

2025

Affordable Access Guide

RECREATION AND CULTURE



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 those services.

Fee Assistance Options

Oakville residents of all ages should be able to enjoy the benefits of physical activity and play. To make this possible, this guide includes several opportunities for individuals requiring financial assistance. For details on additional financial assistance programs available in the community, please refer to page 6.

Town of Oakville – Recreation Connection Subsidy

Assistance is based on the total net income of all family members and the number of people in your household. The eligibility criteria are listed below. The Low Income Cut-Off (LICO) is a statistical measure 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 \$400 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 (local organizations providing governmental assistance): Halton Children's Aid Society; Halton Region; Oak Park Neighbourhood Centre; Kinark and the Syl Apps Youth Centre.

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.)

Acceptable items continued...

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

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

****Newcomer family members must provide proof of landing dated within 365 days of the application for Recreation Connection to ensure the remaining family members are eligible to receive the credits.*

LICO Eligibility Criteria

Family Size	Household Income (after-tax)
1 person	\$21,911
2 persons	\$26,667
3 persons	\$33,207
4 persons	\$41,428
5 persons	\$47,174
6 persons	\$52,317
7 persons or more	\$57,460
Subsidy Available	\$400 (per person)

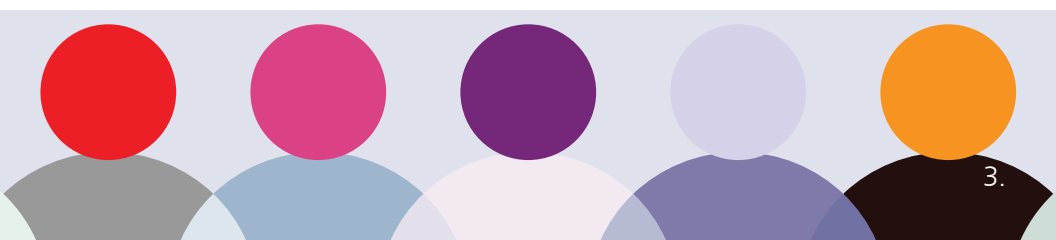
The amounts listed above reflect the published LICO thresholds, based on household income after taxes have been deducted.

How do I apply?

Residents interested in applying for Recreation Connection Fee Assistance can complete an application or renewal in person at our community centres. Applicants are required to bring copies of their eligibility documentation to the community centres. Accommodations for virtual meetings may be considered upon request. Please email affordableaccess@oakville.ca to make this request. Under no circumstances should residents send confidential documentation via email.

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.



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 remaining at the end of your enrolment period cannot be carried over to another individual or family member, nor can they be 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 diverse range of affordable or no-fee opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities.

Registered Programs – We offer registered programs for your favourite activities like swimming, skating, camps, fitness, sports (pickleball, badminton, basketball, volleyball etc.), culture (woodworking, ceramics etc.) and so much more!

Drop-in Programs – The town offers a large variety of drop-in opportunities for all ages and abilities, available for a one-time, low fee. For the most up-to-date schedule of offering, visit active.oakville.ca.

Super Playgrounds – Register once and play all summer! We're excited to offer our half-day drop-in camp membership at select parks in Oakville each summer. Campers enjoy supervised activities without the commitment of a full-day, week-long camp! For ages 6-12.

Youth Summer Fun Pass – Enjoy drop-in recreational swims and skates from June 1 to September 2 for one low fee! For ages 2-17.

Youth Programs – The Town of Oakville is committed to providing safe and inclusive spaces for youth. Oakville operates QEPCCC Youth Centre at 2302 Bridge Road which is open regularly to youth ages 12 to 18. There is no cost to participate during regular drop-in hours.

Seniors Services – The town offers a variety of programs, classes and volunteer opportunities for adults 50+. An annual membership is required to register for Seniors Services drop-in and registered programs. Memberships are available for purchase online or by calling 905-815-2000.

Special Events – Each year, the town delivers and assists our partners to bring free public events to the Town of Oakville. These events include Family Day, Canada Day, Santa Claus Parade, and Culture Days to name a few. For the latest offerings, visit oakville.ca and search our event calendar.

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

- Oakville Museum, 8 Navy Street
- Gallery and Corridor Exhibitions at QEPCCC, 2302 Bridge Road
- 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 at QEPCCC, 2302 Bridge Road

Oakville community centres also feature impressive public art. Be sure to enjoy the art around you when visiting these spaces.

Sports Equipment Lending Program – The Oakville Public Library's free Sports Equipment Lending Program is designed to promote physical literacy encouraging barrier-free access movement and exploration. Kits are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, no holds will be available. Loan periods are seven (7) days and are not renewable.

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 opportunities like playgrounds and splash pads. From baseball diamonds and soccer fields, to outdoor ice rinks and skate-board parks, there are countless free ways to play! Visit oakville.ca to find the nearest locations to you.



Volunteer Opportunities

Earn volunteer hours and support your community. Help with supervision, programming activities, facility maintenance, and more! Volunteering offers valuable work experience and fulfills high school community service hours. Opportunities are available through aquatics, camps, special events, seniors services, and more. Visit oakville.ca and search volunteer.

Employment Opportunities

The Town of Oakville offers a variety of full-time and part-time job opportunities for qualified applicants. Join our team and contribute to our vibrant community. For details, please visit oakville.ca.

Oakville Public Library – Discover the Oakville Public Library, where endless opportunities await! With engaging programs for all ages, extensive digital resources, and community events, the library is your hub for learning, creativity, and connection. Visit opl.on.ca to learn more.

Additional Financial Assistance Opportunities

Halton Region – Recreation Referral

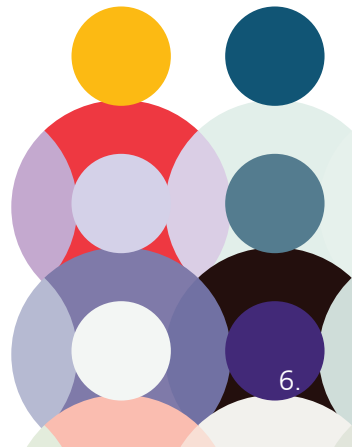
Families receiving Ontario Works (OW) or the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) are automatically eligible for this funding. Families with one (1) child who earn less than \$35,000 and families with two (2) or more children who earn less than \$45,000, may also be eligible providing they are in active receipt of Child Care Fee Subsidy from Halton Region. For more information visit halton.ca, call 905-825-6000 or 3-1-1.

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.

KidSport Halton

KidSport provides funding to children from families with limited financial resources, enabling them to join registered sport programs. KidSport Halton offers grants of up to \$250 per eligible child per year towards sport registration fees. They also work with a partner agency to help access the equipment needed to play. For more information, please visit kidsportcanada.ca/ontario/halton.



Checklist for Accessing Fee Assistance

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- ☐ Eligibility Criteria (page 2 and 3)
- ☐ LICO Eligibility Criteria (page 3)
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Additional Financial Assistance Opportunities

- ☐ Halton Region – Recreation Referral (page 6)
- ☐ Canadian Tire – Jumpstart (page 6)
- ☐ KidSport Halton (page 6)

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

To learn more, visit oakville.ca or
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