

**The Financial Trustee may assist with the application for, and completion of the following, depending on need and eligibility:**

- Housing
- Canada Pension Plan benefits
- Old Age Security benefits
- Guaranteed Income Supplement
- Disability tax credit
- RDSPs
- Child tax credit
- Universal child tax credit
- Social insurance numbers
- Birth certificates
- Saskatchewan Health cards
- Saskatchewan housing grants
- Income tax preparation

The Trustee will make recommendations to refer clients to other community supports they may qualify for and which will be beneficial to them. The client's involvement with these additional supports is strictly voluntary.

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## **Financial Trustee**



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## Purpose

The Financial Trustee assists clients who have financial difficulties and/or assists clients who do not understand how to budget and insure that their basic needs are met.

The Trustee will act as an advocate on behalf of the client and will connect them to supplements and supports of which they may be unaware.

## Who may apply?

- Anyone registered with the Ministry of Social Services can speak with their Income Assistance Worker/Assured Income Specialist and request to use the SIGN Financial Trustee program.
- Referrals are also accepted from other agencies, and individuals may also self-refer. Services may be offered on a fee-for-service basis.

## The Financial Trustee provides the following services:

- Financial trusteeship, either through the Ministry of Social Services or on a fee-for-service basis;
- Advocacy, support and reassurance;
- Budgeting information and education;
- Support to facilitate relocation;
- Referrals to other beneficial community support services.

In the initial interview with the Trustee, the client's budget will be determined based on their needs and income. All factors such as rent, utilities, groceries, spending money and any other associated debt, as well as all available income will be taken into consideration.

The client must provide the Trustee with utility bills as well as any other documentation of outstanding debt.

The Trustee will then take responsibility for paying all client's expenses and will provide the client with grocery and spending money.



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