumulated Income Payments” for information on how to determine if you are eligible for an AIP from the plan.

### Income from cancelled Units

The table below shows the current value of the Income from cancelled Units by Beneficiary Group. The amount of Income from cancelled plans available to beneficiaries after the Maturity Date will depend on how many Subscribers cancel their plan, how many beneficiaries qualify for EAPs and the investment performance of the Plan.

Beneficiary Group	Percentage of Units that have been cancelled <sup>1</sup>	Total Income from cancelled Units available to remaining Units	Income from cancelled Units available to each remaining Unit
2024	15%	\$609,615	\$ 3.08
2025	15%	\$547,303	\$ 2.63
2026	16%	\$663,961	\$ 3.21
2027	15%	\$566,311	\$ 2.88
2028	17%	\$492,895	\$ 2.58
2029	16%	\$507,343	\$ 2.79
2030	15%	\$448,598	\$ 2.48
2031	16%	\$399,576	\$ 2.41
2032	16%	\$285,603	\$ 1.78
2033	16%	\$179,112	\$ 1.30
2034	14%	\$161,076	\$ 1.02
2035	14%	\$ 84,149	\$ 0.58
2036	12%	\$ 46,720	\$ 0.31
2037	10%	\$ 31,066	\$ 0.19
2038	8%	\$ 15,853	\$ 0.10
2039	7%	\$ 8,041	\$ 0.04
2040	6%	\$ 413	\$ 0.00
2041	5%	\$ 6	\$ 0.00
2042	2%	\$ 0	\$ 0.00

**Note 1:** Calculation only includes those units cancelled which contributed Income to be shared amongst beneficiaries in the same Beneficiary Group.

### Plans that did not reach maturity

The table below shows the percentage of plans that did not reach maturity for each of the five Beneficiary Groups shown below. The most common reasons why plans did not reach maturity were because the Subscriber cancelled their plan, we cancelled their plan due to a default prior to January 20, 2020, the Subscriber transferred to another type of Plan we offer, or the Subscriber transferred to another RESP provider.

Of the last five Beneficiary Groups of the CST Advantage Plan, an average of 17% of the plans in each group were cancelled before their Maturity Dates.

Maturity Date of Beneficiary Group	Percentage of plans that did not reach maturity
2024	15%
2023	16%
2022	17%
2021	19%
2020	18%
Average	17%

### Post-maturity Attrition

If your Beneficiary does not pursue or complete Eligible Studies, you will get back your Contributions, less sales charges and fees. You will not get back any Income. A Beneficiary may lose one or more EAPs if they do not enroll in four years of Eligible Studies.

#### Past payments of EAPs – four years of Eligible Studies

The table below shows the percentage of Beneficiaries who received the maximum of four EAPs under the Plan and those who received some or no EAPs, for each of the five Beneficiary Groups that would have most recently completed their Eligible Studies.

	Beneficiary Group				
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Beneficiaries who received all 4 EAPs	46%	66%	73%	73%	77%
Beneficiaries who received only 3 out of 4 EAPs	30%	16%	12%	11%	10%
Beneficiaries who received only 2 out of 4 EAPs	15%	10%	8%	8%	7%
Beneficiaries who received only 1 out of 4 EAPs	7%	7%	6%	7%	6%
Beneficiaries who received no EAPs	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

**Note:** Students may collect EAPs until the 36<sup>th</sup> year of their plan.

## Specific information about our plans – Individual Savings Plan

### Type of Plan

Type of scholarship Plan	Start Date
Individual Savings Plan	October 1, 1999

### Who this Plan is for

You are eligible to enroll in this Plan if your Beneficiary is a Canadian resident within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

This Plan is suitable if:

- you want to save for one Beneficiary;
- you want flexibility over when and how much to contribute to your plan;
- you are planning for your Beneficiary to attend Eligible Studies;
- you want control over when and how much to withdraw from your plan for your Beneficiary's education.

### Summary of Eligible Studies

The following is a description of the post-secondary programs that are Eligible Studies and qualify for EAPs under the Plan.

Contact us or your sales representative to find out if the educational programs your Beneficiary is interested in are Eligible Studies. We can provide you with a current list of qualifying institutions and programs on request. This list is also available on our website at [www.cstsavings.ca](http://www.cstsavings.ca).

For more information about receiving EAPs, see "Educational Assistance Payments" on page 41.

### What's eligible

Beneficiaries must be enrolled in any post-secondary program that qualifies under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). For full-time programs at eligible Canadian schools, this means a program of at least 3 consecutive weeks duration with at least 10 hours of instruction or work each week. For part-time studies, it means a program of at least 3 consecutive weeks with at least 12 hours per month spent on courses. For eligible schools outside Canada, the program must be at least 13 consecutive weeks duration, or for Beneficiaries enrolled full-time at a university, the program must be at least 3 consecutive weeks in duration.

Qualifying post-secondary institutions may include universities, community colleges, trade schools, vocational schools, technical schools, religious schools, CEGEPs, as well as distance learning or correspondence learning programs.

### What's not eligible

Any post-secondary program that would not qualify for an EAP under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) would not be considered Eligible Studies under the Plan.

Beneficiaries who don't enroll in Eligible Studies under the requirements of the Plan will also not receive payments of Government Grants.

### Risks of Investing in this Plan

#### Plan risks

You sign a Contract when you open a plan with us. Read the terms of the Contract carefully and make sure you understand the Contract before you sign. If you or your Beneficiary does not meet the terms of your Contract, it could result in a loss and your Beneficiary could lose some or all of his or her EAPs.

Keep in mind that payments from the Plan are not guaranteed. We cannot tell you in advance if your Beneficiary will qualify to receive any EAPs from the Plan or how much Income your plan will earn. We do not guarantee the amount of any payments or that the payments will cover the full cost of your Beneficiary's post-secondary education.

In addition to the investment risks described under "Investment Risks" on page 11, the following is a description of the risks of participating in this Plan:

#### Termination of your plan

If you cancel your Plan more than 60 days after your Application Date but before your Beneficiary becomes eligible for his/her EAPs and you are not eligible to receive an Accumulated Income Payment, you will forfeit your Income, Government Grants and Income on Government Grants. The Government Grants will be returned to the applicable government. The Income earned on your Contributions and Government Grants will be paid to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). In cases where the Income balance is negative it will be deducted from your Contributions.

#### Qualification for students to collect EAPs

You may not be entitled to any Income earned on your investment if your Beneficiary does not qualify to receive EAPs and if you are not eligible to take an AIP or transfer Income to an eligible RRSP or an RDSP.

### Investment risks

The prices of the investments held by the Plan can go up or down. You can find a list of risks that can cause the value of the Plan's investments to change under "Investment Risks" on page 11.

# How the Plan has Performed

The table below shows how the investments in the Individual Savings Plan have performed in each of the past five years ending on October 31. Returns are after expenses have been deducted. These expenses reduce the returns you get on your investment.

It's important to note that this doesn't tell you how the Plan's investments will perform in the future.

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Annual Return	8.6%	3.8%	(4.8%)	(0.8%)	3.4%

## Making Contributions

The minimum initial investment in the Plan is \$150.00. We will waive the minimum investment if your Beneficiary qualifies for a Canada Learning Bond. You may make Contributions into the plan until the end of the 31<sup>st</sup> year after the plan is established or any other date permitted by the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

## Your Contribution Options

Other than meeting the minimum initial investment requirement, you decide the amount and timing of your Contributions.

## Withdrawing your Contributions

You are entitled to a return of Contributions, less sales charges and fees at any time. Your plan will not be cancelled

provided you maintain a minimum balance of \$100. We do not charge a service fee for the withdrawal of your Contributions.

You may withdraw from the Plan at any time by contacting us. We will provide you with a form for you to complete, sign and return to us confirming the cancellation of your plan. If you withdraw all of your Contributions and do not maintain a minimum balance of \$100, your plan will be cancelled.

If you withdraw any of your Contributions and your Beneficiary is not enrolled in Eligible Studies, we will repay Government Grants on the withdrawn Contributions to the applicable governments. Repayment of Government Grants will result in the loss of the Beneficiary's Grant Contribution Room, which cannot be restored. On cancellation, we will pay you any Income earned in your plan as an AIP provided you qualify under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). If you do not qualify, we will pay all of your Income to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

## Costs of Investing in this Plan

There are costs for joining and participating in the Plan. The following tables list the fees and expenses of this Plan. You pay some of these fees and expenses directly from your Contributions. The Plan pays some of the fees and expenses, which are deducted from the Plan's Income.

## Fees you pay

These fees are deducted from your Contributions. They reduce the amount that gets invested in your plan, which will reduce the amount available for EAPs.

Fee	What you pay	What the fee is for	Who the fee is paid to
<b>Sales charge<sup>1</sup></b>	\$50 per Plan. No charges for plans only opened for children to collect the Canada Learning Bond  Paid with the first Contribution	This is the commission for selling your plan	C.S.T. Savings Inc.

<sup>1</sup> Sales charges may not be increased without Subscriber approval

## Fees the Plan pays

The following fees are payable from the Plan's Income. You don't pay these fees directly. These fees affect you because they reduce the Plan's returns which reduce the amount available for EAPs.

Fee	What the Plan pays	What the fee is for	Who the fee is paid to
<b>All-Inclusive Management Fee</b>	<p>Fee consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Administration fee<sup>1</sup>: Each year, 1.00% of the total amount of net Contributions, Government Grants and Income earned on these amounts. The Administration fee is subject to applicable taxes<sup>2</sup></li> <li>(ii) Trustee and Custodian fees: Based on the current agreement in place with the Trustee. In 2024, the fees were 0.03% of assets plus applicable taxes<sup>2</sup></li> <li>(iii) Portfolio management fees and expenses: Based on the current portfolio manager fee agreements in place with the portfolio managers. In 2024, the annual weighted average fees were 0.11% of the average market value of assets in the Plan plus applicable taxes<sup>2</sup>. CSTS's expenses incurred to monitor and manage the portfolio managers are included in the portfolio manager fees.</li> </ul> <p>For year ended October 31, 2024, the total All-Inclusive Management Fee was 1.14% of assets plus applicable taxes<sup>2</sup></p>	Operating and administering your plan, including portfolio management, trustee, record-keeping and custodial services	Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation, which pays applicable fees to the portfolio managers who manage the Plan's investments and the Trustee as trustee, record keeper and custodian. The Foundation pays amounts out of the administration fee to CSTS for its management services
<b>Independent Review Committee</b>	<p>\$16,000 to the Chair, \$13,000 to each member which includes the meeting attendance fees for 2 meetings, and \$1,500 for each additional meeting attended, plus secretariat fee of \$35,000 and other expenses</p> <p>For the year ended October 31, 2024, \$94,757 shared by all Plans, including the Discontinued Plans and CST Spark Education Portfolios</p>	This is for the services of the Plan's Independent Review Committee. The committee reviews conflict of interest matters between the investment fund manager and the Plan	Independent Review Committee

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Administration fee may not be changed without Subscriber approval.

<sup>2</sup> The Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) applies in lieu of the federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the provinces of Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Prince Edward Island and both the GST and Quebec Sales Tax apply in Quebec.

## Transaction Fees

We will charge the following fees for the transactions listed below.

Fee	Amount	How the fee is paid	Who the fee is paid to
<b>Returned (N.S.F.) payments</b>	\$25 per item	Directly by the Subscriber	Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation
<b>Transfer to another RESP provider</b>	\$50 per transfer	Deducted from your Contributions	Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation
<b>Lost cheque replacement or Stop Payment</b>	\$20 per item	Deducted from the new cheque amount	Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation

**Note:** Transaction fees may be changed with a 60 day written advance notice to Subscribers.



# Making Changes to your Plan

## Changing your Contributions

You may change or stop the amount of your Contributions at any time. There are no service fees to make this change nor are any losses incurred by you or your Beneficiary.

## Changing the Subscriber

Your plan allows the Subscriber(s) to be changed at any time during the life of the plan if:

1. the original Subscriber(s) passes away;
2. there is a court order requiring a change of Subscriber arising from marital breakdown; or
3. another individual or Public Primary Caregiver has been appointed and granted rights as a Subscriber.

The new Subscriber must meet the requirements in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) including:

- the new Subscriber is your spouse or common-law partner, or where both are the legal parent of a beneficiary, ex-spouse or former common-law partner and gets your rights under the RESP as a result of a court order or written agreement for dividing property after a breakdown of the relationship;
- the new Subscriber acquired the Subscriber's rights under the RESP, or the new Subscriber continues to make Contributions into the RESP for the Beneficiary, after your death; or
- the new Subscriber is your estate that acquired the Subscriber's rights under the RESP, or that continues to make Contributions into the RESP for the Beneficiary, after your death.

To make the change, we will require:

- original or notarized copy of the court order, if applicable;
- original or notarized death certificate and, if applicable, your will; or
- original or notarized copies of any other applicable legal documents.

To make this change, please contact us and we will provide a form to be completed, signed and returned to us. There will be no losses incurred by the Subscriber or the Beneficiary if the change is made. There is no service fee for this change.

## Changing your Beneficiary

You may change your Beneficiary as long as you provide the new Beneficiary's Social Insurance Number. We will transfer Government Grants to the new Beneficiary if the new Beneficiary is under the age of 21 and a sibling of former Beneficiary. Otherwise, we must repay the Government Grants to the applicable government. We cannot transfer Canada Learning Bonds to the new Beneficiary under any circumstances.

Provided the new Beneficiary is (i) under the age of 21 and a sibling of the original Beneficiary or (ii) is connected to the original Subscriber by adoption or blood relationship, and both Beneficiaries (original and new) are under the age of 21, Contributions made on behalf of the original Beneficiary will not be included in determining whether an over-contribution has been made for the new Beneficiary in past years.

To make this change, please contact us and we will provide you with a form that you will need to complete, sign and return to us. You must agree with the terms of the change. There is no service fee for this change.

## Death of the Beneficiary

If your Beneficiary dies and you do not name a substitute Beneficiary, you are entitled to cancel your plan and receive a refund of all Contributions (less any previous principal refunds) including any sales charges paid. If there is Income in the plan, it can be taken out as an AIP (see "Accumulated Income Payments" on page 42 for details). If you choose not to take the Income out as an AIP, the Income earned on both principal (net Contributions) and Government Grants will be forfeited and paid to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

To make the change, please contact us and provide us with an original or notarized death certificate of the Beneficiary. There is no service fee for this change.

## Disability of the Beneficiary

If your Beneficiary becomes disabled such that it is expected to prevent your Beneficiary from pursuing post-secondary education (as verified in writing by a qualified third-party practitioner), please contact us. Due to significant variation in disability types, each situation is treated on a case-by-case basis.

You may name another eligible Beneficiary or cancel your plan. If you cancel your plan, you will receive a refund of all Contributions (less any previous principal refunds) including any sales charges paid. If there is Income in the plan, it can be taken out as an AIP (see "Accumulated Income Payments" on page 42 for details) or transferred to a Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP).

If you choose not to take the Income out as an AIP or a transfer to an RDSP, the Income earned on both principal (net Contributions) and Government Grants will be forfeited and paid to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

To make the change, please contact us and we will let you know the documents we require such as notarized or original evidence of disability of the Beneficiary. There is no service fee for this change.

## Transferring your Plan

### Transferring to Family Savings Plan

You can transfer to the Family Savings Plan if the Beneficiary is your child, grandchild or great grandchild provided all Beneficiaries are siblings and under the age of 21 years. On transfer, 100% of your accumulated net Contributions, Government Grants, and Income earned on your net Contributions and Government Grants will be transferred into the applicable Plan.

When you transfer to the Family Savings Plan, you become bound by the terms and conditions of the Family Savings Plan's education savings plan agreement.

To make this change, please contact us and, if you are changing the Beneficiary, provide the new Beneficiary's name, date of birth, Social Insurance Number and relationship to you. We will provide you a form to be completed, signed and returned to us. There is no service fee for this change.

### Transferring to Another RESP provider

You may cancel your plan and direct us to transfer your RESP to another RESP provider if an AIP has not been made from the RESP. Government Grants may be transferred as long as:

- the receiving RESP is for the same Beneficiary or the Beneficiary named under the receiving RESP is a sibling to every other Beneficiary named under the existing RESP and
- the receiving RESP is
  - (i) a family RESP; or,
  - (ii) an individual RESP that was entered into before the Beneficiary was 21 years old;
- a Canada Learning Bond transfer is only made to an account for the same Beneficiary; and
- the receiving RESP complies with CRA and ESDC requirements.

We will transfer your net Contributions, your Government Grants and Income earned on your net Contributions and Government Grants (subject to the rules contained in applicable legislation) to the receiving institution. On transferring, you will forfeit the sales charges.

To start the transfer, please contact the receiving RESP provider. We will charge a transfer-out fee of \$50 per plan.

### Transferring to this Plan from a Canadian Scholarship Trust Group Plan

You may transfer amounts from another Canadian Scholarship Trust Group Plan into the Plan if an AIP has not been made. You may be eligible for a partial refund of the sales charges paid as part of your Beneficiary's EAPs. For more information, see "Refund of Sales Charge" on page 42.

Amounts transferred into the Plan from another Canadian Scholarship Trust Group Plan remain as Contributions, Income and Government Grants. Contributions retain their original date of Contribution and the plan will expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the starting date of the earlier of the two RESPs.

Government Grants may be transferred if the Beneficiary is also a Beneficiary under the transferring Canadian Scholarship Trust Group Plan. The Canada Learning Bond may be transferred into the new plan provided that all the funds are for the same Beneficiary.

To transfer to the Plan, please contact us. We will not charge a service fee for the transfer and the sales charge of \$50 to open the plan will be waived.

### Transferring to this Plan from Another RESP provider

You may transfer amounts from another RESP into the Plan if an AIP has not been made from the transferring RESP.

Amounts transferred into the Plan from another RESP remain as Contributions, Income and Government Grants. Contributions retain their original date of Contribution and the plan will expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the starting date of the earlier of the two RESPs.

Government Grants may be transferred to the Plan from another RESP if:

- a Beneficiary is also a Beneficiary under the transferring RESP; or
- the Beneficiary is under 21 years of age and a sibling of every other Beneficiary under the transferring RESP.

The Canada Learning Bond may be transferred into the new plan provided that all the funds are for the same Beneficiary.

You might incur loss of Income, Government Grants, Grant Contribution Room, sales charges and fees paid. The sending RESP provider may also charge you a fee to process the transfer. Please check with your sending RESP provider for more details.

To enroll in the Plan, please contact one of our sales representatives. The sales representative will complete a new plan application form and other necessary paperwork along with transfer-in documents. We will not charge a service fee for the transfer. There are sales charges of \$50 to open the Plan.

### Default, Withdrawal or Cancellation If you withdraw from or cancel your plan

You are entitled to a return of Contributions, less sales charges and fees at any time by contacting us. We will provide you with a form for you to complete, sign and return to us

for cancellation of your plan. We do not charge a service fee for the withdrawal of your Contributions. If you withdraw all of your Contributions, your plan will be cancelled. You can avoid cancellation of your plan by maintaining a minimum balance of \$100.

You may cancel your plan at any time by providing us with written notice of your cancellation. If you cancel the plan within the first 60 days after you enroll, you will receive a refund of all Contributions made into the plan. If you cancel your plan more than 60 days from the Application Date, you are entitled to a return of Contributions, less sales charges and fees. Any Income earned in your plan will be paid to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) unless you qualify for an AIP or your education savings plan has not been registered. There is no service fee to cancel your plan.

## **If we cancel your plan**

If your plan was opened without a Social Insurance Number for your Beneficiary, and if you do not provide us with a Social Insurance Number for your Beneficiary within 12 months of signing your application (or any longer period as agreed to by us), your plan will be automatically cancelled and your Contributions, less sales charges and fees will be returned to you. Any Income earned on your Contributions will be paid to you and will be taxable in your hands. We will not charge a service fee for the cancellation of your plan.

## **Re-activating your plan**

If your plan was unregistered, you can re-activate the plan by providing your Beneficiary's Social Insurance Number and maintaining a minimum balance of \$100 in your plan.

## **If your plan expires**

Your plan expires on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the plan's 36<sup>th</sup> year. If your plan expires, it cannot be re-instated. Your Contributions, less sales charges and fees will be forfeited unless you reside in a province where unclaimed property legislation is in force, then any provincial unclaimed property laws will apply. If the Income is not paid as EAPs or an AIP, the Income will be paid to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). Any unclaimed Government Grants will be returned to the applicable governments.

## **If your Beneficiary does not enroll in Eligible Studies**

A Beneficiary who does not enroll in Eligible Studies will not receive EAPs from the plan.

If the Beneficiary is not eligible, the Income on Contributions and Government Grants can be paid out as AIPs or

transferred to an eligible RRSP or RDSP. The Government Grants are returned to the applicable governments.

You are always entitled to a return of your Contributions, less sales charges and fees.

## **Receiving Payments from the Plan**

### **Return of Contributions**

Your net Contributions are available to you or to another person as per your instructions.

If you withdraw your Contributions before your Beneficiary enrolls in Eligible Studies, we will repay CESGs ranging from 20% to 40% of the Contribution amount withdrawn and QESIs ranging from 10% to 20% of the Contributions withdrawn (if you received Additional CESG and Additional QESI) to the applicable government.

We do not charge a service fee for the withdrawal of your Contributions.

## **Educational Assistance Payments**

Your Beneficiary is eligible for EAPs as soon as proof of enrolment in an eligible program is provided. The latest that a Beneficiary can receive an EAP is the end of the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the plan or a later date if permitted by the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

EAPs are made up of Income on your Contributions, Government Grants and Income on Government Grants. Government Grants and Income on Government Grants are paid to your Beneficiary in proportion to Income on your Contributions. To receive an EAP, please contact us and we will provide a form to you to complete, sign and return to us.

## **How EAP amounts are determined**

You decide the amount and timing of EAPs based on the Income in your account. To receive an EAP, contact us and we will provide you with a form to be completed, signed and returned to us. The amounts of Contributions, less sales charges and fees, Income, Government Grants and Income on Government Grants are maintained individually. Realized and unrealized capital gains and losses on investments are allocated monthly to your plan. Government Grants and Income on Government Grants are paid out proportionate to amount of Income withdrawn from the Plan as EAP. Any unpaid portion of Government Grants is returned to the applicable government and Income on Government Grants is paid to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

The *Income Tax Act* (Canada) does not allow an EAP to exceed \$8,000 for a student who has not completed at least 13 consecutive weeks of study in the previous 12 months. If a student is subject to this \$8,000 cap, you may withdraw the balance after the student has completed 13 weeks of

consecutive study. A student with expenses exceeding \$8,000 in the first 13 weeks may contact us to apply to ESDC on his or her behalf to have the limit increased. For part-time study, the students may access up to \$4,000 of their Income and Government Grants for each 13 week period of study.

## Refund of Sales Charges

If you transfer from the CST Advantage Plan, you may be eligible for a partial refund of the CST Advantage Plan sales charges paid as part of your Beneficiary's EAPs. The percentage of sales charges available for refund depend upon how long you were in the CST Advantage Plan and range from 0-25% of the total sales charges paid. The sales charge refund will be paid proportionate to the amount of EAP withdrawn from the Income in your account.

Period enrolled in CST Advantage Plan (in years)	Eligible Refund
0-3	0%
3-6	5%
6-9	10%
9-12	15%
12-15	20%
15+	25%

## If your Beneficiary does not complete Eligible Studies

You may defer having EAPs made from your plan provided that all amounts are paid to a Beneficiary enrolled in Eligible Studies or withdrawn as an AIP by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the plan. After that date, we will pay any Income in your plan to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

## Accumulated Income Payments

If your Beneficiary decides not to pursue post-secondary education, you may withdraw Income earned in your RESP as an AIP, provided that:

- the AIP is made to only one person;
- the recipient is a resident of Canada at the time of the payment; and
- the recipient is a Subscriber under the plan unless the Subscriber has died;

and one of the following conditions is met:

- each person who is or was a Beneficiary (other than a deceased Beneficiary) has reached 21 years of age and is not enrolled in Eligible Studies at that time, and the plan has existed for at least 10 years;
- the payment is made in the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the plan; or
- each Beneficiary under the plan has died.

You may request the Minister of Revenue issue a waiver from condition (a) if your Beneficiary suffers from severe and prolonged mental impairment that prevents your Beneficiary from enrolling in eligible studies at a qualifying post-secondary institution.

If you qualify for an AIP, you may:

- transfer up to \$50,000 of RESP Income (per Subscriber) to your RRSP or your spousal RRSP or up to \$200,000 to a qualifying RDSP for the same Beneficiary, as long as you have unused RRSP or RDSP Contribution room; or
- receive RESP Income as taxable income for the year, and pay an additional tax of 20% (calculated for Quebec residents as federal tax of 12% and provincial tax of 8% and otherwise as federal tax of 20%) on the RESP Income for that year.

For the tax consequences of receiving an AIP, please refer to "If you receive an Accumulated Income Payment (AIP)" on page 13.



# Specific information about our plans – Family Savings Plan

## Type of Plan

Type of scholarship Plan	Start Date
Family Savings Plan	March 1, 1997

## Who this Plan is for

You are eligible to enroll in this Plan if:

- your Beneficiary is your child, grandchild or great grandchild and is under the age of 21 years;
- your Beneficiary is a Canadian resident within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

This Plan is suitable if:

- you want to save for one or more children who are siblings;
- you want flexibility over when and how much to contribute to your plan;
- you are planning for one or more of your Beneficiaries to attend Eligible Studies;
- you want control over when and how much to withdraw from your plan for your Beneficiary's education.

## Summary of Eligible Studies

The following is a description of the post-secondary programs that are Eligible Studies and qualify for EAPs under the Plan.

Contact us or your sales representative to find out if the educational programs your Beneficiary is interested in are Eligible Studies. We can provide you with a current list of qualifying institutions and programs on request. This list is also available on our website at [www.cstsavings.ca](http://www.cstsavings.ca).

For more information about receiving EAPs, see "Educational Assistance Payments" on page 49.

## What's eligible

Beneficiaries must be enrolled in any post-secondary program that qualifies under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). For full-time programs at eligible Canadian schools, this means a program of at least 3 consecutive weeks duration with at least 10 hours of instruction or work each week. For part-time studies, it means a program of at least 3 consecutive weeks with at least 12 hours per month spent on courses. For eligible schools outside Canada, the program must be at least 13 consecutive weeks duration, or for Beneficiaries

enrolled full-time at a university, the program must be at least 3 consecutive weeks in duration.

Qualifying post-secondary institutions may include universities, community colleges, trade schools, vocational schools, technical schools, religious schools, CEGEPs, as well as distance learning or correspondence learning programs.

## What's not eligible

Any post-secondary program that would not qualify for an EAP under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) would not be considered Eligible Studies under the Plan.

Beneficiaries who don't enroll in Eligible Studies under the requirements of the Plan will also not receive payments of Government Grants.

## Risks of Investing in this Plan

### Plan risks

You sign a Contract when you open a plan with us. Read the terms of the Contract carefully and make sure you understand the Contract before you sign. If you or your Beneficiary do not meet the terms of your Contract, it could result in a loss and your Beneficiary could lose some or all of his or her EAPs.

Keep in mind that payments from the Plan are not guaranteed. We cannot tell you in advance if your Beneficiary will qualify to receive any EAPs from the Plan or how much Income your plan will earn. We do not guarantee the amount of any payments or that the payments will cover the full cost of your Beneficiary's post-secondary education.

In addition to the investment risks described under "Investment Risks" on page 11, the following is a description of the risks of participating in this Plan:

### Termination of your plan

If you cancel your Plan more than 60 days after your Application Date but before your Beneficiary becomes eligible for his/her EAPs and you are not eligible to receive an Accumulated Income Payment, you will forfeit your Income, Government Grants and Income on Government Grants. The Government Grants will be returned to the applicable government. The Income earned on your Contributions and Government Grants will be paid to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). In cases where the Income balance is negative it will be deducted from your Contributions.

### Qualification for students to collect EAPs

You may not be entitled to any Income earned on your investment if your Beneficiary does not qualify to receive EAPs and if you are not eligible to take an AIP or transfer Income to an eligible RRSP or RDSP.

Investment risks

The prices of the investments held by the Plan can go up or down. You can find a list of risks that can cause the value of the Plan’s investments to change under “Investment Risks” on page 11.

How the Plan has Performed

The table below shows how the investments in the Family Savings Plan have performed in each of the past five years ending on October 31. Returns are after expenses have been deducted. These expenses reduce the returns you get on your investment.

It’s important to note that this doesn’t tell you how the Plan’s investments will perform in the future.

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Annual Return	16.3%	4.4%	(9.6%)	6.9%	3.3%

Making Contributions

The minimum initial investment in the Plan is \$150.00. We will waive the minimum investment if your Beneficiary qualifies for a Canada Learning Bond. You may make Contributions into the plan until the end of the 31<sup>st</sup> year after your plan is established or any other date permitted by the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

Your Contribution Options

Other than meeting the minimum initial investment requirement, you decide the amount and timing of your Contributions.

Withdrawing your Contributions

You are entitled to a return of Contributions, less sales charges and fees at any time. Your plan will not be cancelled provided you maintain a minimum balance of \$100. We do not charge a service fee for the withdrawal of your Contributions.

You may withdraw from the Plan at any time by contacting us. We will provide you with a form to complete, sign and return to us confirming the cancellation of your plan. If you withdraw all of your Contributions and do not maintain a minimum balance of \$100, your plan will be cancelled.

If you withdraw any of your Contributions and your Beneficiary is not enrolled in Eligible Studies, we will repay Government Grants on the withdrawn Contributions to the applicable governments. Repayment of Government Grants will result in the loss of the Beneficiary’s Grant Contribution Room, which cannot be restored. On cancellation, we will pay you any Income earned in your plan as an AIP provided you qualify under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). If you do not qualify, we will pay all of your Income to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

Costs of Investing in this Plan

There are costs for joining and participating in the Plan. The following tables list the fees and expenses of this Plan. You pay some of these fees and expenses directly from your Contributions. The Plan pays some of the fees and expenses, which are deducted from the Plan’s Income.



## Fees you pay

These fees are deducted from your Contributions. They reduce the amount that gets invested in your plan, which will reduce the amount available for EAPs.

Fee	What you pay	What the fee is for	Who the fee is paid to
<b>Sales charge<sup>1</sup></b>	\$50 per Plan. No charges for Plans only opened for children to collect the Canada Learning Bond Paid with the first Contribution	This is the commission for selling your plan	C.S.T. Savings Inc.

<sup>1</sup> Sales charges may not be increased without Subscriber approval

## Fees the Plan pays

The following fees are payable from the Plan's Income. You don't pay these fees directly. These fees affect you because they reduce the Plan's returns which reduce the amount available for EAPs.

Fee	What the Plan pays	What the fee is for	Who the fee is paid to
<b>All-Inclusive Management Fee</b>	<p>Fee consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Administration fee<sup>1</sup>: Each year, 1.00% of the total amount of net Contributions, Government Grants and Income earned on these amounts. The Administration fee is subject to applicable taxes<sup>2</sup></li> <li>(ii) Trustee and Custodian fees: Based on the current agreement in place with the Trustee. In 2024, the fees were 0.02% of assets plus applicable taxes<sup>2</sup></li> <li>(iii) Portfolio management fees and expenses: Based on the current portfolio manager fee agreements in place with the portfolio managers. In 2024, the annual weighted average fees were 0.08% of the average market value of assets in the Plan plus applicable taxes<sup>2</sup>. CSTS's expenses incurred to monitor and manage the portfolio managers are included in the portfolio manager fees.</li> </ul> <p>For year ended October 31, 2024, the total All-Inclusive Management Fee was 1.10% of assets plus applicable taxes<sup>2</sup></p>	Operating and administering your plan, including portfolio management, trustee, record-keeping and custodial services	Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation, which pays applicable fees to the portfolio managers who manage the Plan's investments and the Trustee as trustee, record keeper and custodian. The Foundation pays amounts out of the administration fee to CSTS for its management services
<b>Independent Review Committee</b>	<p>\$16,000 to the Chair, \$13,000 to each member which include the meeting attendance fees for 2 meetings and \$1,500 for each additional meeting attended plus secretariat fee of \$35,000 and other expenses</p> <p>For the year ended October 31, 2024, \$94,757 shared by all Plans, including the Discontinued Plans and CST Spark Education Portfolios</p>	This is for the services of the Plan's Independent Review Committee. The committee reviews conflict of interest matters between the investment fund manager and the Plan	Independent Review Committee

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Administration fee may not be changed without Subscriber approval.

<sup>2</sup> The Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) applies in lieu of the federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the provinces of Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Prince Edward Island and both the GST and Quebec Sales Tax apply in Quebec.

## Transaction Fees

We will charge the following fees for the transactions listed below.

Fee	Amount	How the fee is paid	Who the fee is paid to
<b>Returned (N.S.F.) payments</b>	\$25 per item	Directly by the Subscriber	Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation
<b>Transfer to another RESP provider</b>	\$50 per transfer	Deducted from your Contributions	Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation
<b>Lost cheque replacement or Stop Payment</b>	\$20 per item	Deducted from the new cheque amount	Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation

**Note:** Transaction fees may be changed with a 60 day written advance notice to Subscribers.

# Making Changes to your Plan

## Changing your Contributions

You may change or stop the amount of your Contributions at any time. There are no service fees to make this change nor are any losses incurred by you or your Beneficiaries.

## Changing the Subscriber

Your plan allows the Subscriber(s) to be changed at any time during the life of your plan if:

1. the original Subscriber(s) passes away;
2. there is a court order requiring a change of Subscriber arising from marital breakdown; or
3. another individual or Public Primary Caregiver is appointed and granted rights as the Subscriber.

The new Subscriber must meet the requirements in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) including:

- the new Subscriber is your spouse or common-law partner, or where both are the legal parent of a beneficiary, ex-spouse or former common-law partner and gets your rights under the RESP as a result of a court order or written agreement for dividing property after a breakdown of the relationship;
- the new Subscriber acquired the Subscriber's rights under the RESP, or the new Subscriber continues to make Contributions into the RESP for the Beneficiary, after your death; or
- the new Subscriber is your estate that acquired the Subscriber's rights under the RESP, or that continues to make Contributions into the RESP for the Beneficiary, after your death.

To make the change, we will require:

- original or notarized copy of the court order, if applicable;
- original or notarized death certificate and, if applicable, your will; or
- original or notarized copies of any other applicable legal documents.

To make this change, please contact us and we will provide a form to be completed, signed and returned to us. There will be no losses incurred by the Subscriber or the Beneficiary if the change is made. There is no service fee to make the change.

## Changing your Beneficiary

You may change your Beneficiary to another child under the age of 21 years as long as the new Beneficiary is a sibling of the existing Beneficiary and you provide the new Beneficiary's Social Insurance Number. We will transfer Government Grants to the new Beneficiary if the new Beneficiary is under the age of 21 and a sibling of the former Beneficiary. Otherwise, we must repay the Government Grants to the applicable government. We cannot transfer

Canada Learning Bonds to the new Beneficiary under any circumstances. Provided these conditions are met, Contributions made on behalf of the original Beneficiary will not be included in determining whether an over-contribution has been made for the new Beneficiary in past years.

If your Family Savings Plan only has one Beneficiary, you may substitute a new Beneficiary under the Individual Savings Plan who is not a sibling of the existing Beneficiary. In such a case, the Contribution history of the former Beneficiary will be attributed to the new beneficiary.

To make this change, please contact us and we will provide you with a form that you will need to complete, sign and return to us. You must agree with the terms of the change. There is no service fee for this change.

## Death of the Beneficiary

If all of your Beneficiaries die, you are entitled to cancel your plan and you will receive a refund of all Contributions (less any previous principal refunds) including any sales charges paid. If there is Income in the plan, it can be taken out as an AIP (see "Accumulated Income Payments" on page 50 for details). If you choose not to take the Income out as an AIP, the Income earned on both principal (net Contributions) and Government Grants will be forfeited and paid to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

If one or more Beneficiaries survive, Income in your plan will be shared among the remaining Beneficiaries as directed by the Subscriber. Some Government Grants may have to be repaid.

To make the change, please contact us and provide us original or notarized death certificate of the Beneficiary(ies). There is no service fee for this change.

## Disability of the Beneficiary

If one of your Beneficiaries becomes disabled such that it is expected to prevent your Beneficiary from pursuing post-secondary education (as verified in writing by a qualified third-party practitioner), please contact us. Due to significant variation in disability types, each situation is treated on a case-by-case basis.

The Income in your plan will be shared amongst the remaining Beneficiaries or you may name another child to replace the Beneficiary. You may also cancel your plan. If you cancel your plan, you will receive a refund of all Contributions (less any previous principal refunds) including any sales charges and fees paid. If there is Income in the plan, it can be taken out as an AIP (see "Accumulated Income Payments" on page 50 for details) or transferred to a Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP). If you choose not to take the Income out as an AIP or a transfer to an RDSP, the Income earned on

both principal (net Contributions) and Government Grants will be forfeited and paid to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

To make the change, please contact us and we will let you know the documents we require such as notarized or original evidence of disability of the Beneficiary. There is no service fee for this change.

## Transferring your Plan

### Transferring to Individual Savings Plan

You can transfer to the Individual Savings Plan if your Family Savings Plan has only one Beneficiary. On transfer, 100% of your accumulated net Contributions, Government Grants (excluding CLB), and Income earned on your net Contributions and Government Grants will be transferred into the applicable Plan. If the new Beneficiary is not a sibling under 21 years of age, you will forfeit Government Grants, and the Contribution history of the former Beneficiary will be attributed to the new Beneficiary.

When you transfer to the Individual Savings Plan, you become bound by the terms and conditions of the Individual Savings Plan's education savings plan agreement.

To make this change, please contact us and, if you are changing the Beneficiary provide the new Beneficiary's name, date of birth and Social Insurance Number. We will provide you a form to be completed, signed and returned to us. There is no service fee for this change.

### Transferring to Another RESP provider

You may cancel your plan and direct us to transfer your RESP to another RESP provider if an AIP has not been made from the RESP. Government Grants may be transferred as long as:

- there is a common Beneficiary to both the receiving RESP and existing RESP or the Beneficiary named under the receiving RESP is a sibling to every other Beneficiary under the existing RESP; and
- the receiving RESP is
  - (i) a family RESP; or
  - (ii) an individual RESP that was entered into before the Beneficiary was 21 years old;
- a Canada Learning Bond transfer is only made to an account for the same Beneficiary; and
- the receiving RESP complies with CRA and ESDC requirements.

We will transfer your net Contributions, your Government Grants and Income earned on your Contributions and Government Grants (subject to the rules contained in applicable legislation) to the receiving institution. On transferring, you will forfeit the sales charges.

To start the transfer, please contact the receiving RESP provider. We will charge a transfer-out fee of \$50 per plan.

## Transferring to this Plan from a Canadian Scholarship Trust Group Plan

You may transfer amounts from another Canadian Scholarship Trust Group Plan into the Plan if an AIP has not been made. You may be eligible for a partial refund of the sales charges paid as part of your Beneficiary's EAPs. For more information, see "Refund of Sales Charges" on page 50.

Amounts transferred into the Plan from another Canadian Scholarship Trust Group Plan remain as Contributions, Income and Government Grants. Contributions retain their original date of Contribution and the plan will expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the starting date of the earlier of the two RESPs.

Government Grants may be transferred to a Family Savings Plan from another RESP if:

- the Beneficiary is also a Beneficiary under the transferring RESP; or
- the Beneficiary is under 21 years of age and a sibling to every other Beneficiary under the transferring RESP.

The Canada Learning Bond may be transferred into the new plan provided that all the funds are for the same Beneficiary.

To transfer to the Plan, please contact us. We will not charge a service fee for the transfer and the sales charge of \$50 to open the plan will be waived.

## Transferring to this Plan from Another RESP provider

You may transfer amounts from another RESP into the Plan if an AIP has not been made from the transferring RESP.

Amounts transferred into the Plan from another RESP remain as Contributions, Income and Government Grants. Contributions retain their original date of Contribution and the plan will expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the starting date of the earlier of the two RESPs.

Government Grants may be transferred to a Family Savings Plan from another RESP if:

- the Beneficiary is also a Beneficiary under the transferring RESP; or
- the Beneficiary is under 21 years of age and a sibling to every other Beneficiary under the transferring RESP.

The Canada Learning Bond may be transferred into the new plan provided that all the funds are for the same Beneficiary.

You might incur loss of Income, Government Grants, Grant Contribution Room, sales charges and fees paid. The sending RESP provider may also charge you a fee to process the transfer. Please check with your sending RESP provider for more details.

To enroll in the Plan, please contact one of our sales representatives. The sales representative will complete a

new plan application form and other necessary paperwork along with transfer-in documents. We will not charge a service fee for the transfer. There are sales charges of \$50 to open the plan.

## **Default, Withdrawal or Cancellation**

### **If you withdraw from or cancel your plan**

You are entitled to a return of Contributions, less sales charges and fees at any time by contacting us. We will provide you with a form for you to complete, sign and return to us for cancellation of your plan. We do not charge a service fee for the withdrawal of your Contributions. If you withdraw all of your Contributions, your plan will be cancelled. You can avoid cancellation of your plan by maintaining a minimum balance of \$100.

You may cancel your plan at any time by providing us with written notice of your cancellation. If you cancel the plan within the first 60 days after you enroll, you will receive a refund of all Contributions made into the plan. If you cancel your plan more than 60 days from your Application Date, you are entitled to a return of Contributions, less sales charges and fees. Any Income earned in the plan will be paid to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) unless you qualify for an AIP or your education savings plan has not been registered. There is no service fee to cancel your plan.

### **If we cancel your plan**

If your plan was opened without a Social Insurance Number for your Beneficiary, and if you do not provide us with a Social Insurance Number for your Beneficiary within 12 months of signing your application (or any longer period as agreed to by us), your plan will be automatically cancelled and Contributions, less sales charges and fees will be returned to you. Any Income earned on your Contributions will be paid to you and will be taxable in your hands. We will not charge a service fee for the cancellation of your plan.

### **Re-activating your plan**

If your plan was unregistered, you can re-activate the plan by providing your Beneficiary's Social Insurance Number and maintaining a minimum balance of \$100 in your plan.

### **If your plan expires**

Your plan expires on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the plan's 36<sup>th</sup> year. If your plan expires, it cannot be re-instated. Your Contributions, less sales charges and fees will be forfeited unless you reside in a province where unclaimed property legislation is in force, then any provincial unclaimed property laws will apply. If the Income is not paid as EAPs or an AIP, the Income

will be paid to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). Any unclaimed Government Grants will be returned to the applicable governments.

### **If your Beneficiary does not enroll in Eligible Studies**

A Beneficiary who does not enroll in Eligible Studies will not receive EAPs from the plan. You can add another Beneficiary of less than 21 years of age and who is a sibling of the existing Beneficiary. All Income accumulated can be paid to one Beneficiary as an EAP. The Canada Learning Bond and Government Grants in excess of program maximum limits will have to be repaid to the applicable governments.

If none of the Beneficiaries is eligible, the Income on Contributions and Government Grants can be paid out as AIPs or transferred to eligible RRSP or RDSP. The Government Grants are returned to the applicable governments.

You are always entitled to a return of your Contributions, less sales charges and fees.

## **Receiving Payments from the Plan**

### **Return of Contributions**

Your net Contributions are available to you or to another person as per your instructions.

If you withdraw your Contributions before your Beneficiary enrolls in Eligible Studies, we will repay CESGs ranging from 20% to 40% of the Contribution amount withdrawn and QESIs ranging from 10% to 20% of the Contributions withdrawn (if you received Additional CESG and Additional QESI) to the applicable government.

We do not charge a service fee for the withdrawal of your Contributions.

### **Educational Assistance Payments**

Your Beneficiary is eligible for EAPs as soon as proof of enrolment in an eligible program is provided. The latest that a Beneficiary can receive an EAP is the end of the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the plan or a later date if permitted by the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

EAPs are made up of Income on your Contributions, Government Grants and Income on Government Grants. Government Grants and Income on Government Grants are paid to your Beneficiary in proportion to Income on your Contributions. To receive an EAP, please contact us and we will provide a form to you to complete, sign and return to us.

### **How EAP amounts are determined**

You decide the amount and timing of EAPs based on the Income in your account. To receive an EAP, please contact us

and we will provide a form to you to be completed, signed and returned to us. The amounts of Contributions, less sales charges and fees, Income, Government Grants and Income on Government Grants are maintained individually. Realized and unrealized capital gains and losses on investments are allocated monthly to your plan. Government Grants and Income on Government Grants are paid out proportional to amount of Income withdrawn from the Plan as EAP for each Beneficiary. Any unpaid portion of Government Grants is returned to the applicable government and Income on Government Grants is paid to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

The *Income Tax Act* (Canada) does not allow an EAP to exceed \$8,000 for a student who has not completed at least 13 consecutive weeks of study in the previous 12 months. If a student is subject to this \$8,000 cap, you may withdraw the balance after the student has completed 13 weeks of consecutive study. A student with expenses exceeding \$8,000 in the first 13 weeks may contact us to apply to ESDC on his or her behalf to have the limit increased. For part-time study, the students may access up to \$4,000 of their Income and Government Grants for each 13 week period of study.

## Refund of Sales Charges

If you transferred from the CST Advantage Plan, you may be eligible for a partial refund of the CST Advantage Plan sales charges paid as part of your Beneficiary's Education Assistance Payments. The percentage of sales charges available for refund depend upon how long you were in the CST Advantage Plan and range from 0-25% of the total sales charges paid. The sales charge refund will be paid proportionate to the amount of EAP withdrawn from the Income in your account.

Period enrolled in CST Advantage Plan (in years)	Eligible Refund
0-3	0%
3-6	5%
6-9	10%
9-12	15%
12-15	20%
15+	25%

## If your Beneficiary does not complete Eligible Studies

You may defer having EAPs paid from your plan provided that all amounts are paid to Beneficiaries enrolled in Eligible

Studies or withdrawn as an AIP by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the plan. After that date, we will pay any Income in your plan to a designated educational institution as required under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

## Accumulated Income Payments

If one of your Beneficiaries decide not to pursue post-secondary education, you may withdraw Income earned in your RESP as an AIP, provided that:

- the AIP is made to only one person;
- the recipient is a resident of Canada at the time of the payment; and
- the recipient is a Subscriber under the plan unless the Subscriber has died;

and one of the following conditions is met:

- each person who is or was a Beneficiary (other than a deceased Beneficiary) has reached 21 years of age and is not enrolled in Eligible Studies at that time, and the plan has existed for at least 10 years;
- the payment is made in the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the plan; or
- each Beneficiary under the plan has died.

You may request the Minister of Revenue issue a waiver from condition (a) if your Beneficiary suffers from severe and prolonged mental impairment that prevents your Beneficiary from enrolling in eligible studies at a qualifying post-secondary institution.

If you qualify for an AIP, you may:

- transfer up to \$50,000 of RESP Income (per Subscriber) to your RRSP or your spousal RRSP or up to \$200,000 to a qualifying RDSP for the same Beneficiary, as long as you have unused RRSP or RDSP contribution room; or
- receive RESP Income as taxable income for the year, and pay an additional tax of 20% (calculated for Quebec residents as federal tax of 12% and provincial tax of 8% and otherwise as federal tax of 20%) on the RESP Income for that year.

For the tax consequences of receiving an AIP, please refer to "If you receive an Accumulated Income Payment (AIP)" on page 50.



# About C.S.T. Savings Inc. and the Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation

## An Overview of the Structure of our Plans

CST Advantage Plan  
Individual Savings Plan  
Family Savings Plan

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The Plans are trusts established by way of trust indentures between the Foundation and RBC Investor Services Trust as Trustee and are subject to the laws of Canada. In the case of CST Advantage Plan, The Royal Trust Company (predecessor to RBC Investor Services Trust) became Trustee by way of a deed of appointment and retirement dated March 1, 1996. The trusts were constituted as the Canadian Scholarship Trust, the Canadian Scholarship Millennium Trust and the Canadian Scholarship Millennium Family Trust. When the names of the trusts were changed in 2003, each of the trust indentures was amended to update references to the names of the trusts to Canadian Scholarship Group Savings Plan Trust, Canadian Scholarship Individual Savings Plan Trust and Canadian Scholarship Family Savings Plan Trust, respectively. Each of the trusts is known as CST Advantage Plan, Individual Savings Plan and Family Savings Plan for the purposes of their distribution as scholarship plans.

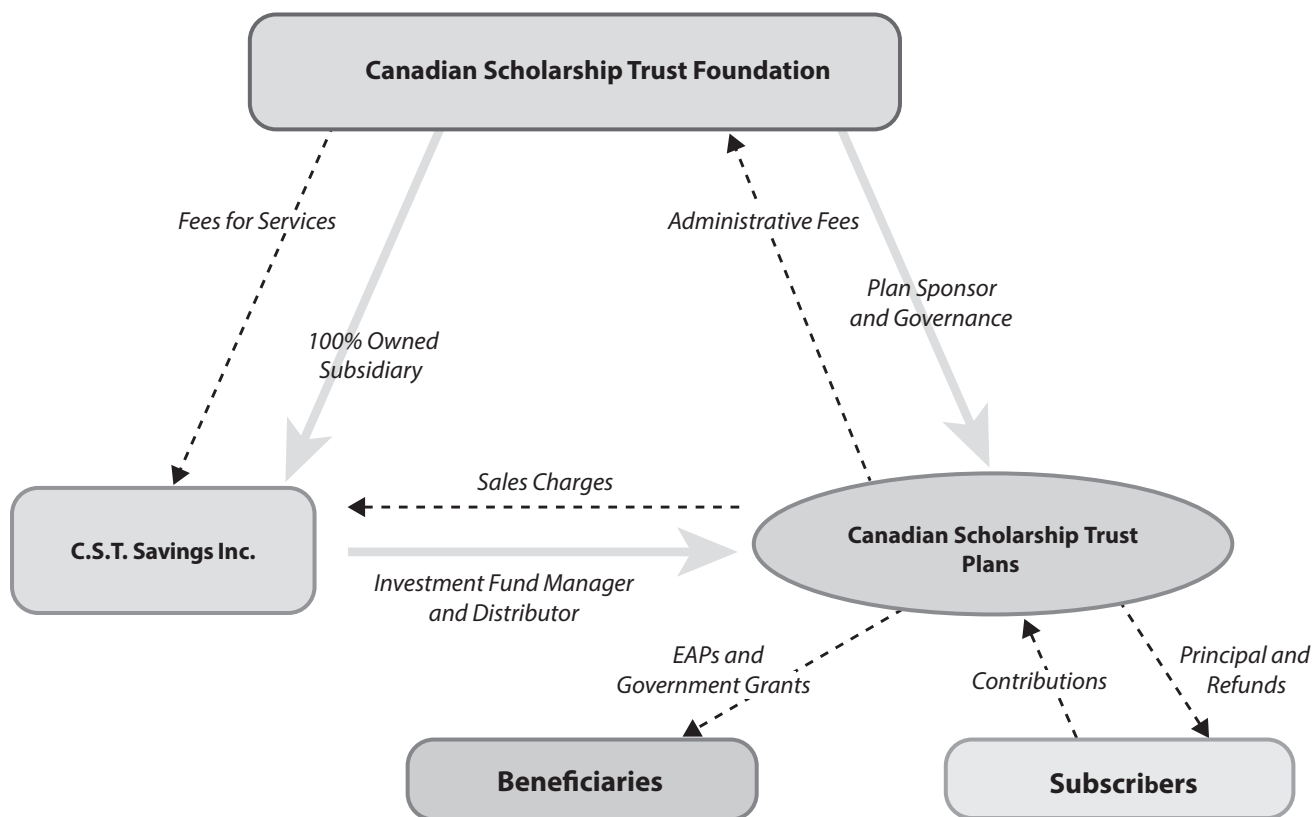
## Manager of the Plans

C.S.T. Savings Inc.  
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C.S.T. Savings Inc. is incorporated under the laws of Canada and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation, a not-for-profit organization whose primary objective is to promote the benefits of higher education and improve access to post-secondary education by reducing barriers and providing wide distribution of education savings plan products. CSTS commenced operations in 1988 as the exclusive distributor of the Plans in addition to providing administration services to the Foundation and the Plans. In 2010, CSTS was appointed investment fund manager of the Plans and carries out the overall management and administration of the Plans.

The relationship between CSTS, the Foundation and the Plans is illustrated below:



## Duties and services to be provided by the manager

CSTS is responsible for the overall management and administration of the Plans and provides services to the Foundation in connection with the duties of the board of directors of the Foundation. As the manager of the Plans, CSTS carries out the day-to-day management of the Plans, monitors the investment management of the Plans, provides all accounting, record-keeping, valuation and other services for Subscribers, processes transactions, issues account statements and tax reporting information, administers the education savings plan agreements, and calculates EAPs for review and payment out of the Plans by the Foundation.

CSTS is registered as an investment fund manager in Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador as required by securities law. It receives fees from the Foundation for the management and administrative services it provides.

## Details of the management agreement

The specific duties and responsibilities of CSTS and the Foundation as well as those of the Trustee for the management of the Plans are set out in the Plan Management and Administration Agreement between the Foundation, CSTS and the Trustee made as of September 28, 2010. CSTS is responsible for the overall management and administration of the Plans including the selection of portfolio managers, accounting and administrative services. The Trustee takes direction from us regarding the settlement of investment trades, the payment of fees and the disbursement of amounts in accordance with the terms of the education savings plan agreements.

The Plan Management and Administration Agreement continues until the termination of each of the trusts in accordance with the trust indentures. Any party to the agreement may resign and terminate the Plan Management and Administration Agreement upon three months notice in which case the provisions of the trust indentures relating to the resignation of the Foundation or the Trustee, as the case may be, would apply.

CSTS also provides certain administrative services to the Foundation according to an amended and restated Services Agreement made as of September 28, 2010.

## Officers and Directors of the Manager

Pursuant to a Unanimous Shareholder Declaration permitted under corporate law that applies to CSTS, all of the powers of the directors of CSTS to manage or supervise the management of the business and affairs of CSTS have been

transferred to the Foundation, as sole shareholder. Accordingly, the Foundation considers and executes all legal documents and certificates that are required to be executed by the board of directors of CSTS.

## Officers and Directors of CSTS

Name Municipality of Residence	Position	Principal Occupation
Peter A. Lewis Park Corner, Prince Edward Island	Director, Officer	President and Chief Executive Officer and Ultimate Designated Person, CSTS; President, Foundation, President, C.S.T. Spark Inc. and President, C.S.T. Asset Management Inc. since April 2024
Christopher Ferris, CPA, CGA, CFA Toronto, Ontario	Officer	Chief Financial and Operations Officer
Carole Matear, CPA, CA Vaughan, Ontario	Officer	Chief Risk and Compliance Officer

## Trustee

RBC Investor Services Trust  
Toronto, Ontario

The Plans are trusts. RBC Investor Services Trust is the Trustee of the Plans and acts as custodian for the Plan assets. We direct the Trustee regarding the settlement of investment trades, the payment of fees and Plan payments under the terms of the education savings plan agreements. The Trustee holds all amounts in the Plans in trust and, as directed by us, disburses fees, EAPs and other amounts in accordance with the terms of the education savings plan agreements, and settles all investment trades. For this service, the Trustee charges fees which are deducted from Income earned on Contributions and Government Grants held in the Plans.

If CSTS or the Foundation resigned or were unable to perform their duties relating to the administration of the Plans, the Trustee would become responsible for administering the Plans and would receive the administration fee. The continued administration of the Plans is provided for in the trust indentures, which do not allow the Trustee to resign unless a successor trustee is appointed.

## The Foundation

The Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation  
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The Foundation is a not-for-profit organization governed by an independent Board of Directors. It sponsors and provides governance and oversight over the Plans, as well as carries out certain duties as required by the trust indentures. According to a Unanimous Shareholder Declaration permitted under corporate law that applies to CSTS, all of the powers of the directors of CSTS to manage or supervise the management of the business and affairs of CSTS have been transferred to the Foundation, as shareholder. Accordingly, the Foundation considers and executes all legal documents and certificates that are required to be executed by the board of directors of CSTS.

In its role as plan sponsor and provider of governance and oversight in respect of the Plans, the Foundation supervises and performs specific functions, including entering into the education savings plan agreements with the Subscribers, supervising Subscribers' adherence to the terms of the education savings plan agreements, supervising the calculation of EAPs by CSTS and determining the amount of EAPs to be paid, supervising the annual audit of the Plans, as well as supervising the administration of the Plans in such manner as the Foundation considers appropriate, in consultation with CSTS. Certain of these duties are required to be performed by the Foundation under the trust indentures.

## Directors

Name Municipality of Residence	Position	Period(s) served as director	Principal occupation
Brenda Bartlett, ICD.D <sup>1,2,3</sup> Montreal, Quebec	Chair of the Board, Director	Since March 2016	President and Chief Executive Officer, PWL Capital Inc.
Peter A. Lewis Park Corner, Prince Edward Island	Director, President and Chief Executive Officer	Since March 2024	President, CSTS; President, Foundation, President, C.S.T. Spark Inc. and President, C.S.T. Asset Management Inc. since April 2024
Andrew Poprawa, CPA, CA, C.Dir. <sup>1,2</sup> Mississauga, Ontario	Director	Since January 2013	Consultant and Corporate Director
Douglas P. McPhie, FCPA, FCA <sup>2,3</sup> Oakville, Ontario	Director, Chair, Audit Committee	Since December 2015	Consultant and Corporate Director
Bonnie Patterson, ICD.D <sup>1,3</sup> Toronto, Ontario	Director, Chair, Governance and Human Resources Committee	Since June 2018	Consultant, Higher Education Leadership and Governance since January 2016; President and CEO, Council of Ontario Universities from 2009 to 2015
Stephanie Bowman, FCPA, FCA <sup>2</sup> Toronto, Ontario	Director	Since September 2019	Member of Provincial Parliament, Ontario Legislative Assembly since June 2022; Corporate Director since 2018; Consultant from 2017 – June 2022
Andrew D. Brands <sup>1,2</sup> Toronto, Ontario	Director	Since September 2019	Corporate Director
David Oliver, CFA, C.Dir. <sup>2,3</sup> Toronto, Ontario	Director, Chair, Investment Committee	Since August 2023	President and Chief Executive Officer, BRJO Investments Ltd. since 2019; President, Oliver Advisory from 2014 to 2021
Peyman Parsi, ICD.D <sup>2</sup> Toronto, Ontario	Director	Since August 2023	Senior Principal, MongoDB since December 2024, Corporate Director and Consultant since February 2023; Chief Technology Officer, Blanc Labs from September 2020 to February 2023; Chief Technology Delivery Officer, Toronto Stock Exchange, TMX Group from 2015 to 2019
Maureen Adamson, ICD.D <sup>1,3</sup> Peterborough, Ontario	Director	Since June 2024	President, Fleming College since August 2018
Caroline Blouin, FCIA, C.Dir. <sup>2</sup> Toronto, Ontario	Director	Since June 2024	Consultant and Corporate Director since January 2024; Executive Vice President, Pensions, Financial Services Regulatory Authority from 2019 to 2023
Keith Matcham, ICD.D <sup>2</sup> Oakville, Ontario	Director	Since December 2024	Corporate Director and Consultant since June 2024; Partner, Ernst & Young LLP from 2004 to June 2024.

<sup>1</sup> Member of Governance and Human Resources Committee

<sup>2</sup> Member of Audit Committee

<sup>3</sup> Member of Investment Committee

## Officers

Name Municipality of Residence	Position	Principal occupation
Peter A. Lewis Park Corner, Prince Edward Island	Officer	President and Chief Executive Officer, Foundation; President, CSTS, President, C.S.T. Spark Inc. and President, C.S.T. Asset Management Inc. since April 2024
Christopher Ferris, CPA, CGA, CFA Toronto, Ontario	Officer	Chief Financial and Operations Officer
Carole Matear, CPA, CA Vaughan, Ontario	Officer	Chief Risk Officer and Corporate Secretary

Each year, the Foundation issues an annual report of its activities. Subscribers can request a copy of the annual report, at no cost, by calling us toll-free 1-877-333-7377 or by contacting us at [cstplan@cstsavings.ca](mailto:cstplan@cstsavings.ca). The annual report is also available on our website at [www.cstsavings.ca](http://www.cstsavings.ca).

## Independent Review Committee

An Independent Review Committee (the IRC) acts for the Plans in accordance with NI 81-107 *Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds* (NI 81-107).

The mandate of the IRC is to provide independent review and oversight of the conflicts CSTS faces in our management of the Plans. This is accomplished mainly by:

- reviewing and providing input into our policies and procedures for dealing with matters that pose an actual or perceived conflict of interest with the best interests of the Plans;
- undertaking an annual review of our written policies and procedures on conflict matters and our compliance with these policies and procedures and any conditions imposed by the IRC;
- making recommendations with respect to specific conflict of interest matters referred to it by us; and,
- performing other duties as required under applicable securities laws such as an annual self-assessment.

The current members of the IRC, each of whom is independent of the Foundation and CSTS, are:

## Third Party Dispute Resolution Service

If you have a complaint or a concern about our sales representatives or the services you received from us, we will work with you to resolve your complaint or dispute. However, if you feel that a satisfactory resolution of the matter is not achieved, you may refer your complaint to the Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments (OBSI) or Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF) (Québec residents only). Information about our complaint handling process is available on our website at [www.cstsavings.ca](http://www.cstsavings.ca)

Edna Chu is an experienced compliance executive, currently providing compliance consulting services to financial institutions as founder of E.A.C. Consulting Inc. Previously, Ms. Chu was Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer for a Canadian investment management firm following over 10 years as Deputy Head, Wealth Management, Compliance at a Schedule I bank. Ms. Chu has been a compliance professional for more than 22 years and is a Member of the Ontario Bar Association.

Kerry Ho, CPA, CA is an investment management professional with more than 25 years of experience in executive positions focussing on wealth and investment management. In the last 5 years, Mr. Ho has been an IRC member for IRCs including Chair of the IRC for another fund manager.

Caroline Cathcart, LLM is an experienced investment management professional with over 25 years in progressively senior officer and C-suite roles. Previously, Ms. Cathcart was the Chief Administrative & Legal Officer at a specialized fixed income manager managing over \$8 billion in assets. Her past experience includes investment management of alternative funds, private wealth management for high net worth clients, exempt market products, and investment infrastructure. Ms. Cathcart is a Chartered Investment Manager and a Fellow of the Canadian Securities Institute.

At least annually, the IRC prepares a report of its activities for Subscribers. The report is available on our website at [www.cstsavings.ca](http://www.cstsavings.ca), or at the Subscriber's request at no cost, by contacting us at [cstplan@cstsavings.ca](mailto:cstplan@cstsavings.ca).

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OBSI offers a free, independent and impartial resolution service. Legal representation is not required to participate fully with any investigation carried out by OBSI. If OBSI investigates a complaint against us and finds in your favour, it will recommend a course of action to resolve the complaint, which may include compensation.

If you are a resident of Québec and are not satisfied with the resolution offered or with the handling of your complaint, you may request that we transfer our complaint file to the AMF. The AMF will assess the complaint and if necessary, offer mediation services to assist us in reaching a satisfactory settlement.

## **Compensation of Directors, Officers, Trustees, and Independent Review Committee Members**

The Plans do not have a board of directors, officers or employees. Oversight of the Plans is carried out by the Board of Directors of the Foundation. The Director of the Foundation that is an employee of CSTS receives no additional remuneration for serving as a director. The remainder of the Board of Directors receives no remuneration directly or indirectly for services provided to the Foundation other than annual directors' fees which totaled \$551,724 for the 2024 fiscal year of the Foundation and which were paid from the Administration Fees received by the Foundation from the Plans (including those no longer being distributed).

For the services provided, the Trustee charges fees which are deducted from Income earned on net Contributions and Government Grants held in the Plans. The amount of these

fees paid in 2024 by all Plans administered by us (including those no longer being distributed) was \$214,000.

The charter for the IRC provides that the compensation and permitted expenses of the IRC will be paid by the Plans, and that we will allocate the costs among the Plans and CST Spark Education Portfolios on an equitable and reasonable basis. The Plans and the CST Spark Education Portfolios pay the compensation of the committee members which is comprised of annual members' fees which includes the meeting attendance fees for 2 meetings, and meeting attendance fees for additional meetings attended. Expenses of the IRC include premiums for insurance coverage, legal fees, secretariat fees for record-keeping, travel expenses and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. During the fiscal year of the Plans ended October 31, 2024, total fees paid to E. Chu, K. Ho, and C. Cathcart were \$16,000, \$13,000 and \$13,000, respectively. Expenses related to the IRC were \$52,757.



## Portfolio Managers

BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited  
Toronto, Ontario

BMO Asset Management Inc.  
Toronto, Ontario

CIBC Asset Management Inc.  
Toronto, Ontario

C.S.T. Asset Management Inc.  
Toronto, Ontario

Fiera Capital Corporation  
Toronto, Ontario

TD Asset Management Inc.  
Toronto, Ontario

Each portfolio manager manages a portion of the assets of the Plans according to specific mandates we have assigned them. We have established compliance criteria designed to ensure overall compliance with the investment policies, objectives and strategies of each Plan. CSTS monitors the management of the assets of the Plans and manages each portfolio manager. CSTS's Chief Investment Officer carries out this management and oversight. The Investment Committee of the Foundation's Board of Directors also monitors the portfolio managers' performance on a quarterly basis in accordance with the investment policy of the Plans and the mandate of the portfolio managers and may terminate any of the investment management agreements with appropriate notice in consultation with CSTS. CSTS may decide to change the portfolio managers or the allocation of assets assigned to any portfolio manager from time to time in its sole discretion and may do so without prior or other notice to Subscribers of the Plans.

### **BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited (Toronto, Ontario)**

BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited (BlackRock) is a premier provider of global investment management services. BlackRock manages equity, fixed income, real estate, liquidity, alternatives, and asset allocation/balanced strategies for institutional and retail clients. Through BlackRock Solutions, the firm provides risk management and advisory services that combine capital markets expertise with internally-developed systems and technology. Its mandate is to invest Plan assets in Canada, US, Europe, Asia and other international equities through exchange traded funds designed to track their assigned market index within performance guidelines.

The people principally responsible for managing a material portion of this portfolio are:

<b>Name and Title</b>	<b>Length of service with the portfolio manager</b>	<b>Industry Experience</b>	<b>Business experience in the last 5 years</b>
Greg Savage, CFA Managing Director	25 years	34 years	Head of Americas iShares Beta Strategies Portfolio Management

**BMO Asset Management Inc. (Toronto, Ontario)**

BMO Asset Management Inc. is a multi-asset management business characterized by specialized, regional investment teams providing a range of investment solutions to global clients. BMO Asset Management Inc. is the legal operating entity in Canada and was originally established in 1982 as Jones Heward Investment Counsel Inc. Now wholly owned by BMO Financial Group, the company was renamed in 2010 following the amalgamation of the BMO Exchange Traded Funds and Quantamental Investment groups. Its mandate is to invest Plan assets in Canada, US, Europe, Asia and other international equities through exchange traded funds designed to track their market index within performance guidelines.

The people principally responsible for managing a material portion of this portfolio are:

<b>Name and Title</b>	<b>Length of service with the portfolio manager</b>	<b>Industry Experience</b>	<b>Business experience in the last 5 years</b>
Rob Bechard, CFA, M.Sc. Senior Vice President and Head of ETF Portfolio Management	15 years	26 years	Head of Equity and Fixed Income Portfolio Management for the ETF and Global Structured Investment Group
Chris McHaney, CFA Vice President and Portfolio Manager	16 years	26 years	Equity and Derivative Portfolio Manager
Raymond Chan, CFA, FRM Vice President and Portfolio Manager	15 years	23 years	Equity Portfolio Manager and Currency Hedging Specialist
Chris Heakes, M. Fin. Portfolio Manager	15 years	17 years	Equity and Derivative Portfolio Manager

**CIBC Asset Management Inc. (Toronto, Ontario)**

CIBC Asset Management Inc., the asset management subsidiary of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, has been providing a range of investment management services to institutional and individual investors since 1973 and is one of the largest asset management firms in Canada. The firm's expertise spans across fixed income, equity, asset allocation and currency asset classes. Research is guided by a rigorous and consistent process to yield better results for clients over the long term. Its mandate is to invest Plan assets in Canadian fixed income debt instruments issued and guaranteed by Canadian federal and provincial governments, using a stratified sampling process, to replicate the performance of a blended government benchmark. It also has performance objectives and risk control limits.

The people principally responsible for managing a material portion of this portfolio are:

<b>Name and Title</b>	<b>Length of service with the portfolio manager</b>	<b>Industry Experience</b>	<b>Business experience in the last 5 years</b>
Jean Gauthier, CFA Managing Director and CIO, Global Fixed Income	8 years	32 years	Head of Global Fixed Income
Jacques Prevost, CFA First Vice-President	25 years	37 years	Global Fixed Income
Lou Paolone, CFA Assistant Vice-President	14 years	32 years	Global Fixed Income

**C.S.T. Asset Management Inc. (Toronto, Ontario)**

Established in 2019, C.S.T. Asset Management Inc. (C.S.T. Asset Management) is the asset management subsidiary of the Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation. Its mandates vary according to the specific Plan and have the objectives of maintaining the long-term strategic asset mix of a Plan and/or managing Plan liquidity and cashflows. C.S.T. Asset Management will invest in Canadian government and/or Canadian corporate bonds, along with Canadian, US, European, Asian and other international equities exchange traded funds. All mandates have performance objectives and risk control limits.

The people principally responsible for managing a material portion of this portfolio are:

<b>Name and Title</b>	<b>Length of service with the portfolio manager</b>	<b>Industry Experience</b>	<b>Business experience in the last 5 years</b>
Tom Radošević, CFA Portfolio Manager	5 years	24 years	Director, Investments, CSTS
Vinicius Zetea, CFA Portfolio Manager	5 years	16 years	Director, Investments, CSTS

**Fiera Capital Corporation (Toronto, Ontario)**

Fiera Capital Corporation (Fiera Capital) oversees assets on behalf of high net-worth individuals and families, charitable organizations, and institutions. Fiera's mandate is to invest Plan assets in Canadian corporate bonds using security and sector selection in order to add value. The mandate has both performance objectives and risk control guidelines.

The people principally responsible for managing a material portion of this portfolio are:

<b>Name and Title</b>	<b>Length of service with the portfolio manager</b>	<b>Industry Experience</b>	<b>Business experience in the last 5 years</b>
Philippe Ouellette, CFA Vice President	29 years	29 years	Senior Portfolio Manager, Fixed Income
Jeff Seaver, CFA Vice President	33 years	33 years	Portfolio Manager, Fixed Income
Nicolas Normandeau, CFA Vice President	15 years	11 years	Portfolio Manager, Fixed Income

### TD Asset Management Inc. (Toronto, Ontario)

TD Asset Management Inc. (TDAM) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Toronto-Dominion Bank. In January 1996, TDAM was incorporated with the amalgamation of the investment division of Toronto-Dominion Securities Inc. and Lancaster Investment Counsel Inc. TDAM manages two distinct mandates on behalf of the Plans. The first mandate is to invest Plan assets in Canadian fixed income debt instruments issued and guaranteed by Canadian federal and provincial governments, designed to replicate the performance of a blended government benchmark according to defined asset mixes. The second mandate invests Plan assets in Canadian corporate bonds using security and sector selection in order to add value. All mandates have performance objectives and risk control limit guidelines.

The people principally responsible for managing a material portion of this portfolio are:

Name and Title	Length of service with the portfolio manager	Industry Experience	Business experience in the last 5 years
Michael Augustine, CFA, FICA, FSA Managing Director, Fixed Income	12 years	32 years	Head of Fixed Income and Asset Liability Management
Michelle Hegeman, CFA Vice President and Director, Fixed Income	19 years	33 years	Senior Fixed Income Portfolio Manager
Blaine S. Pho, CFA Managing Director, Fixed Income	30 years	30 years	Former CIO and Former Head of Fixed Income, Portfolio Manager
Neil Schell, CFA, CPA, CMA Vice President, Fixed Income	17 years	30 years	Portfolio Manager

### Details of the portfolio management agreements

Each of the portfolio managers manages Plan assets according to the terms set out in their portfolio management agreement and the specific mandates we have assigned to them. Those agreements include the provision of investment analysis, recommendations and decision-making. The mandates include general guidelines, permitted investments, constraints and restrictions, in addition to performance standards. The portfolio management agreements may be terminated by CSTS with 30 days written notice or by the portfolio manager with 90 days written notice.

### Principal Distributor

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According to the provisions of an agreement between the Foundation and CSTS, dated as of November 1, 1998, as amended and restated August 26, 1999 and as further amended May 1, 2006 and June 17, 2010 (the "Distribution Agreement"), CSTS has the exclusive right to distribute the Plans throughout Canada. The Foundation may terminate the Distribution Agreement in the event of a material adverse change in the condition (financial or otherwise) of CSTS, or by either party upon the occurrence of certain events of default including material breaches of the Distribution Agreement or various insolvency events.

CSTS markets and distributes the Plans and operates in every province and territory with a sales force of approximately 1,000 sales representatives. As a scholarship plan dealer, CSTS is registered under the applicable securities legislation in each province and territory. It receives a portion of the sales charges collected from Subscribers for these services.

### Dealer Compensation

In exchange for selling the Plans, CSTS receives a portion of the sales charges paid by Subscribers which are paid from the Plans as a Distribution Fee. CSTS uses this money to pay for its costs of distribution and to pay compensation to its sales representatives for their services in distributing the plans.

In order for the Foundation to meet its commitment to refund to Subscribers in CST Advantage Plan 50% of sales charges paid, it transfers a portion of the sales charges paid by Subscribers to a segregated account that has been established for this purpose. Subscribers in CST Advantage Plan or those who transfer from the CST Advantage Plan to the Individual or Family Savings Plan who meet applicable conditions will become eligible to receive a refund of sales charges paid as set out above.

As part of their compensation, sales representatives can earn awards, based on the number of Units and Plans they sell. Awards may include trophies, gifts and/or an annual sales conference trip. All costs for these incentives are paid by CSTS from its own funds, and are not charged against Subscribers, Beneficiaries, the Foundation or the Plans.

## Dealer compensation from management fees

Compensation paid to CSTS in its capacity as distributor comes directly from sales charges paid by Subscribers and is not paid from the management fees charged to the Plans. This means that the compensation that CSTS pays to its sales representatives is not derived from the management fees charged to the Plans.

## Custodian

RBC Investor Services Trust  
Toronto, Ontario

The custodian also acts as Plan Trustee.

## Auditor

Deloitte LLP  
Bay Adelaide East  
8 Adelaide Street West, Suite 200  
Toronto, Ontario M5H 0A9

## Transfer Agent and Registrar

The Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation  
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## Promoter

C.S.T. Savings Inc.  
Toronto, Ontario

## Affiliate of the Manager

C.S.T. Savings Inc. engages C.S.T. Asset Management Inc., a related party, to provide portfolio management services.

The promoter also acts as manager and distributor of the Plans.

## Ownership of the Manager and Other Service Providers

C.S.T. Savings Inc. (CSTS) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation.

## Experts who contributed to this prospectus

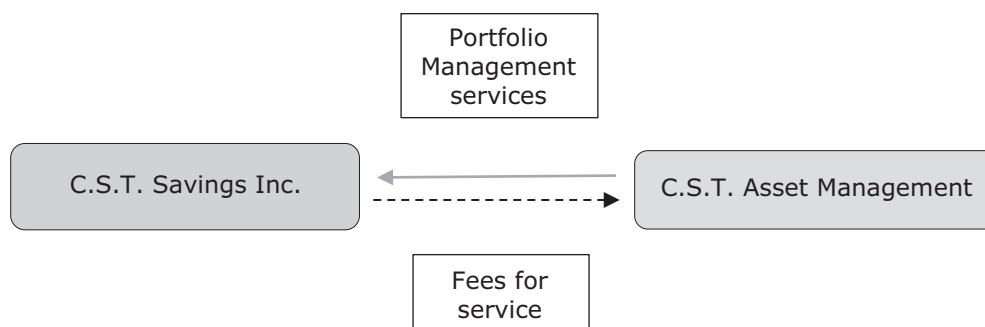
Deloitte LLP – Auditor

Personnel associated with these experts have less than a 1% ownership interest in the Plans and do not own, directly or indirectly any ownership interest in CSTS.

## Ownership of the Manager and Other Service Providers

C.S.T. Savings Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation.

C.S.T. Asset Management Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation, provides certain portfolio management services for the Plans.



## Officers and Directors of C.S.T. Asset Management Inc.

The following are the officers and directors of C.S.T. Asset Management Inc.:

Name Municipality of Residence	Position	Principal Occupation
Peter Lewis Park Corner, Prince Edward Island	Director, Officer	President and Chief Executive Officer, C.S.T. Asset Management Inc.; President, CSTS, President, Foundation and President, C.S.T. Spark Inc. since April 2024
Christopher Ferris, CPA, CGA, CFA Toronto, Ontario	Officer	Chief Financial and Operations Officer, C.S.T. Asset Management Inc. since December 2019 and Chief Financial and Operations Officer, CSTS
Carole Matear, CPA, CA Vaughan, Ontario	Officer	Chief Risk and Compliance Officer, C.S.T. Asset Management Inc. since December 2019 and Chief Risk and Compliance Officer, CSTS

## Designated Website

A scholarship plan is required to post certain regulatory disclosure documents on a designated website. The designated website of the scholarship plans this document pertains to can be found at the following location: [www.cstsavings.ca](http://www.cstsavings.ca).

## Subscriber Matters

### Meetings of Subscribers

The Foundation or the Trustee is required to call a meeting to consider any amendment to the trust indentures or education savings plan agreements for which Subscriber approval is required. At least 21 days notice of a meeting must be given to Subscribers. Each education savings plan agreement entitles a Subscriber to one vote. Resolutions may be passed by a two-thirds vote of Subscribers represented at a meeting in person or by proxy. Three Subscribers constitutes a quorum for a meeting.

### Matters Requiring Subscriber Approval

No matters other than the amendments to the trust indentures and the education savings plan agreements described below require Subscriber approval.

### Amendments to the Declaration of Trust and Education Savings Plan Agreements

Certain amendments to a trust indenture or an education savings plan agreement may be made without consulting Subscribers or Beneficiaries. These consist of any change that, in the opinion of the Foundation, and the Trustee:

- is for the purpose of complying with any statute of Canada or a province, or any order, rule or regulation made according to the statute;
- does not adversely affect Subscribers or Beneficiaries; or

- is necessary to correct a clerical or typographical error in the trust indentures.

The Foundation, CSTS and the Trustee have the power to make rules and regulations relating to the administration of the Plans and the Subscriber agreements provided the changes to the Subscriber agreements do not disqualify any Contract as an RESP. The Contracts may be amended to ensure that they continue to comply with the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) or other applicable legislation or with any rule, policy or regulation made pursuant to the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) or other legislation without notice to Subscribers or Beneficiaries. Any other amendment can be made on not less than 60 days' notice to Subscribers, provided that any amendment that would adversely affect the Subscribers or the Beneficiaries can only be made by way of a resolution passed by at least two-thirds of the eligible votes cast at a meeting of Subscribers.

### Reporting to Subscribers and Beneficiaries

When you first enter into your plan, we will send you a signed agreement, along with a trade confirmation and a copy of this prospectus, and other information relating to your relationship with us and how we will operate your plan. You should review this information and keep it for future reference, along with each annual statement referred to below.

We send Subscribers an annual statement which shows the total amount of your Contributions, Government Grants, Income earned, sales charges, account maintenance fees and other deductions since the date of the last annual statement or the date of your subscription, if less than one year. Annually we also provide you with information about the direct costs that you paid us in connection with your plan, as well as the outstanding unpaid portion of your sales charges, the amount that you contributed to your plan during the year, and a reasonable projection of the future value of your plan.



We will also send you a form requesting instructions from you as to whether you would like to be sent the annual report of the appropriate Plan with audited financial statements including a management report of fund performance, and/or the semi-annual unaudited financial statements. Both the annual and semi-annual financial statements are accessible in the SEDAR<sup>+</sup> Filings Database at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca), on our website at [www.cstsavings.ca](http://www.cstsavings.ca) and in the online services section of our secure self-service website.

## **Business Practices**

### **Our Policies**

As manager of the Plans, CSTS is responsible for the day-to-day management, administration and operation of the Plans.

CSTS has established appropriate policies, procedures, practices and guidelines to ensure the proper management of the Plans, including as required by NI 81-107, policies and procedures relating to conflicts of interest. The processes and controls used by CSTS in relation to the Plans monitor and manage the business and sales practices, risk and internal conflicts of interest relating to the Plans, while ensuring compliance with applicable regulatory, compliance and corporate requirements. CSTS personnel responsible for compliance, together with management of CSTS, ensure that these policies, procedures, practices and guidelines are communicated from time to time to all relevant persons and are updated as necessary to reflect changing circumstances. CSTS also monitors the application of all such policies, procedures, practices and guidelines to ensure their continuing effectiveness.

Compliance with the undertaking is monitored by CSTS on a regular basis. The investment strategies, practices and restrictions for the Plans are outlined on page 9.

### **Valuation of Portfolio Investments**

The custodian values the following types of investments at fair value: bonds, equities, money market securities, and exchange traded funds. Bonds, equities and money market securities are valued using quoted bid prices at period end. In the event that quoted market prices are not available, the fair values are estimated using present value or other valuation techniques.

Management has determined that the carrying value of payables for securities purchased, Subscribers' deposits and unclaimed Subscriber funds approximate their fair values as these instruments are short term in nature.

### **Proxy Voting**

We view corporate governance and compliance as important to overall corporate performance and long-term investment returns and as such support the proxy voting guidelines

established by our portfolio managers. Investment restrictions contained in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and the undertaking, as well as our investment policies result in the Plans primarily investing in federal and provincial government fixed income securities.

We review each portfolio manager's proxy voting policies and procedures which guide the portfolio manager in determining whether and how to vote on any matter for which the Plans receive proxy materials. Each portfolio manager's proxy voting policy is available on request, at no cost, by calling 1-877-333-7377 or by contacting us at [cstplan@cstsavings.ca](mailto:cstplan@cstsavings.ca).

The proxy voting record for each Plan for the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 of each year will be available at no cost to any Subscriber upon request by August 31 of that year.

## **Conflicts of Interest**

CSTS, as investment fund manager, is required to refer all conflict of interest matters to the IRC for its review and recommendations. The IRC reviews and provides input on CSTS's written policies and procedures that deal with conflict of interest matters. It reviews conflict of interest matters referred to it by CSTS and makes recommendations to CSTS regarding whether the proposed actions in connection with the conflict of interest matter achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Plans. Where required by securities laws, the IRC considers and, if deemed appropriate, approves CSTS's decision on a conflict of interest matter that CSTS refers to the IRC for approval.

Rather than requiring CSTS to refer a matter to the IRC each time a conflict arises, the IRC has established standing instructions that allow CSTS to take action on matters within the parameters established by CSTS's policies and procedures on conflict matters. CSTS believes that adherence to its policies and related procedures provides adequate safeguards against the potential for any self-interest to take precedence over the interests of investors in the Plans. The following conflict of interest matters have been considered by the IRC which has made a positive recommendation to CSTS to follow its policies in managing these conflicts.

### **Fees**

Most fees payable by Subscribers or the Plans cannot be increased without Subscriber approval. However, the account maintenance fee, transaction fees and other fees permitted by your Contract can be increased by the Foundation with 60 days advance written notice to the Subscribers.

### **Sales Charge Refund**

Any changes to the sales charge refund during the currency of an education savings plan agreement cannot be made without an amendment to that agreement which would require Subscriber approval.

### Contracts with Related Parties

In the event that CSTS or the Foundation wishes to reopen the services arrangements between these two parties, the Board of Directors of the Foundation will consider whether there are any alternate arrangements that may be in the best interests of Subscribers.

### Contracts in which an Entity Related to the Manager Has an Interest

Agreements between CSTS or the Foundation and a third party in which an entity related to the CSTS or the Foundation has an interest should be on terms no less favourable to the Plans than those which would exist in a contract with an arm's length third party.

## Key Business Documents

The following material contracts have been entered into:

- Amended and restated Trust Indenture made March 4, 1992, as amended, between us and the trustee forming the trust which holds the assets of the Original Group Savings Plan and CST Advantage Plan.
- Trust Indenture dated March 24, 1997, as amended, between us and the trustee forming the trust which holds the assets of the Individual Savings Plan.
- Trust Indenture dated April 6, 1999, as amended, between us and the trustee forming the trust which holds the assets of the Family Savings Plan.
- Plan Management and Administration Agreement effective as of September 28, 2010 between the Foundation, CSTS and RBC Investor Services Trust which sets out the roles and responsibilities of each party and under which administrative services are provided to the Trustee in connection with the Plans.
- Services Agreement as of November 1, 1990 between the Foundation and CSTS, as amended and restated effective September 28, 2010, in which CSTS provides certain administrative services in connection with the duties of the board of directors of the Foundation, in addition to its duties as investment fund manager to the Plans.
- Amended and restated Distribution and License Agreement dated as of November 1, 1998 as further amended and restated, between the Foundation and CSTS in which distribution services are provided to the Foundation.
- Investment Management Agreement between BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited and us dated June 20, 2014.
- Investment Management Agreement between BMO Asset Management Inc. and us dated June 19, 2014 and amended September 24, 2015.
- Investment Management Agreement between TD Asset Management Inc. and us dated November 30, 2012 and amended September 4, 2015.

- Investment Management Agreement between TD Asset Management Inc. (formerly TD Greystone Asset Management) and us dated September 4, 2015.
- Investment Management Agreement between Fiera Capital Corporation and us dated June 22, 2020.
- Investment Management Agreement between CIBC Asset Management Inc. and us dated September 4, 2015.
- Investment Management Agreement between C.S.T. Asset Management Inc. and us dated November 5, 2020.
- Agreement between Employment and Social Development Canada and the Foundation for the delivery of the Canada Education Savings Grant, the Canada Learning Bond and Federally Administered Provincial Incentives dated December 21, 2015, and amended on August 21, 2019.
- Agreement between the Minister of Revenue of Quebec and the Foundation for the delivery of the Quebec Education Savings Incentive dated October 8, 2008.
- Education Savings Plan Agreements in respect of each of the Plans.

You may view copies of all material contracts at our offices, 2235 Sheppard Avenue East, Suite 1600, Toronto, Ontario M2J 5B8 with 10 days' notice.

## Legal matters

### Exemptions and Approvals under Securities Laws

We were granted relief in all provinces and territories of Canada (except in Prince Edward Island) in a decision dated February 15, 2006 from the requirement to prepare and file an annual information form with respect to Founders' Plan (the "Discontinued Plans") as well as the Group Savings Plan offered prior to April 27, 2001 (the "Original Group Savings Plan"). This relief was granted on the condition that this prospectus discloses the material details of the significant differences between the plans no longer being distributed (the Discontinued Plans and the Original Group Savings Plan) and CST Advantage Plan.

The Discontinued Plans are group savings plans that operate on substantially similar terms and conditions as CST Advantage Plan currently being offered by this prospectus with the following significant differences:

- (a) the contribution frequency and amounts were based on the contribution schedule that was in effect at the relevant time;
- (b) the criteria that must be met by a child to qualify for an EAP are different in the case of the Discontinued Plans in that the Eligible Studies must be at least two years long and the post-secondary school must be a member of Universities

- Canada, the Association of Canadian Community Colleges or their equivalent;
- (c) the age limit to change the Beneficiary is 10 years old in the case of Plan II and 13 years old in the case of the Founders' Plan;
- (d) Beneficiaries of the Discontinued Plans do not receive their first EAP until they are in the second year of Eligible Studies and they are eligible for a maximum of three EAPs; and
- (e) the sales charges (formerly enrolment fees) paid for Units of Plan II and Founders' Plan are not refundable.

The terms and conditions of CST Advantage Plan and the Original Group Savings Plan are identical except with respect to sales charge refunds. A Subscriber who enrolled in the Original Group Savings Plan is eligible to receive a refund of their entire sales charges along with the first EAP paid to his or her Beneficiary. Subscribers to the CST Advantage Plan are eligible to receive one quarter of their sales charge refund with each EAP paid to his or her Beneficiary (see "Refund of Sales Charges" on page 24 for details of the amount of the

refund for which Subscribers purchasing Units under this prospectus may be eligible). The two Plans also have different contribution schedules.

## **Legal and Administrative Proceedings**

On June 15, 2018, a legal proceeding under the New Code of Civil Procedure was commenced in Superior Court of Quebec naming all registered scholarship plan dealers operating in Quebec, inclusive of CSTS and the Foundation. The proceeding relates to the amount of sales charges (formerly enrolment fees) that were charged to customers in Quebec who were party to a scholarship plan agreement since July 19, 2013. On March 31, 2021, the proceeding was authorized to proceed as a class action and discoveries have now been completed. Based on the information currently available and our assessment of the legal proceeding, we cannot predict the final outcome or timing of the pending legal proceeding and any potential financial impact cannot be determined at this time. We believe that we have strong defenses and intend to vigorously defend the positions of CSTS and the Foundation.

# Certificate of the Scholarship Plans

January 24, 2025

This prospectus, together with the documents incorporated herein by reference, constitutes full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by the prospectus, as required by the securities legislation of each of the provinces and territories of Canada.

## **C.S.T. SAVINGS INC. On Behalf of the Plans**

(signed) "Peter Lewis"  
Peter Lewis  
President and Chief Executive Officer

(signed) "Christopher Ferris"  
Christopher Ferris, CPA, CGA, CFA  
Chief Financial and Operations Officer

## **CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FOUNDATION ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF C.S.T. SAVINGS INC. ON BEHALF OF THE PLANS**

(signed) "Douglas P. McPhie"  
Douglas P. McPhie, FCPA, FCA  
Director

(signed) "Brenda Bartlett"  
Brenda Bartlett, ICD.D  
Director

# Certificate of the Investment Fund Manager

January 24, 2025

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## **C.S.T. SAVINGS INC. As Manager**

(signed) "Peter Lewis"  
Peter Lewis  
President and Chief Executive Officer

(signed) "Christopher Ferris"  
Christopher Ferris, CPA, CGA, CFA  
Chief Financial and Operations Officer

## **CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FOUNDATION ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF C.S.T. SAVINGS INC. AS MANAGER**

(signed) "Douglas P. McPhie"  
Douglas P. McPhie, FCPA, FCA  
Director

(signed) "Brenda Bartlett"  
Brenda Bartlett, ICD.D  
Director

# Certificate of the Principal Distributor

January 24, 2025

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## **C.S.T. SAVINGS INC. As Distributor**

(signed) "Peter Lewis"  
Peter Lewis  
President and Chief Executive Officer

(signed) "Christopher Ferris"  
Christopher Ferris, CPA, CGA, CFA  
Chief Financial and Operations Officer

Canadian Scholarship Trust CST™ Advantage Plan  
Canadian Scholarship Trust Individual Savings Plan  
Canadian Scholarship Trust Family Savings Plan

C.S.T. Savings Inc.  
2235 Sheppard Avenue East, Suite 1600  
Toronto, Ontario M2J 5B8

You can find additional information about the Plans in the following documents:

- the Plan's most recently filed annual financial statements,
- any interim financial reports filed after the annual financial statements,
- the most recently filed annual management report of fund performance, and
- the undertaking to the Ontario Securities Commission and each other provincial and territorial securities regulator.

These documents are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. That means they legally form part of this document just as if they were printed as part of this document.

You can get a copy of these documents at no cost by calling us at 1-877-333-RESP (7377) or by contacting us at [cstplan@cstsavings.ca](mailto:cstplan@cstsavings.ca).

You'll also find these financial statements, management reports of fund performance and the undertaking on our website at [www.cstsavings.ca](http://www.cstsavings.ca).

These documents and other information about the Plans are also available at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).