

2019

Affordable Access Guide

RECREATION AND CULTURE



OAKVILLE

The Town of Oakville works to ensure that all residents have the opportunity to access programs and services offered by the Recreation and Culture department. This guide outlines a variety of services designed to increase access to recreation and culture services.

Fee Assistance Options

There are a variety of programs available in Oakville to ensure that all residents have access to fun, recreational activities. Oakville residents of all ages should be able to access the benefits of physical activity and play. To ensure this is possible, there are several opportunities for individuals requiring financial assistance. Below is a list of fee subsidy opportunities designed to keep you and your family moving!

1. Halton Region – Recreation Referral

Families receiving Ontario Works (OW) or the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) are automatically eligible for this funding. Families with 1 child who earn less than \$35,000 and families with 2 or more children who earn less than \$45,000, may also be eligible providing they are in active receipt of Child Care Fee Subsidy from Halton Region. For more information visit halton.ca, call 905-825-6000 or 311.

2. Canadian Tire – Jumpstart

Jumpstart's core purpose is to enrich the lives of kids (ages 4 to 18) in need through sports and physical activity. They assist with the costs associated with registration, equipment, and/or transportation. Families living below Revenue Canada's Low-Income Cut-Off (LICO) are eligible for Jumpstart funding. To register or learn more, please visit jumpstart.canadiantire.ca.

3. Town of Oakville – Recreation Connection Subsidy

Assistance is based on total net income of all family members and the number of people in your household. Eligibility criteria listed below. The Low Income Cut-Off (LICO) is a statistical number that defines where financial assistance is required. Once your application is received and approved, you will receive an information letter. Each eligible family member on your application will receive a \$300 subsidy credit, which is valid for one year.



Recreation Connection Subsidy

How do I qualify?

1. Must be a resident of Oakville*;
2. Have a total net individual or combined family** income within the parameters outlined;
3. Provide recent documentation that validates total family net income eligibility, some options include:
 - Notice of Assessment;
 - Canada Child Tax Benefit Notice;
 - Goods and Services Tax/Harmonized Sales Tax Credit Notice;
 - Ontario Child Care Supplement for Working Families Notice;
 - Ontario Works (OW) Statement of Assistance;
 - Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) Statement of Assistance;
 - Community Organization Referral (from approved partners)

**Refugees are eligible to apply for Recreation Connection within the first year of receiving the following documents. Income verification is not required.*

Acceptable items for this include:

- Confirmation of Permanent Residency, OR, if available, the Government of Canada Permanent Resident Card, OR;
- Refugee Protection Claimant Document, AND;
- Proof of residency in Oakville (recent utility bill, lease agreement, driver's license, etc.)

***Provided eligibility requirements are met, dependents over the age of 18 and living at home must apply separately as an individual.*

Eligibility Criteria

Family Size	Household Income
1 person	\$21,487
2 persons	\$26,748
3 persons	\$32,884
4 persons	\$39,926
5 persons	\$45,004
6 persons	\$51,073
7 persons or more	\$56,861
Subsidy Available	\$300 (per person)



How do I apply?

Applications for fee assistance can be found at any Recreation and Culture department customer service counter, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Specific appointment times are not necessary, but can be made by phoning your preferred location or e-mailing affordableaccess@oakville.ca.

Town of Oakville Recreation and Culture staff will forward all eligible applications to Town Hall for processing. This may take up to approximately seven (7) business days. A welcome letter will be provided with registration information.

Use of Credit

Once the credit has been applied to your account, you will be able to register in program of your choice. Programs and services that are ineligible include: library programs, facility rentals, Community Connection programs, single admission passes, Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts show tickets, and materials fees and concession items.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I use my credit towards my child's activities?

Your individual credit cannot be transferred to other family members or individuals.

Can I carry over my credit to the next year?

Any unused credits used credits remaining at the end of your enrolment periods cannot be carried over to another individual or family member or redeemed for cash.

Once my credit is used up, can I receive more?

You are eligible to reapply for the program once per year. Applications can be made 30 days prior to the end of your current enrollment period.



Recreation and Culture Opportunities

The town offers a wide range of programs and opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities at no cost. Here are just a few examples of some on-going, low or no-fee options!

Drop-in Programs – Each day the town is proud to offer a large variety of drop-in play opportunities, available for a one-time, low fee. For the most up-to-date schedule of offering, visit active.oakville.ca.

Parks and Amenities – The Town of Oakville is home to over 190 municipal parks, over 200 kilometres of recreational trails, and a large variety of outdoor play surfaces. From baseball diamonds and soccer fields, to outdoor ice surfaces, there are so many free ways to play! Visit oakville.ca to find the nearest locations to you.

Special Events – Each year, the town delivers and assists our partners to bring free public events to the Town of Oakville. For the latest offerings, visit oakville.ca/events.

Youth Centres – Oakville offers two youth centres, open regularly to youth ages 12 to 18. There is no cost to participate during regular drop-in hours.

- Nottingham Youth Centre, 1131 Nottingham Gate
- QEPCCC Youth Centre, 2302 Bridge Road

Senior Services – The town offers a variety of programs, classes and volunteer opportunities for adults 50+. Visit oakville.ca for more information.

Oakville Museum and Galleries – Enjoy free admissions to these unique cultural destinations.

- Oakville Museum, 8 Navy Street
- Oakville Galleries at Centennial Square, 120 Navy Street
- Oakville Galleries at Gairloch Gardens, 1306 Lakeshore Road East
- Oakville's First Post Office, 144 Front Street
- Oakville Museum @ QEPCCC, 2302 Bridge Road

Oakville Public Library – Since 1895, the Oakville Public Library has continued to serve and connect the community of Oakville. They offer a wide variety of low or no fee options. With 8 branches, and growing, be sure to find explore how the Oakville Public Library can best serve you by visiting opl.on.ca.

Free Programs – As part of an on-going effort to increase access to recreation for residents, the town's community development team is continuously seeking grant funding to provide new opportunities. For a complete listing of low cost and free services, please visit oakville.ca/affordable-access.

FREE Community Play Nights!

Beginning January 2019, once a month, every month, an Oakville community centre will offer a free open house.

Month	Facility
January	Trafalgar Park Community Centre
February	Iroquois Ridge Community Centre
March	River Oaks Community Centre
April	Glen Abbey Community Centre
May	Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre
June	Glen Abbey Community Centre
July	Trafalgar Park Community Centre
August	Iroquois Ridge Community Centre
September	Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre
October	Sixteen Mile Sports Complex
November	River Oaks Community Centre
December	Sixteen Mile Sports Complex

For more information

Visit oakville.ca/affordable-access to find the full schedule of Community Play Night events. Or, speak with one of our customer service representatives today by calling 905-338-4250.



Our Oakville.

The Town of Oakville is committed to increasing resident access to recreation and culture programs and services.

To learn more, visit oakville.ca/affordable-access or email affordableaccess@oakville.ca.



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