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Town of Aurora

Canadian Tire Jumpstart

Community Services

The Town of Aurora is the dedicated *Community Partner* of Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities in Aurora. As such, the Town receives and processes all applications for Jumpstart funding from residents of Aurora and Oak Ridges.

If you are unsure of where to apply for funding, please contact Jumpstart at 1-844-YES-PLAY (1-844-937-7529) or, to apply, visit the [Jumpstart website](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Where can I get an application?

A. Applications are accepted online at the [Jumpstart website](#)

Q. How old does a child need to be in order to be eligible for Jumpstart funding?

A. Jumpstart supports children from the ages of 4 to 18.

Q. What types of programs or activities are funded by Jumpstart?

A. Jumpstart offers financial support for organized sport or other programs focused on physical activity. There are over 70 types of recognized activities.

Q. My children want to take dance and horseback riding. Can I get funding for these programs?

A. Yes, these are physically active programs, and they are eligible for Jumpstart funding.

Q. My children want to take music lessons and an art class. Can I get funding for these programs?

A. No, these programs are not eligible for Jumpstart funding

Q. I don't live in Aurora. Can I apply for Jumpstart?

A. Yes. You can apply, but your application will be directed to the community where you live. You can apply online at the [Jumpstart website](#).

Q. My child wants to play a sport in Newmarket. Is that OK?

A. Yes. You can apply for any eligible program regardless of where it is.

Q. What types of costs are covered by Jumpstart funding?

A. Jumpstart assists primarily with the costs associated with registration.

Q. How long does a program have to be to qualify for funding?

A. Funding should be for a sustained program that is either a minimum of five weeks in duration with a minimum of one session per week, or in the case of sports camps, five consecutive days.

Q. Can I request funding for two seasons in a row for my child?

A. Yes. Children can be funded for consecutive seasons in an activity up to a maximum of \$300 per activity; this is subject to Chapter discretion, designated sport/activity maximums, and/or local demands. The annual maximum is \$600; again, this is subject to Chapter discretion, designated sport/activity maximums, and/or local demands.

Q. Can I request funding for more than one sport for my child?

A. Yes. A child may be eligible to receive funding for more than one sport in a year; however, only one sport or activity can be funded in one season (i.e.: one sport/activity in Spring/Summer and one in Fall/Winter).

Q. My son/daughter is in a Select/Rep/Elite league. Does Jumpstart cover registration for these kinds of leagues?

A. Jumpstart typically supports participation in sports or physical activity programming at the House League level. Exceptions are up to the discretion of the Chapter and/or Jumpstart Regional Manager, with the Regional Manager having ultimate approval.

Q. I know a child whose family can't afford to have them participate in sports or physical activity programming. Can I apply for funding for the child on behalf of the family?

A. You cannot apply on behalf of another family. The parent/guardian of the child will need to apply for funding for their child/children. Jumpstart realizes that family situations change, and we are here to offer assistance so that kids can continue to participate in the sports they love, or even learn a new sport. You can direct the parent/guardian to the call the Call Centre (1-844-YES-PLAY). If the parent/guardian is reticent about sharing their financial information, let them know that all information is kept confidential.

Q. Once I apply for funding does that mean my child is registered in the sport/activity?

A. No. It is the responsibility of the parent to work directly with the service organization to ensure a spot is available for their child.

Please contact the service organization to start the registration process before you apply for funding, as some of the program information will be required on the Jumpstart application form.

Q. Can I apply for funding at any time?

A. Applications for assistance can typically be submitted from January 15 to November 1, with the goal to have funding be equitably distributed over Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter activities.

Q. How long does it take for an application to be processed?

A. Typically, it takes between 3-4 weeks, but it can take up to 6-8 weeks for an application to be processed. If a new Payee needs to be approved, it could take longer. A Payee is the organization where the cheque for approved Jumpstart funding will be sent. If the organization is not an existing Payee, then they will need to be reviewed and approved by the Jumpstart Finance team as part of the application process.

You should apply prior to the start date of the program in which your child is planning to participate.

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