



## Tip sheet: Ontario recreation funding

### Recreation Funding

Organization	Eligibility	Contact
<p><b>Canadian Tire Jumpstart</b> Canadian Tire Jumpstart provides funding for children in financial need to participate in organized sport and recreation programs. Applications can be submitted during the last two weeks of January and the first two weeks of June.</p>	<p>Ages 4-18 Financial need</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 1-877-616-6600 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:canadiantirejumpstart@cantire.com">canadiantirejumpstart@cantire.com</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.canadiantire.ca/jumpstart">www.canadiantire.ca/jumpstart</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Call 1-877-616-6600 to apply</p>
<p><b>Chai Lifeline Canada</b> 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>Families of children with serious illness</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 647-430-5933 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:mrothman@chailifeline.org">mrothman@chailifeline.org</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.chailifelinecanada.org">www.chailifelinecanada.org</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Call 647-430-5933 for more information</p>
<p><b>Easter Seals Society Camp and Recreational Choices Program</b> Provides up to \$500 per child for a recreational experience in Ontario (i.e. day camp, recreational camp, swimming lessons, etc). Applications become available in mid-December and are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.</p>	<p>Ages 5-18 Physical disability Not attending an Easter Seals camp</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 416-421-8377 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@easterseals.org">info@easterseals.org</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.easterseals.org">www.easterseals.org</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application available online <input type="checkbox"/> Application available in Resource Centre</p>
<p><b>Holland Bloorview Family Support Fund</b> 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>	<p>Up to age 19 Registered Holland Bloorview client Physical or developmental disability</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> Nancy Dyke, Administrative Assistant, 416-425-6220 ext. 6303 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:ndyke@hollandbloorview.ca">ndyke@hollandbloorview.ca</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.hollandbloorview.ca/resourcecentre/communityresources/funding.php">www.hollandbloorview.ca/resourcecentre/communityresources/funding.php</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application available online <input type="checkbox"/> Application available in Resource Centre</p>
<p><b>KidSport Ontario</b> KidSport provides subsidies for sport programs to children in financial need. Grants range from \$50 to \$250 and go towards registration and/or equipment costs. Applications must be submitted 45 days prior to activity start date.</p>	<p>Up to age 18 Financial need</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 1-866-641-7767 or 416-426-7177 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:ontario@kidsportcanada.ca">ontario@kidsportcanada.ca</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.kidsportcanada.ca">www.kidsportcanada.ca</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application available online <input type="checkbox"/> Application available in Resource Centre</p>
<p><b>Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy - Day Activities Funding Assistance Program</b> Provides financial support to persons with cerebral palsy to participate in day programs and recreational activities of their choice. Applications must be submitted between September 1st and June 1st each year.</p>	<p>All ages Cerebral palsy Member of the Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 416-244-9686 ext. 223 or 1-877-244-9686 ext: 223 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:dayp@ofcp.ca">dayp@ofcp.ca</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.ofcp.ca/day.php">www.ofcp.ca/day.php</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application available online <input type="checkbox"/> Application available in Resource Centre</p>



## Camp and Respite Funding

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<p><b>AMICI Camping Charity</b> Provides funding to families who don't have the financial means to provide their child with a summer camp experience. Apply directly to the charity for assistance with summer camp fees. Families must contribute minimum \$60 to camp fees.</p>	<p>Ages 7-16 Financial need</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 416-588-8026 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@amicicharity.org">info@amicicharity.org</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.amicicharity.org">www.amicicharity.org</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application available online <input type="checkbox"/> Application available in Resource Centre</p>
<p><b>Autism Ontario – One-to-One Support Worker Reimbursement Fund</b> Refunds families of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders up to \$600 for the cost of a support worker needed for their child to attend a community summer camp or March Break program.</p>	<p>Up to age 18 ASD</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 416-246-9592 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:ginny@autismontario.com">ginny@autismontario.com</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.autismontario.com/summercamp">www.autismontario.com/summercamp</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application available online</p>
<p><b>Easter Seals Society Camp and Recreational Choices Program</b> Provides up to \$500 per child for a recreational experience in Ontario (i.e. day camp, recreational camp, swimming lessons, etc). Applications become available in mid-December and are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.</p>	<p>Ages 5-18 Physical disability Not attending an Easter Seals camp</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 416-421-8377 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@easterseals.org">info@easterseals.org</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.easterseals.org">www.easterseals.org</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application available online <input type="checkbox"/> Application available in Resource Centre</p>
<p><b>Kids in Camp</b> Kids in Camp is a registered charity which subsidizes camp experiences for children and youth. KIC works with accredited camps of the Ontario Camps Association. Camp directors submit funding request on campers' behalf.</p>	<p>Up to age 18 Financial need</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 416-948-5437 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@kidsincamp.com">info@kidsincamp.com</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.kidsincamp.com">www.kidsincamp.com</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application submitted by camp director</p>
<p><b>Respite Flexible Funding (Kerry's Place)</b> Families of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders can apply for funding to help cover the cost of respite workers, camp fees, and recreation programs or social groups.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Up to age 17 <input type="checkbox"/> ASD</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 905-841-6611 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@kerrysplace.org">info@kerrysplace.org</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.kerrysplace.org/Public/Respite">www.kerrysplace.org/Public/Respite</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application available online <b>Summer Dreams</b></p>
<p><b>Summer Dreams</b> Summer Dreams assists individuals and agencies in Ontario who need financial assistance in sending children to Ontario Camps Association (OCA) summer camps. Applications are due March 1st.</p>	<p>Up to age 13 Financial need</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 416-363-3351 <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.summerdreams.ca">www.summerdreams.ca</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application available online <input type="checkbox"/> Application available in Resource Centre</p>
<p><b>Tim Hortons Foundation</b> Provides children in financial need the opportunity to go to a Tim Hortons overnight camp. Participants are selected by a community agency or school working with the local Tim Hortons store owners.</p>	<p>Up to age 18 Financial need</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 519-448-1248 <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.timhortons.com/ca/en/difference/childrens_programs.html">www.timhortons.com/ca/en/difference/childrens_programs.html</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant must be referred by local agencies and schools</p>
<p><b>Top Bunk</b> Provides a subsidy for first-time GTA campers to attend Jewish overnight camp. Application deadline is March 15.</p>	<p>Children in grade 2-7 Attending Jewish overnight</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 416-631-5673 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:TopBunk@ujafed.org">TopBunk@ujafed.org</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.topbunk.ca">www.topbunk.ca</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application</p>



### Recreation Equipment Funding

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<p><b>Easter Seals Society</b> Financial assistance is available for specialized mobility and access equipment such as mobility aids, assistive technology, and adaptations to homes and vehicles for wheelchair accessibility.</p>	<p>Up to age 18 Physical disability</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 416-421-8377 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@easterseals.org">info@easterseals.org</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.easterseals.org">www.easterseals.org</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application available online <input type="checkbox"/> Application available in Resource Centre</p>
<p><b>President's Choice Children's Charity</b> Helps children with physical or developmental disabilities pay the costs of mobility equipment, environmental modification or therapy.</p>	<p>Up to age 18 Physical or developmental disability Financial need (Household income \$70,000 or less)</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 1-877-525-4762 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:pccharity@loblaw.ca">pccharity@loblaw.ca</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.presidentschoice.ca/LCLOnline/aboutUsCharity.jsp">www.presidentschoice.ca/LCLOnline/aboutUsCharity.jsp</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application available online <input type="checkbox"/> Application available in Resource Centre</p>
<p><b>War Amps CHAMP Program</b> CHAMP covers 100% of the cost of recreational limbs and devices for its members. Recreational limbs may be needed for musical instruments, swimming, skiing, or other activities.</p>	<p>Up to age 18 Amputee</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 1-800-267-4023 or 613-731-3821 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:champ@waramps.ca">champ@waramps.ca</a></p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.waramps.ca/champ/financial_assistance.html">www.waramps.ca/champ/financial_assistance.html</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application available online <input type="checkbox"/> Application available in Resource Centre</p>

### Government Sources of Funding

Organization	Eligibility	Contact
<p><b>Children's Fitness Tax Credit</b> All children age 16 and under are eligible for up to a \$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 a \$1000 Fitness Tax Credit Claim each year.</p>	<p>Up to age 16 Up to age 18 for children with disabilities</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 1-800-387-1193 <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/whtsnw/fitness-eng.html">www.cra-arc.gc.ca/whtsnw/fitness-eng.html</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Claim tax credit on income tax return</p>
<p><b>Special Services at Home</b> 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. *Although new applications are placed on a wait list, it would be to your advantage to apply now.</p>	<p>Up to age 18 Physical or developmental disability Child is not receiving support from a residential program</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 416-325-0500 <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/topics/specialneeds/specialservices/index.aspx">www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/topics/specialneeds/specialservices/index.aspx</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application</p>



## Wishes and Trips

Organization	Eligibility	Contact
<b>Wishes and Trips Children's Wish Foundation</b> Grants wishes to Canadian children with high-risk, life threatening illnesses.	Ages 3-18 Life-threatening illness, technology-dependent, or chronic condition with long-term complications	<b>Phone:</b> 1-800-267-9474 or 905-427-5353 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:on@childrenswish.ca">on@childrenswish.ca</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.childrenswish.ca">www.childrenswish.ca</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Refer a potential wish child by calling or emailing the organization
<b>Dreams Take Flight</b> Provides a one-day trip to Disney World for Canadian children with disabilities.	Ages 6-11 Financial need Physical or developmental disability	<b>Phone:</b> 204-479-5267 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:_atson_.watson@aircanada.ca">_atson_.watson@aircanada.ca</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.dreamstakeflight.ca">www.dreamstakeflight.ca</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Call 204-479-5267 for more information
<b>Easter Seals Society – Family Vacation Experience</b> Provides funding for up to \$500 per child for a family vacation within Ontario. To be considered for funding for a family vacation, you must have already searched for a recreational program for your child and been unable to find a program that can accommodate your child due to the severity of her/ his disability. Funding contributes to the cost of an approved or recognized provincial campsite, cottage or motel accommodation. Applications become available in mid- December and are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.	Ages 5-18 Medically fragile or severe disability Not attending an Easter Seals camp Child not able to attend a community recreation program	<b>Phone:</b> 416-421-8377 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@easterseals.org">info@easterseals.org</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.easterseals.org">www.easterseals.org</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Application available online <input type="checkbox"/> Application available in Resource Centre
<b>Golden Griddle Children's Charities</b> Grants wishes to children with severe disabilities or life threatening illnesses.	Up to age 18 Severe disability or life threatening illness	<b>Phone:</b> 416-609-2200 ext 221 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:general@goldengriddlecorp.com">general@goldengriddlecorp.com</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.goldengriddlecorp.com">www.goldengriddlecorp.com</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Application available online
<b>Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy – Vacation Funding Assistance Program</b> The purpose of the Vacation Funding Assistance Program is to provide opportunities to people with cerebral palsy to have a vacation or attend a camp of their choice. The application period for submission of applications is September 1 to June 1 annually.	All ages People with cerebral palsy Member of the Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy	<b>Phone:</b> 416-244-9686 ext. 223 or 1-877-244-9686 ext. 223 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:vacp@ofcp.ca">vacp@ofcp.ca</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.ofcp.ca/day.php">www.ofcp.ca/day.php</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Application available online <input type="checkbox"/> Application available in Resource Centre
<b>Starlight Children's Foundation</b> Provides wish-granting and fun activities for Canadian children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses and life-altering injuries to help improve quality of life.	Ages 4-18 Cognitive abilities of a 4 year old Critical, chronic, or serious illness or conditions	<b>Phone:</b> 905-752-7827 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@starlightcanada.org">info@starlightcanada.org</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.starlightcanada.org">www.starlightcanada.org</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Application available online <input type="checkbox"/> Application available in Resource Centre
<b>Sunshine Wish Foundation</b> Provides wish-granting for Canadian children and youth with severe disabilities and life-threatening illnesses.	Ages 3-18 Life threatening illness or severe physical disability Child is able to communicate the dream with or without technical assistance	<b>Phone:</b> 519-642-0990 or 1-800-461-7935 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@sunshine.ca">info@sunshine.ca</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.sunshine.ca">www.sunshine.ca</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Application available online <input type="checkbox"/> Application



### Regional-specific recreation Funding

Organization	Eligibility	Contact
<b>Toronto Welcome Policy</b> A fee subsidy program which provides access to free City-operated recreation programs for individuals and families living below the low-income cut off.	All ages Financial need	<b>Phone:</b> 311 in Toronto <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.toronto.ca/parks/torontofun/welcome_policy.htm">www.toronto.ca/parks/torontofun/welcome_policy.htm</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Application available online <input type="checkbox"/> Application available in Resource Centre
<b>Toronto Library Museum &amp; Arts Pass</b> The Museum and Arts Pass lets you and your family (2 adults & up to 4 children) explore the best of Toronto's museums and attractions for free.	All ages Valid Toronto Public Library card	<b>Phone:</b> Contact your local library <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/museum-artspasses/index.jsp">www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/museum-artspasses/index.jsp</a>
<b>Municipal Fee Assistance for Recreation Programs</b> Provide subsidies for individuals in financial need to access municipal recreation programs <b>Vaughan:</b> 905-832-8500. Applications forms available at Vaughan community centres and <a href="http://www.vaughan.ca">www.vaughan.ca</a> . <b>Markham:</b> 905-475-4731 or email <a href="mailto:customerservice@markham.ca">customerservice@markham.ca</a> for more information <b>Richmond Hill:</b> 905-884-0855 ext. 224 or email <a href="mailto:community@richmondhill.ca">community@richmondhill.ca</a> <b>Brampton:</b> 905-874-2300 or visit <a href="http://www.brampton.ca/en/residents/recreational-Activities/Pages/Special-Needs.aspx">www.brampton.ca/en/residents/recreational-Activities/Pages/Special-Needs.aspx</a> <b>Mississauga:</b> Information available at <a href="http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/activeassist">www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/activeassist</a> <b>Caledon:</b> Assistance available through Canadian Tire Jumpstart and Caledon Community Services (905-951-2300) <b>Ajax:</b> 905-427-8811. <b>Oshawa:</b> Assistance available through Canadian Tire Jumpstart. Contact a Program Supervisor at any Oshawa recreation facility for more information.		

### More Tips:

- Ask the director of the recreation program or head of the equipment company to find out if they can help with costs – organizations often have their own in-house subsidies or discounts, such as a discount when more than one child in a family attends the program.
- Ask if the recreation program, camp, manufacturer or distributor has information about other contacts for funding.
- Contact local service clubs such as the Rotary, Kiwanis, or Lions Clubs. Local clubs may be able to fund recreation programs and equipment.
- To find camps, which offer subsidies, visit <http://www.ontariocamps.ca/search> and select the option "Has subsidies."