



BCAS Child & Youth Adaptive Equipment Grant Program

Application Guidelines - 2019

Overview:

One of the recognized barriers to participation in snowsports is the cost of specialized, adaptive equipment. Thanks to a generous grant from the CKNW Kids Fund, BC Adaptive Snowsports is able to offer a 2019 Child & Youth Equipment Grant Program. Available to BC Adaptive Snowsports member under the age of 19 with cognitive and/or physical disabilities. The program's goal is to increase the number of participants who can ski and snowboard by providing financial assistance to help with the cost of purchasing equipment to participate in snow sports.

Who is Eligible?

Individual British Columbian children and youth with a disability (cognitive and/or physical) who are members of BC Adaptive Snowsports and who can demonstrate a need for financial support are eligible. Priority will be given to individuals who have not previously received equipment through this program.

AGE ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants must be under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2018

Funding Deadlines & Submission of Expenses

- Application Open Date – February 15, 2019
- Application Deadline – March 15, 2019
- Eligible Expense Period – October 1, 2018 – March 15, 2019

Funding Levels per Applicant

The Adaptive Equipment Grant Program is **not** designed to cover the complete cost of eligible equipment purchases. Subject to the number of applications received and available funding, BC Adaptive Snowsports may limit funding to a percentage of the total cost of eligible equipment purchases. The successful recipient will be responsible for any remaining costs. The total amount awarded to recipients is at the discretion of BC Adaptive Snowsports.

Eligible Equipment

All forms of commercially produced ski and snowboard equipment are eligible and the grant is not limited to specialized or adaptive specific equipment. BC Adaptive Snowsports reserves the right to make final determinations as to whether a specific piece of equipment is eligible for the purposes of this grant program.

Requirements

- All applicants must be under the age of 19 by October 1, 2018
- All applicants must be current members with BC Adaptive Snowsports
- All recipients must agree that their name and image may be used by BC Adaptive Snowsports for promotional purposes
- All recipients must agree to provide a written thank you and acknowledgment and submit a photo to BC Adaptive Snowsports



- Any successful grant recipient in the past 3 years is not eligible to apply in this cycle



Application Process

- Only applications using the official Adaptive Equipment Grant Program application form will be accepted
- Description of what equipment being requested, why necessary and how it will make a difference in their life
- A written outline of the financial need of the applicant, by the applicant or their guardian
- Complete Financial Verification Reference information

Financial Verification Reference (*Please read carefully*)

This Reference is the most important step in the grant application process and acts as an objective third party who is familiar with the applicant and is in a professional position to assess the economic barriers facing the applicant.

- A Reference can be a professional in social work or family services, a school principal or counsellor, a senior recreation administrator, accountant, law enforcement officer, a registered physician or nurse, or a priest/pastor
- References, other than those listed, may be considered if a written letter from the potential reference outlining the financial need of the applicant is included with the application
- References **cannot** be a family member

Application Review Process

Applications are reviewed by BCAS staff to ensure completeness and validity. If there is insufficient expertise among staff to provide an adequate appraisal of any application, an external reviewer with expert knowledge may be secured. Decisions of the review panel are final.

Privacy/Confidentiality

BC Adaptive Snowsports respects your privacy. We never sell trade or loan your information to any other organization. Information provided in this application is being collected solely for the purpose of administering the Equipment Grant Program.