

	<i>Recreation Fee Assistance</i>	
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Policy Statement

Council supports the community by prescribing the provision of recreation subsidies to qualifying residents experiencing low income or financial stress to facilitate participation in Town of Okotoks operated programs and activities.

Objectives

The Recreation Fee Assistance policy is to provide increased access to affordable recreation for residents living on lower incomes in Okotoks. The Recreation Fee Assistance policy is tax funded.

Successful applicants and family members residing in the same household receive an 80% discount on all purchases of recreation passes or programs offered through the Town without a yearly maximum.

Recreation services included in the program:

- Recreation passes and admissions to Okotoks recreation facilities for drop-in swimming, skating, the gymnasium, and fitness centre;
- Registered programs offered through the Town's Culture and Recreation Services including but not limited to swim lessons, youth sport programming, adult learning courses, summer day camps, or culture and creativity classes;
- The Town has an abundance of free or reduced cost sport, recreation, and leisure options that residents can access.

The policy does not provide subsidy for external sport organization registrations (e.g. minor hockey, soccer, swim club, lacrosse, etc.).

Eligibility

An applicant is eligible for Recreation Fee Assistance if the combined income of all adult heads of the household is lower than or equal to the Low Income Cut-Off table from previous year for cities over 500,000 (due to Okotoks close proximity to Calgary). The income is based on line 23600 (net income minus applicable tax credits) from the applicant's Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment.