

# The Opticians Association of Canada and the Ontario Opticians Association are supporting students

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For the majority of Seneca students, paying for tuition, rent, groceries and other living expenses can be a pretty big burden — one that has only increased during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“COVID-19 has had a tremendous impact on my studies, my employment and my general well-being,” explains Stephen Corradino, COVID-19 Relief Bursary recipient. “I live in a household where everyone must share their resources. We share the costs of our family's expenses and I felt I wasn't pulling my weight anymore because I wasn't able to work the same amount of hours. It was a strain on my family.”

A study of all Seneca students conducted in October 2020 found that 79 per cent of students are experiencing financial hardship and more than 25 per cent have experienced food insecurity.

Understanding this new reality, the Opticians Association of Canada (OAC) and the Ontario Opticians Association (OOA) sought to ease these struggles.

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