

## Covering the Cost of CanSkate

### *Active for Life*

Learning to skate has always been an iconic part of the Canadian childhood.



By participating in the CanSkate program, your child 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!

With the equipment and program fees, sometimes it can be difficult to cover the cost. Not to worry... organizations like Jumpstart and ProKids aim to provide each child with the opportunity to get involved!



## 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.
- Families must meet the financial need criteria in order to qualify for Jumpstart. View the chart found under **Fund Guidelines** on the Jumpstart website to see if you are eligible.

**Skating (including the CanSkate program), figure skating, hockey, and ringette are all included among the 70+ covered sports/activities.**



### *Applying for coverage:*

Your child may receive funding **up to \$300** per activity.

- Applications for Jumpstart funding are generally accepted from January 15 to November 1.
- You may apply online at <http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/content/microsites/jumpstart/en/apply.html>
- You will need to provide proof of financial need during the application process (income assessment, prior year T4 statement, or 3 consecutive pay stubs).



### ***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 our skating club. They are never made payable to the parent/guardian of the child.

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

<http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/content/microsites/jumpstart/en.html>

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



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FOR CANADA**



### **PROKIDS**

**Niagara ProKids** can provide **up to \$100** to cover the cost of your child's sport, recreational, or cultural activity. For activities which cost more than \$100, ProKids may waive the additional cost. ProKids supports over 200 different activities, including skating.

The program is managed by the YMCA of Niagara and a Community Advisory Council.

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

- You must live in the Niagara region to receive funding.
- Niagara ProKids can provide support for children between 0-18 years of age.
- You must earn a taxable income below \$40,000 a year to receive financial aid.

#### ***Applying for coverage:***

- To confirm if your child is eligible to receive funding, please contact Niagara Region Children's Services at 905-984-6900 or 1-800-263-7215 ext. 3797 or email [prokids@niagararegion.ca](mailto:prokids@niagararegion.ca)
- Indicate to the Children's Services representative your child's activity of choice. They will forward your choice to the ProKids Coordinator.
- After you have confirmed eligibility with Niagara Region Children's Services and indicated skating as your activity of choice, a ProKids coordinator will contact you to coordinate funding for your child.

**For more information and to start your application online, please visit:**

<https://www.niagararegion.ca/living/childcare/financial-assistance/recreation-culture-programs.aspx>

**ProKids**

providing recreation and cultural opportunities for children 0-18 years