

# **Children's Leisure Activity Subsidy**

## **Toronto Chapter Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada**

### **2011 Program Guidelines**

*To provide opportunities for children and teens up to age 18 who have a parent with MS to participate in social, education or recreational activities.*

The Children's Leisure Activity Subsidy will help children, who have a parent with MS, by providing funding for opportunities for them to participate in social, education and recreational activities that ultimately enhance their quality of life. The Children's Leisure Activity Subsidy will allow the individual to select what activities she/he want to participate in, as well as when she/he want/are able to participate. This program will better meet the needs of the individual and allow a more tailored approach to support.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Children or teens, 18 years of age or younger, who have a parent with a confirmed diagnosis of multiple sclerosis are eligible.
- Parent with MS must be a member of the Toronto Chapter and live within the chapter's geographic boundaries.  
(home postal codes beginning M2-M9 only)
- More than one child per household will be considered.

### **Program Details:**

- All personal information will remain confidential.
- Individuals will submit a written application to access program funds.
- Maximum allowable amount of \$300 per child per fiscal year (January to December).
- Please submit receipts within three weeks for one time purchases. Submit receipts for total of funds provided at the completion of on-going activities. Failure to provide a receipt will impact future funding.
- Awarded funds will not exceed the amount set aside in the annual budget and will be awarded on a first-come-first-served basis. Once the budgeted amount has been depleted, no new applications will be accepted.
- Any sponsorship funds that are received from outside the MS Society of Canada – Toronto Chapter, will be used to supplement the available amount of program funds and will ultimately increase the number of recipients.
- In some circumstances the MS Society may only partially assist in paying for activities, the individual is responsible for the remaining cost.
- If funding is approved, the applicant will be notified in writing and a cheque will accompany the letter. The letter will explain the receipt submission process. Denied applications will also be followed up with a written explanation letter.

***Funds are not guaranteed.*** A parent must submit an application and you will be notified when a decision is made.

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Toronto Chapter, MS Society of Canada  
Supported by the Paloma Foundation**

**2011 APPLICATION**

*\*Parent to complete both sides – please print*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female \*

**Uses for funds might include, but are not limited to:** summer away-camps, special seminars or conferences, fitness/sport programs, to purchase recreational equipment/services (memberships such as to the Science Centre), summer pool passes, clubs (ie: brownies or scouts), school activities, music lessons, etc. ***Basically any activity or purchase to enhance quality of life for the child through social or recreational opportunities and where a receipt can be supplied.***

*\*please fill out one application per child*

What do you plan to use the funds for?

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Dollar amount requested? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Receipts must equal the total amount of funds provided.**

What benefits do you anticipate from participating in this program?

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**Please read and verify the following declaration:**

- I declare that the participant has a parent with multiple sclerosis.
- The applicant is a current member of the Toronto Chapter, MS Society of Canada and lives within the Toronto Chapter's geographic boundaries(M2-M9 home postal code)
- As first time applicants to a chapter funding program, I have enclosed a note from a doctor to verify a diagnosis of MS.
- We are willing to complete a post-funding evaluation of the program.
- I knowingly and freely acknowledge that I am solely responsible for my children's participation in any of the civilities partially or fully funded by the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada's Children's Leisure Activity Subsidy and assume all such risks, both known and unknown. I have read and fully understand the above and hereby waive and release any liability relating to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.

**Parent Authorization:**

*I certify that my child is eligible to receive funding from the Children's Leisure Activity Subsidy, and that the statements made on this application are true.*

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Signature of parent

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Date

**Return application to:**

Lynn Laccohee  
MS Society – Toronto Chapter  
Suite 700  
175 Bloor Street East  
Toronto, ON M4W 3R8  
416 967-3032  
FAX: 416 967-3044

*The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada protects clients' privacy. The information collected is used to provide services to clients, and to compile anonymous statistical information. By completing this form, you hereby consent to the collection, use and disclosure by the MS Society of your personal information in accordance with the MS Society privacy policy – within the organization only.*