



Financial Aid Options

If for any reason you do not qualify for any of the external financial aid programs listed below you can contact Thompson Okanagan Soccer Academy directly as we do offer scholarships on case-by-case basis. All financial assistance inquiries will be welcomed in complete confidence.

[Jumpstart](#)

To be eligible for funding for one or more children, families must first meet specific financial criteria as per Revenue Canada's Low-Income Cut-Offs (LICO) chart. [Government of Canada LICO Chart](#)

Other Funding Requirements:

- Children must fall between the ages of 4 - 18 years old.
- Funding is allocated to sustained programs that involve a sport or physical activity.
- Programs should be a minimum of five weeks in duration and include at least one session per week. In the case of sports camps, the program must last at least five consecutive days for consideration.

Funding details;

- Applications must be submitted prior to the program's start date
- Funding is up to \$300 per activity, subject to Chapter discretion and/or local demands.
- Children can be funded for successive seasons in an activity, up to a maximum of \$300 per activity
- The annual maximum amount a child is eligible to receive is up to \$600, subject to Chapter discretion and/or local demands.

[For more information and to apply for Jumpstart funding click here.](#)

KidSport is a vital resource for many low-income families in Vernon - 25.5% of Vernon population fall in the low-income category. 1 in 10 rely on the Food Bank for food each month, and most families who request support are single-parent families. Our chapter accepts applications and administers grants of up to \$200 per kid/year, for kids who live in Vernon, or in one of the other communities we serve. If you live outside of Vernon please contact the Provincial Office to find your nearest chapter, or to get support through the Provincial Fund.



Eligibility Requirements;

- Ensure you know what Sport Organization your child will join, the specific length of season, and the exact registration fee associated with the season (remember that we cover registration fees, NOT funding related to equipment, volunteering, fundraising or travel).
- Note that your most recent Notice of Assessment MUST be attached to your application form. We cannot process your electronic application without proof of income.

[Athletics4Kids](#)

Athletics for Kids is a British Columbia-based not-for-profit that helps offset the costs of sport and activity programs for youth across the province!

From their website:

We put kids in sports. They put themselves in the game.

Who Can Apply:

- Applicants must be between the ages of 5 and 18 years old and must be enrolled in school
- Net family income must be under \$42,000 a year (is not dependant on # of children)
- Please see document [Eligible Sports](#) for a list of sports supported by A4K (ie recognized by Sport BC)
- A4K only funds programs in BC
- A4K does not fund school run programs

When to Apply:

Please apply **6-8 weeks before the start of the sports program** to allow for processing times and avoid extended funding delays to your child's sports organization. Start of play as determined by the sporting organization.

Applications for funding must be submitted:

No later than **14 days after the start of play** for a program that is **less than 3 months long**

No later than **30 days after the start of play** for a program that is **more than 3 months long**

****We do not accept applications more than 3 months before the start date of a program. If there are extenuating circumstances (ie your child will lose their spot without funding) then we will take those into consideration.**

For more information and to apply for Athletics4Kids funding click here. <https://www.a4k.ca/>

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