

## **POSITIVE RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS (PRO KIDS)**

The PRO Kids program is designed to provide assistance to children and youth who are not able to participate in sport, recreation and cultural activities due to financial constraints. The target group for this grant is low income families who would otherwise not be able to afford to enroll their children in these programs.

### **Eligibility**

- Parents or Guardians may apply on behalf of a child who is 0-18 years of age.
- The child must live within the Municipality of the District of Chester.
- Applicants may request assistance with registration fees and/or equipment costs.
- The applicant must be registered with an organized community group in order to receive financial assistance.
- Approval is based on a Reference System. Applicants must provide the name of a reference that is familiar with their personal and financial situation and who can verify that the applicant requires financial assistance. The reference should be an adult who knows the family (not a relative or close friend). (Examples of Reference: Social Worker, Clergy, Group Leader, Coach, Teacher, Doctor).
- If the applicant is a client of Community Services, they can get Community Service to stamp the application form and no reference would be required. The applicant will be contacted if any further information is required.

### **Application Procedure**

- The application form must be completed and submitted to the Recreation & Parks Office at least three weeks prior to the start of the program.
- Late applications may not receive approval in time to start the program.
- Families will be asked if they can contribute toward the cost of the activity.
- Applications are processed on a first come, first serve basis.
- If families have questions about the application form or would like to receive assistance in completing the form, please contact the PRO Kids Coordinator at the Municipality at 902-275-3490 or [prokids@chester.ca](mailto:prokids@chester.ca).
- The PRO Kids Coordinator will review all applications to ensure criteria is met and the reference is checked.
- Applicants should hear the results of their application within 3 weeks of applying.

### **Funding**

- There is no maximum funding limit.
- Applicants can request assistance with registration fees and/or equipment costs at any time of year but funding will be provided no more than once per season.
- Cheques are made payable directly to the organization and/or the supplier of equipment.