



KidSport Ontario Grant Program FAQs

1. What is a KidSport Ontario Grant?

- A KidSport Ontario Grant provides under-resourced kids with financial support to play the sport of their choice.
- A KidSport Ontario Grant covers up to a maximum of \$250 per child each calendar year to assist families with putting their kids into local organized sport programs and clubs.
- The grant can be requested for registration and/or equipment costs and is reviewed through confidential application process.

2. If there is no KidSport chapter in my community am I able to apply for a KidSport Ontario Grant?

- Yes! Families in communities across Ontario that do not have a local KidSport chapter may apply directly to the KidSport Ontario provincial office for a KidSport Grant.
- If there is a KidSport chapter in your community then you must apply directly to them, using their local grant application.
 - For a list of the KidSport community chapters in Ontario [click here](#) or visit the 'Find a Chapter' section on our website (kidsport.ca/ontario).

3. How do I apply to the provincial office for a KidSport Ontario Grant?

- To access the provincial application visit our [website](#).
- If you require a blank paper application mailed to you, please contact [KidSport Ontario](#).



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- If you have any questions while completing your application, please contact [KidSport Ontario](#).
- Once you have completed your application it may be submitted to KidSport Ontario either by [email](#) or by mail, using the contact information on the application form.

4. What is the criteria for a child to receive a KidSport Ontario Grant?

- The KidSport Grant is intended to help children and youth facing financial barriers preventing them from playing organized sport.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age and under at the time their sport program starts in order to be eligible to apply for a KidSport Grant.
- KidSport reviews the financial barriers facing the child's family when determining eligibility.
- Applicants must include the financial documentation requested on the application, and may also include a detailed endorsement letter, to support their request for a KidSport Grant.

5. What organized sports are covered by KidSport funding?

- KidSport Ontario supports participation in over 80 sports listed on our website, [click here](#) or look under the '**About Us**' tab on our website (kidsport.ca/ontario).



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- Eligible organized sport programs and clubs must be affiliated with the provincial sport organization/body and be a minimum of eight (8) weeks in duration.
- If you would like to verify if a sport program/club qualifies for funding please contact the provincial office.
- Camps or sport skills schools/academies currently do not qualify.

6. Why does KidSport Ontario require a sport club or program be a member of a provincial sport organization?

- Provincial Sport Organizations (PSO) play an important role in developing their respective sports across Ontario and encouraging safe and inclusive participation in recreational and competitive sport programs.
- Participating in the provincial sport system provides a level of quality assurance and oversight that helps ensure that our KidSport Grant recipients are receiving quality sport experiences.
- For more information on the benefits of PSOs, please visit <http://www.mtc.gov.on.ca/>

7. How long does the process take from the time I submit my application?

- Once your application is received by the provincial office we will do our best to notify you within two (2) weeks of its receipt.



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- You will be informed as to whether your application was approved or declined within four (4) weeks of receipt of your application.
- If approved for a registration grant, a cheque will be sent to the sport club within five (5) weeks of receipt of your application.
- If approved for an equipment grant, a cheque made out to the equipment retailer will be sent to you within five (5) weeks of receipt of your application.

8. How far in advance of the start of the season or program do I need to apply?

- We recommend applying at least 2 months in advance of the start of the sport, as it will take up to 5 weeks to process your application.
- Please remember that submission of a KidSport Ontario Grant application is not a guaranteed approval, as each application is reviewed individually.

9. What documentation am I required to include with my application?

- The organization/club/program registration form to verify the registration cost and mailing address of the club/program.
- Quote for desired sports equipment from retailer, if a KidSport Ontario Grant to purchase equipment is being requested.



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- Income verification documents: Notice of Assessment and 3 consecutive paystubs or social assistance documentation (eg. EI, Ontario works).

10. Am I required to include an endorsement letter with my application?

- No, an endorsement letter is optional.
- An endorsement letter is an opportunity for an applicant to support their application with a letter written by a third party community professional. The letter should include any details of the financial barriers facing the family that are not evident from the financial documents already included with the application.
- If you are including an endorsement letter with your application, please remember:
 - Endorsement letters must be written on official letterhead and should provide details relating to the financial barriers present.
 - Eligible endorsers include:
 - Doctor, social worker, guidance counsellor, lawyer, accountant, teacher, principal.
 - Contact [KidSport Ontario](#) to confirm the eligibility of any additional endorsers beyond what is listed.



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11. What is the process for applying for an equipment grant?

- You must ensure the sport equipment retailer you choose will accept cheques as a form of payment.
- Include documentation with your application that identifies the cost of the equipment (eg. retailer quote, internet print out).
- When applying for an equipment grant the applicant must provide proof that they are participating in an eligible sport program or club at the time. Refer to **Question #5** for more information on eligible sports.
- All cheques related to sport equipment grant requests will be made payable to the retailer, as KidSport does not issue cheques made payable to the applicant families.

12. How will I know if my child's application has been approved and what are the funding arrangements?

- The parent/guardian will receive either an email or a letter notifying them that the application has been approved.
- Funds for registration fees will be sent directly to the sport club, with a letter identifying the children that have been approved.
- Funds for equipment will be payable to the equipment retailer and sent to the family to purchase the requested equipment. KidSport does not issue cheques payable to the applicants, so please do not purchase your equipment before funding is received.



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