

Affordable Recreation Program Overview

Everyone should have the opportunity to participate in recreation and sports programs. Affordable Recreation is a fee assistance program designed to assist individuals and families who live in Collingwood, that face income barriers, providing financial credit for sport or recreation program registration.

Who can apply?

- Primary applicant must be at least 18 years
- Live in Collingwood

How is program eligibility determined?

- Financial need identified by a community partner organization/agency (please see list below)

What does Affordable Recreation provide?

- 12 Month Pass to Centennial Aquatic Centre and/or Public Skating Pass
- Financial credit
 - o 100% subsidization to a maximum of \$150.00 per individual during a 12-month period for programs delivered by the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department (ex. swimming lesson, camps, skating) shared in the form of credits through our online registration platform, PerfectMind
 - o 50% subsidy to a maximum of \$100.00 per individual during a 12-month period to offset costs for registration fees for community recreation or minor sports that use Town of Collingwood Recreation facilities (ex. hockey, curling, baseball, soccer, swimming, rugby, tennis, pickle ball, lawn bowling) shared directly with the club or organization delivering the program.

How do you apply?

- Pick-up an application form
 - o Any Town of Collingwood Recreation Facility or Town Hall
 - o On-line at collingwood.ca/parks-recreation-culture-department
 - o Call 705-445-1030 ext 3382 and an application will be mailed to you.
- Complete the application form
- Make sure your application has been signed by a health or social service provider (please review the list of organizations that will be considered)
- Make sure the information you provide is accurate and you have signed your form
- Drop off your application at any Town of Collingwood Recreation Facility or Town Hall

As part of the application process you will be required to have a [PerfectMind account](#) with the Collingwood Parks, Recreation & Culture Department.

What happens after your application is submitted?

- Your application will be reviewed and you will receive notification through PerfectMind and a letter informing you of approval within 7-10 days.
- Applicants wishing to register for an organized sport or recreation activity not delivered by the Town may be required to provide additional information to enable credit payment to respective sports organizations.

Community Partner Organization/Agency

To determine program eligibility we ask that you verify your application with a local health or social service agency. This might include:

- Church
- Salvation Army
- Saint Vincent de Paul
- Ontario Works
- 211 Community Navigator
- CMHA
- Catholic Family Services
- My Friend's House
- Home Horizon
- E3 Community Services
- Breaking Down Barriers
- South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre
- Georgian Bay Family Health Team
- Family Doctor
- Children's Treatment Network

Identification

Address – For proof of address in Collingwood, please provide any one (1) of the following.

- Lease/rental agreement
- Current Utility Bill
- Current Child Tax Benefit Statement
- Current bank statement
- Mortgage Statement
- Property Tax Bill
- Driver's License

Must have full name of the primary applicant, address and be valid within the last three (3) months. Please provide photocopies of supporting documents. Do not send originals.

Other Questions

When can I register for a program?

Please check Recreation registration dates before applying . Once you receive approval you can then register for a program. Applications must be received and approved prior to program registration.

Can I transfer credits between my family members?

No. Each member of your family is allocated a specific amount which cannot be transferred to other family members.

Once I have used my credit can I apply for more?

You must reapply every 12 months and can begin your application process 30 days prior to the end of the current enrolment period.