

# Recreation Assistance Program



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Benefits of the Cowichan Lake Recreation Assistance Program include:

1. A maximum \$125 Program Credit per person per year which can be used towards registration for programs offered by Cowichan Lake Recreation. Once approved, pay the initial 25% of the program fee, and your credit will be used to pay the remainder.
2. Free Public Skating Passes. A maximum of 10 free skating passes per person, per year.



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### **Who is eligible?**

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You may apply once per calendar year. Requests are granted on a first come first serve basis with priority given to youth.

### **What is the Statistics Canada Low Income Threshold?**

To be eligible your combined gross annual household income (before tax) must be less than the amounts indicated below.

# of persons in Family	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Income Under	\$18,246	\$22,714	\$27,924	\$33,905	\$38,454	\$43,370	\$52,770

### **How do I apply?**

Fill out an application form and remember to include:

- Proof of residency
- Proof of income or completed adjudicator declaration
- Signed Applicant's Declaration

### **What happens next?**

Staff will review your submitted application and contact you within 7 days. Once approved, staff will assist you with the program registration process.

### **Need more information?**

For more information, or assistance filling out your forms, please contact Tanya Kaul, Recreation Programmer, at 250-749-6742.

### **Helpful numbers:**

Canada Revenue Agency 1-800-959-8281

Service Canada 1-866-866-0800

Cowichan Lake Recreation 250-749-6742

You can access your personal tax information and benefit information on the Revenue Canada website under the My Account portal at <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/myaccount/>.



## Recreation Assistance Program Application Form

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1. If you need assistance filling out this form please contact Cowichan Lake Recreation at 250-749-6742.

Applicants Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ # of people in household: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please list all family members who you are applying for, as well as the program or activity you would wish to participate in.

	Name	Age	Birthdate yy/mm/dd	Program/Event (code - if applicable)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

3. Please provide proof of residency. A photocopy of your driver's license or BCID is required for each adult 18 and over, as well as a copy of a recent Hydro, cable or landline telephone bill.

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4. Please provide proof of household income by way of Tax assessment (Line 1250 on your Notice of Assessment) or by adjudicator declaration (see below)

## Adjudicator Declaration:

An adjudicator must be familiar with the applicant's financial situation as their signature verifies the need of the family. An adjudicator can be a social worker, school principal or counselor, healthcare professional, priest/pastor, lawyer or notary public. Adjudicators other than those listed above will be considered if written documentation outlining the financial need of the applicant is attached.

Name of Adjudicator: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I agree that the household income of this applicant is such that they require financial assistance in order to partake in recreational opportunities.

Adjudicator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Declaration:** I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name in full)  
hereby declare that all information provided in this application is true, complete and correct, and that:

- a. I am 18 years or older;
- b. I am a permanent resident within one of the areas mentioned on page one.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed applications and photocopies of documents can be dropped off in person or mailed to:

Cowichan Lake Recreation  
PO Box 777  
311 South Shore Rd  
Lake Cowichan BC V0R 2G0