Subsidy Program Information

The Town of Whitby recognizes the value of recreation. All residents, regardless of financial circumstances, should have the opportunity to participate in recreation activities offered by the Town of Whitby Community Services Department.

Access Program

The Town of Whitby offers financial help through the Access Program for people of low income so they can take part in Town of Whitby recreation activities.

For more information, visit whitby.ca/subsidy

Eligibility

To be eligible for financial assistance, applicants must be a Whitby resident and be living within 25% of the Low Income Cut-Offs set by the Federal Government.

This chart shows the 2019 maximum household income to qualify for the Access Program. For current Low Income Cut-Offs, please visit **whitby.ca/subsidy**

| Family Size | Household Annual Income (100%) Before Tax | Household Annual Income (50%) Before Tax |
|----------------|---|--|
| 1 | \$22,324 | \$27,905 |
| 2 | \$27,790 | \$34,738 |
| 3 | \$34,165 | \$42,706 |
| 4 | \$41,481 | \$51,851 |
| 5 | \$47,046 | \$58,807 |
| 6 | \$53,061 | \$66,327 |
| 7+ | \$59,076 | \$73,844 |

Annual Approval Amounts

The Access Program is valid for four consecutive seasons, based on your approval date. You must apply by completing an Access Program Application Form and include all supporting documents to be considered for another four seasons of subsidy.

The Access Program will cover 50% or 100% of your activity fee, up to a maximum of \$150 per activity. Each person is eligible for one activity per season - Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter. Funding is non-transferable and cannot be carried over to the next season. An activity could be a program, membership or skate/swim tickets.

How to get an Application Form

Online

Please visit **whitby.ca/subsidy** to complete the Access Program Application Form online or to print a copy.

In person

You can pick up an Access Program Application Form at any Town of Whitby Recreation Centre.

Completing the Application Form

Enter information for you (applicant) and each family member living with you (spouse/partner, child/children). Provide a photocopy or digital photo of all supporting documents with your completed Access Program Application Form.

Proof of Whitby Address

Provide two of the following items showing your Whitby address:

- Driver's licence
- Ontario Photo Card
- Utility bill
- Rent receipt

Proof of Total Family Income

Provide your most recent Tax Return Notice of Assessment(s) listing total family income for the applicant and spouse/partner.

If you receive Government Social assistance through the Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program, please provide your most recent Government cheque stub.

Canada Child Benefit statement

If you are listing your children on your Access Application, provide your most recent Canada Child Benefit statement listing eligible children.

Submitting the Application Form

Email

Send your application and supporting documents to subsidy@whitby.ca

In Person

Drop off your application and supporting documents to any Town of Whitby Recreation Centre.

Mail

Town of Whitby Community Services Department-Subsidy Program 8 Vipond Road Brooklin, ON L1M 1B3

Getting Approved

Your Access Program Application Form and supporting documents will be reviewed. You will receive an email or letter stating that you have either:

- Been approved
- Need to provide more information
- Haven't been approved and an explanation why

Registration

Family Registration Information

You will receive a confirmation package by email or letter. It will list the eligible family members for the Access Program and how to register online for programs.

Choosing programs

To register for a program, either complete this process online at **whitby.ca/register** or visit any Town of Whitby Recreation Centre and they can assist you.

Choosing memberships or tickets

To register for Fitness, Health Club or Aquatic memberships or to purchase swim/skate tickets, you must complete this process in person at any Town of Whitby Recreation Centre.

Register online at whitby.ca/register or in person at any of the following facilities:

- Brooklin Community Centre and Library, 8 Vipond Road, Brooklin
- Iroquois Park Sports Centre, 500 Victoria Street West, Whitby
- McKinney Centre, 222 McKinney Drive, Whitby
- Whitby Civic Recreation Complex, 555 Rossland Road East, Whitby
- Whitby Seniors' Activity Centre, 801 Brock Street South, Whitby

The Access Program does not cover the following:

- Community Connection programs
 (offered in a school location)
- Specialty Town of Whitby Programs including semi-private/private swimming lessons, personal training/nutrition counselling, etc.
- Third-party programs such as Whitby Minor Hockey, Whitby Iroquois Soccer, Sportball, Station Gallery, etc.

- Exceptions may be made for individuals with an Inclusion Services membership.
- The Town of Whitby will not cover more than one program per individual per season.
- If you are eligible for 100% subsidization and the program you choose is more than \$150, the Town of Whitby will pay for \$150 of that program and the balance will need to be paid by you. We accept Cheque, Debit, Cash, Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program

Once approved for the Town of Whitby Access Program, children ages 4 to 18 years are eligible for funding through the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program. Funding is for physically active programs not covered by the Access Program. Visit **whitby.ca/subsidy** to apply for funds from the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program.

Under the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program, each child is eligible to register for one activity, up to a maximum value of \$150 per season (Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter).

Funds from the Access Program and the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program cannot be used together in the same season.

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Eligibility

- It must be a physically active program for children between 4 to 18 years of age.
- This covers Community Connection, external sports organizations and third-party programs.
- For external sports organizations, you must complete the online Canadian Tire Jumpstart application at **whitby.ca/subsidy**

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Town of Whitby Subsidized Programs

Assistance programs are available to Whitby residents for recreation activities. These include the Access Program and the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program.





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