



How is the program funded:

- Community recreation providers donate free or reduced cost program spaces within their programs to P.O.P.
- Businesses, social clubs, community associations and residents support the P.O.P. program through financial donations, used to purchase equipment, program supplies and/or additional program spaces. All financial donations receive a Tax Deductible Receipt in the amount of the donation.
- P.O.P. also accepts donated sports equipment that is in good shape. i.e. skates, baseball gloves etc.
- The Town funds any shortfall in donations.



POP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

This program has been developed to assist as many families as possible with the cost of recreation programming for their children. However, funds are not endless so we do ask that each family participate in the cost to some degree. Funding sources or P.O.P. is; Canadian Tire Jumpstart, The Town of Gananoque, Township of Leeds and Thousand Islands and private donations.

We ask that you limit your requests to (1) Spring and Summer Program and (1) Fall and Winter Program. That enables us to assist more families.

BECOME A P.O.P SUPPORTER

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Positive
 Opportunity
 Partnership
 P.O.P.





What is the P.O.P. program - Positive Opportunity Partnerships for Kids (P.O.P.) program was established around 2005. This service is dedicated to ensuring that recreational opportunities exist in our community for children and youth who would not ordinarily be able afford the cost of participation. Through this program, people have been able to register their child (or children) in programs at reduced rates.

Vision statement - That all children and youth in Gananoque have the opportunity to participate in sport, culture, arts & recreation activities for the purpose of enhancing self-esteem and promoting healthy lifestyles through skill development, increased knowledge and personal growth.



Who is eligible - Gananoque children and youth up to 18 years of age who are from low income families and are unable to afford registration fees are eligible for the P.O.P. program. We also administer the program for children that reside in the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands. At the end of the year, we total up the addresses from T.L.T.I. and invoice them to recover the costs of the participants from their region.

Assisting families, so that no child is left on the sidelines

Subsidy levels - When a request has been made, P.O.P. provides a subsidy for a percentage of the cost difference based on reported income level:

Reported Income Level	Subsidy*
Under \$15,000	80%
\$15,000 - \$20,000	70%
\$20,000 - \$25,000	60%
\$25,000 - \$30,000	50%
\$30,000 - \$35,000	40%
\$35,000 - \$40,000	30%

* \$600 is the maximum subsidy per child per year.

**\$300 is the maximum subsidy per program.



How do people apply for support:

1. Visit our website and apply online or pick up a P.O.P. program application from the Gananoque Recreation Centre or Town Hall.
 - a. Complete and submit the online application form on our website; or,
 - b. Drop off the completed brochure at Town Hall. Allow 3 to 4 weeks for processing.
2. Town staff check references.
3. Town staff contacts the community recreational provider to inquire about a reduced cost for the participant in the program.
4. If necessary, P.O.P. attempts to assist with program supplies and equipment.

P.O.P. Funding Restrictions:

1. **Day Camps** - Day Camp opportunities qualify for subsidy under the P.O.P. program, but are restricted to a maximum of 2 weeks per child. Day camps do not count towards regular programming.
2. **Programs** - All programs available within Gananoque and T.L.T.I. qualify for subsidy. Programs outside of these communities are considered on a case-by-case basis.