

## Covering the Cost of CanSkate

### *Active for Life*

In Canada, skating has always been an iconic part of the Canadian childhood.



Your child's participation in the CanSkate program will develop the fundamental skills necessary for any ice sport. Participation in skating will help your child build confidence and learn to enjoy healthy recreation for life...all while having fun!

Despite the many benefits of CanSkate for your child, sometimes it can be difficult to cover the cost. Not to worry...programs like Jumpstart and KidSport aim to provide each child with the opportunity to get involved!

## Get your Jumpstart



### *Jumpstart*

Families in need can apply to receive financial assistance from Canadian Tire's Jumpstart program to cover registration fees, equipment fees, and/or transportation.

### *Do you qualify?*

- Jumpstart provides funding for children between the ages of 4-18. \*Funding can be provided for more than one child per family.
- Families must reach the financial need criteria in order to qualify for Jumpstart. View the LICOs chart on the Jumpstart website to see if you are eligible.
- There are more than 70 activities covered by Jumpstart.

**Skating (including the CanSkate program), figure skating, hockey, and ringette are all included on the list of covered sports/activities.**



### *Applying for coverage:*

- Applications for Jumpstart funding generally are accepted from January 15 to November 1.
- You may apply online from their website, <http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/en/>
- You will need to provide proof of financial need during the application process (eg. income assessment, prior year T4 statement or 3 consecutive pay stubs).
- In addition to registration coverage, you may also ask for coverage of equipment fees and transportation.



### ***What happens once I am approved?***

It will typically take **6-8 weeks** for a funding request to be approved. The cheque is made payable directly to the sports organization/club that your child is wanting to participate in. They are never made payable to the parent/guardian of the child.

**All approvals are at the discretion of the local Jumpstart chapter and designated Canadian Tire Regional Manager.**

**For more information, please visit the Jumpstart website.**



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## **The KidSport Ontario Grant**



### ***KidSport Ontario***

KidSport Ontario provides grant assistance to children across Ontario who cannot participate in organized sports due to financial limitations.

KidSport can provide up to \$250 to cover registrations fees and/or equipment costs.

KidSport supports 76 different sports, including **skating, figure skating, ice hockey, ringette, sledge hockey, and speed skating.**

### ***Do you qualify?***

- Your child must be under the age of 18 to be eligible for a KidSport Grant.
- KidSport will consider the financial barriers facing the child's family when determining if they are eligible.
- For a sports program to be considered eligible, it must be affiliated with the provincial sports organization and the program must run a minimum of 8 weeks.

### ***Applying for a grant:***

- You must include financial documentation in your application, including Notice of Assessment and 3 consecutive paystubs or social assistance documentation
- You may also include an endorsement letter to support your child's application for a grant. This part of the application is optional.
- You can apply online by visiting the local Niagara Region Chapter website.
- To apply for an equipment grant, the child must be participating in an eligible sport program/club.

It will typically take **5 weeks** to process your application. If approved, the funds for the registration fees will be sent directly to the sports organization/club that your child will be participating in. Funds for equipment will be made payable to the retailer and sent to you to purchase the equipment. Cheques are not made payable to the applicants.

**For more information, please visit the KidSport Canada/Ontario website**

<http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/ontario/about-kidsport-ontario/grant-program/>