

York Region Recreation Funding Options

Funding Options:

★ Registration	★ Support worker	★ Equipment	★ Camp Fees
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Organization	Eligibility	Contact
<p>Municipality Fee Assistance Programs Community Services Departments often offer financial assistance for participation in their community programs and camp for families in financial need</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible programs vary by municipality <p>★ ★</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and adults Must be municipal program Must provide proof of residency for local municipality Must provide proof of income 	<p>Applications available at your local community center, online and from your municipal Community Coordinator</p> <p>**Ask for information on fee assistance programs**</p> <p>Vaughan (RecAssist): 905-832-8500 Markham: 905-475-4731 Richmond Hill: 905-884-0855 ext. 224 Georgina (Georgina Cares): 1-289-338-3863</p>
<p>Canadian Tire Jumpstart Canadian Tire Jumpstart provides funding for children in financial need to participate in organized sport and recreation programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application must be approved <i>prior</i> to program registration Will cover recreation and camp registration costs, equipment and/or transportation costs <p>★ ★ ★</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity must be at least 80% physically active Ages 4-18 Financially in need (must be ready to provide financial information) Must provide details about sport or program your child is participating in Applications received twice/year: fall/winter and spring/summer 	<p>Phone: 1-8777-616-6600 Email: Canadiantirejumpstart@cantire.com Website: www.canadiantire.ca/jumpstart</p> <p>Application must be completed.</p> <p>*Local Jumpstart Coordinators are often housed with Municipal Community Coordinators. Contact your local Community Coordinator for Jumpstart applications and information.</p>



<p>Easter Seals Recreational Choices Program</p> <p>Easter Seals can provide up to \$250 per child, per year for a recreational experience in Ontario (ie. Camp, program, swimming, etc.).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications are available mid-December online • Processed on a first-come, first-serve basis • Cannot attend Easter Seals camp and receive Recreation Choices funding simultaneously <p>★ ★</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ages 5-18 • Physical Disability • Must be registered with Easter Seals (registration forms can be sent in at the same time at funding application) – <i>not the same as receiving the Incontinence Supply Grant</i> • Not attending an Easter Seals Camp 	<p>Phone: 416-421-8377 Email: info@easterseals.org Website: www.easterseals.org</p> <p>Applications available online in December</p>
<p>Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy – Activity Funding Program</p> <p>Provides financial support to persons with Cerebral Palsy to participate in day programs and recreational activities of their choice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications received Sept 1st – June 1st or until all funds have been allocated • Grants up to \$1000 • Will fund community activities and recreation, attendant care, tutoring, transportation, camps, vacations, equipment <p>★ ★ ★ ★</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All ages • Must be Individual Member of OFCP (Membership forms can be sent at same time as Activity Funding application, membership is one-time fee of \$10) • Be prepared to provide details about program • May be asked financial information 	<p>Phone: 416-244-9686 ext. 223 or 1-877-244-9686 ext. 223 Email: activity@ofcp.ca Website: www.ofcp.ca</p> <p>Applications available online in September</p>



<p>KidSport Ontario Kidsport provides subsidies for sport programs to children in financial need. Grants range from \$50-\$250/year and go towards registration and/or equipment costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications must be submitted 45 days prior to activity start date <p>★ ★ ★</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 18 • Financial need – must be prepared to provide financial information • Program must be organized sport activity – be prepared to provide details about program 	<p>Phone: 1-866-641-7767 or 416-426-7177 Email: Ontario@kidsportcanada.ca Website: www.kidsportcanada.ca</p> <p>Applications available online</p>
<p>Autism Ontario One-to-One Support Worker Reimbursement Fund The One-to-One Support Worker Reimbursement Fund is available to Ontario families of children or youth with ASD who retain the services of a one-to-one support worker for their child to attend a community summer camp or summer program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to \$600 • for services between June 30th and August 29th • Applications available in <i>April</i> • Deadline is <i>end of May</i> • Lottery system <p>★</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ages: up to 18 • Must have a diagnosis of ASD and provide evidence from a professional who is qualified to make diagnosis 	<p>Phone: Ginny - 416-246-9592 ext. 225 Email: ginny@autismontario.com Website: www.autismontario.com</p>





<p>Autism Ontario March Break Reimbursement Fund</p> <p>The March Break Reimbursement Fund is available to Ontario families of children or youth with ASD who retain the services of a one-to-one support worker OR who have paid for their child to attend a March break camp or program, but not both</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to \$350 • Applications available in <i>December</i> • Deadline is <i>mid- January</i> • Lottery system <p>★☆☆</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ages: up to 18 • Must have a diagnosis of ASD and provide evidence from a professional who is qualified to make diagnosis 	<p>Phone: Ginny - 416-246-9592 ext 225 Email: ginny@autismontario.com Website: www.autismontario.com</p>
<p>Kerry's Place Respite Flex Funding</p> <p>Families of children with ASD can apply for funding to help cover the costs of respite workers, camp fees and recreation programs or social groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications available January 1st online • Deadline is <i>Mid-February</i> • Funding is on a yearly basis <p>★☆☆</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to age 17 • ASD diagnosis 	<p>Central East Region Sue Townsend Phone: 905-713-6808 ext. 360 Email: cerespiteapplication@kerrysplace.org Website: www.kerrysplaceautismservices.org</p>
<p>AMICI Camping Charity</p> <p>Provides funding to families who don't have financial means to provide their child with a summer camp experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families must contribute minimum of \$60 to camp fee <p>★★</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ages: 7-16 • Must be an overnight camp that is accredited with Ontario Camping Association • Financial need 	<p>Phone: 416-588-8026 Email: info@amicicharity.org Website: www.amicicharity.org Applications available online Contact Charity Directly or contact Camp Director for accredited Ontario Camping Association camp</p>



<p>Kids in Camp Kids in Camp is a registered charity which subsidizes camp experiences for children and youth. We are dedicated to assisting families, who otherwise would not be able, to send their kids to camp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only applicable to specific Ontario Camping Association accredited camps • Camp directors submit applications on camper's behalf • Funding is distributed early in new year! <p>★ ★</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 18 years old • Financial Need • Must be a selected OCA accredited camp 	<p>Phone: 416-421-8377 Email: info@kidsincamp.com Website: www.kidsincamp.com</p> <p>Contact camp Director who will apply for funding on the camper's behalf</p>
<p>Summer Dreams Summer Dreams assists individuals and agencies in Ontario who need financial assistance in sending children to Ontario Camps Associations accredited summer camps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application deadline is March 1st <p>★ ★</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to age 18 • Financial need • Must be an OCA accredited camp 	<p>Phone: 416-363-3351 Website: www.summerdreams.ca</p> <p>Connect with OCA accredited camp Director for more information on Summer Dreams funding.</p>
<p>Chai Lifeline Canada Chai Lifeline Canada addresses the social, recreational, and psychological needs of families of children with serious illness. The organization also funds trips and family retreats for children and youth with chronic or serious illness</p> <p>★ ★ ★</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families of children with serious illness 	<p>Phone: 647-430-5933 Email: mrothman@chailifeline.org Website: www.chailifelinecanada.org</p>



<p>Holland Bloorview Family Support Fund This fund was created to support Bloorview clients and families who need financial help to support the health and well-being of their family. Funding allocations are based on the physical safety for the child, stress on the family and financial need</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to age 19 • Registered Holland Bloorview client • Physical or developmental disability 	<p>Nancy Dyke Administrative Assistant Phone: 416-425-6220 ext 6303 Email: ndyke@hollanbloorview.ca Website: www.hollandbloorview.ca/resourcecentre/communityresources/funding.php</p> <p>Application available online</p>
<p>President's Choice Children's Charity Helps children with physical or developmental disabilities pay the costs of mobility equipment, home capital, respite care, developmental and physical therapy and accessible vehicles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp and recreation would be covered under "respite care" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to age 18 • Physical or developmental disability • Financial need (household income \$70 000 or less) • Can only apply once every 5 years 	<p>Phone: 1-877-525-4762 Email: pcccharity@loblaw.ca Website: www.presidentschoice.ca/LCLOnline/aboutUsCharity.jsp</p> <p>Application available online</p>
<p>Jennifer Ashley Foundation Assists seriously ill children and their families with special treatment needs, medical expenses, and financial assistance in times of need</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 21 years • Serious illness or permanent disability • Resident of Ontario • Financial Need (combined household income of \$60 000 or less) • Can only apply once every 5 years 	<p>Phone: 1-905-852-1799 Website: www.jenash.org</p>



Government Funding that can be applied to Recreation Programs/Respite

<p>York Region PLAY program Positive Leisure Activities for Youth (PLAY) can offer financial assistance to York Region families for recreation, sport programs and summer camps ★ ★ ★</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ages 4-18 • Single parents receiving Ontario Works • Rent-Geared to income tenant • Receive Child Care Fee Assistance (with family income below \$36,000) 	<p>Lisa McElroy – Community Program Coordinator – Social Services Branch Phone: 1-888-703-KIDS(5437) opt. 6 Email: lisa.mcelroy@york.ca Website: www.york.ca</p>
<p>Children’s Fitness Tax Credit All children age 16 and under are eligible for up to \$500 Fitness Tax Credit Claim for participation in (qualifying) recreation programs that promote health and fitness. Children with disabilities (who receive the Disability Tax Credit) age 18 and under are eligible for an additional credit claim of \$500, for a total of up to \$1000 Fitness Tax Credit Claim each year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to age 16 • Up to age 18 for children with disabilities 	<p>Phone: 1-800-387-1193 Website: www.cra-arc.gc.ca</p> <p>Claim tax credit on income tax return</p>
<p>Special Services At Home (SSAH) This program helps families who are caring for a child with a developmental or physical disability. The family can use the funding to hire a worker to help the child learn new skills, or to pay for respite programs **New applications are placed on a waitlist – it would be to your advantage to apply as soon as possible ★ ★</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to age 18 • Physical or developmental disability • Child is not receiving support from a residential program 	<p>Phone: 416-325-0500 Website: www.children.gov.on.ca</p> <p>Application</p>



Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)

Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities Program helps parents with some of the extra costs of caring for a child who has a severe disability

- Can be applied towards camp fees



- Parent or legal guardian of a child who is under age 18
- Child lives at home
- Has a severe disability

Phone: 1-866-821-7770
Website: www.children.gov.on.ca

Contact your local regional office for application forms

Additional Tips:

- Ask the director of the recreation program to find out if they can help with costs – they may have in-house subsidies or discounts, such as a discount when more than one child in a family attends a program or a second week of support for free when registering for more than one week.
- Contact local service clubs such as the Rotary, Kiwanis, or Lions Clubs. Local clubs may be able to fund recreation programs and equipment