Extra-Curricular Support Program

Program Description

The MNO is pleased to offer the Enhanced Extra-Curricular Support Program to support the healthy growth and development of Métis children. The program is designed to support the social, physical, and mental well-being of our Métis children, focusing on developmentally supportive activities.

General Guidelines

- Children must be between the ages of 0-12 years.
- The parent/guardian, or child, must be an MNO citizen.
- The family must reside in the province of Ontario.
- Expectant parents cannot pre-purchase supplies before birth. All purchases must be made after the birth of the child.

Program Specific Guidelines

- This program is a first come, first served program as we have a funding maximum allocated on what we can provide.

- The Extra-Curricular Program will run April 4, 2022 – March 1, 2023, or until we reach our funding capacity for the year.

- The application will close once the Extra-Curricular funding allocation is met or on March 1, 2023, whichever comes first.
  - Families who have remaining funds for their child after March 1, 2023, can e-mail their ELCC program coordinator their receipts until March 15, 2023.
  - Anything after March 15, 2023, will not be considered.
  - Families who have not applied before March 1, 2023, or when the program closes due to capacity cannot submit receipts, and their request will be declined.

- We will not accept late applications after the cut-off date.

- Please visit the Extra-Curricular portal for program updates.
• Is there a shutdown during MNO’s winter break during the month of December? The portal will remain open during the winter shutdown; however, staff will not process applications between December 16, 2022, and January 4, 2023. Please allow six weeks after January 4 to receive funding if your application is approved.

• The activity and/or equipment must be developmentally appropriate and align with the child’s age.

• The activity/equipment must be for use specifically by the child(ren).
  - If an application is declined, a family may request an appeal. Please refer to the FAQ on the process. All appeal decisions are reviewed by the Director of Education and Training and are final with no exceptions.

• Detailed receipts may be requested to verify the equipment is suitable for the child.

• Quantities of items reimbursed may be limited per child if the item can be used for multiple activities.

• Applicants can apply as many times as they like until their funding is spent.
  - It is STRONGLY encouraged to apply for your child as soon as possible once the portal opens. This will guarantee that your child will receive funding for the year. You should keep track of the dollar amount of the receipts you are submitting.

  - Please do not wait until the late winter to submit one application for the entire year. Please submit as you go. We cannot guarantee that the Extra-Curricular program will be open to new applicants after January 2023, so it is STRONGLY advised that families access the program before the winter shutdown.

  - Please upload as many receipts as possible into one application when submitting an application.

  - Submitting multiple applications with individual receipts may cause delays in processing.

• MNO reserves the right to hold reimbursement for activities until the activity begins and may require proof the activity takes place.
• Receipts MUST be dated between April 1 2022-March 15, 2023. Any receipts outside these dates will NOT be considered even if the activity occurs within the fiscal year.

• These guidelines are reviewed annually.

• The reimbursement amount is based on the year of the child’s birth. Note: any unused portions cannot be transferred to another child and/or carried over to future years. For children turning 13 in this fiscal year, receipts must be dated BEFORE the child’s 13th birthday. In addition, for children born in the time frame of April 1, 2022 – March 15, 2023, receipts must be dated on or after the child's date of birth:

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<th>Childs's year of birth</th>
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To Apply: [https://metisnation.smapply.io/prog/extra-curricular_support_programs](https://metisnation.smapply.io/prog/extra-curricular_support_programs)
Please e-mail [elccsupport@metisnation.org](mailto:elccsupport@metisnation.org) If you have any questions.

Program Parameters
Clothing:

- Only clothing required for a registered program (such as uniforms, etc.) can be reimbursed. Proof may be requested. Personalization of clothing (name, team, number etc.) is not eligible.
- Only shoes/boots required for activities will be approved. For example: ballet shoes, skates, ski boots).
- All other clothing (such as snowsuits, etc.) will not be eligible through the Enhanced Extra-Curricular Support Fund. This includes clothing required for camps, forest schools, etc.

Limited Items:

- Some items may be limited to one per family based on the nature of the item (e.g., to be used by multiple children), for example some musical instruments. Please see guide below for reference.

Equipment:

- Equipment associated with a sport, club, or program in which the child is registered can be reimbursed up to a maximum of $200 per item (not including tax). Exceptions to this limit may be considered when the required equipment item for the registered activity costs more than $200 and there is no suitable alternative item that can be purchased.
- Proof of registration that the child is enrolled in a program may be requested.
- Proof of equipment (i.e., equipment list) may be requested.

Equipment that is not associated with enrollment in an extra-curricular program:

- Must be developmentally appropriate for the child.
- Must align with the age of the child. ELCC staff will use the suggested age guidelines for some equipment (for example 3+) and/or approve equipment based on child development for typically developing children. Further guidance on age guidelines is available in this document.
- Must support child social, physical, and mental well-being.
- Must be for use specifically by the child.
- Must not be infrastructure; machinery; entertainment; firearms; materials, equipment, or services designed for adults.
• Must be a reasonable purchase of equipment necessary for the child’s extra curricular activity.
• Reimbursement for any activity fees or equipment purchased is at the sole discretion of the MNO following an assessment of the complete application and any additional requested clarifying information and supporting documentation.
• Additional consideration will be given to special needs children on a case-by-case basis.
• ELCC staff cannot make specific product or program recommendations as each child has different interests, capabilities and areas of need. The following are examples of registered activity expenses eligible for reimbursement under the program. Note this list is not exhaustive.

• Archery lessons
• Art classes
• Baby yoga
• Babysitting course
• Beauty pageants/talent shows
• Bowling club
• Cadets (Army, Sea, Air) / Guiding/ Scouting
• Cheerleading
• Coding courses
• Cycling/skateboarding clubs
• Dance class
• Day camp
• Firearm safety training
• Gym memberships (child’s portion only)
• Gymnastics
• Helmets/ safety equipment for registered activity or sport
• Home alone course
• Horseback riding
• Hunter safety training
• Kayak/canoe lessons or club
• LARP (Live Action Role Play)
• Leadership clubs
• Learn to skate
• Martial arts
• Music lessons
• Orienteering club
• Out school/online courses (NOT courses that are primary educational – for examples reading courses)
• Parent and child lessons for 0-4 (equipment will only be covered for the child)
• Robotics club
• Science programs
• Skiing/snowboarding/winter tubing
• Snowmobile trail passes or licences (for child only)
• Snowshoe lessons
• Sport fees (hockey, soccer, baseball, tennis, golf, basketball, football, etc.)
• STEM/STEAM clubs
• Swimming classes
• Technology programs
• Trampoline or tumbling lessons
• Trapping courses
• Uniforms/clothing/footwear required for registered activities
• Wilderness, fishing, camping, etc. courses
• Water skiing lessons
• Yoga classes
• Youth group/church groups
• Family or child passes are allowed for the following:
  • Federal/provincial/conservation parks
  • Historical sites/cultural centres
  • Museums and science centres
  • Aquariums
  • Gym memberships (child only)
  • Swim passes (child only)
  • Libraries

Non-registered activity equipment limits:

• Non-Registered equipment are items purchased for your child that are not connected to a registered program/club/sport but support the physical well-being of your child.
• Examples include but are not limited to, sports equipment (e.g., soccer ball, basketball, fishing equipment, outdoor activity equipment, swimming equipment, safety equipment (e.g., bike helmet, snowmobile helmet, lifejackets, etc.).
- Financial limits apply to all non-registered programs/activities and are subject to change and review by MNO.
- Equipment for non-registered activities can be reimbursed up to a maximum of $200 per item (not including tax) except for items specifically listed below (Non-Registered Activity Equipment Limit Exceptions).

Non-registered activity equipment limit exceptions:

- The following equipment purchases are eligible for the indicated maximum reimbursement amount. Equipment meeting the overall program parameters but otherwise not included in the list below will be reimbursed to a maximum amount of $200.
- The maximum has been based on market research on the range of potential costs for youth/child size equipment. Eligibility for reimbursement for large items will be confirmed after assessment of an applicant's access to the program for the same or similar item in the current and previous years.

Bikes (note these are guided by age)

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<td>Infant/Toddler</td>
<td>0-2</td>
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<td>Preschooler</td>
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<td>Child</td>
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<td>$750</td>
<td>Age 6 +</td>
<td>One per child</td>
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<td>Canoe</td>
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<td>Age 10 +</td>
<td>One per family</td>
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<td>Stand up paddle board</td>
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<td>Fishing Equipment (Augers (non-motorized) 12+ ONLY) Ice huts, rods, reels, tackle etc.</td>
<td>$500</td>
<td>Age 3 +</td>
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<td>Scooters/ skateboard/rollerblades/roller skis</td>
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<td>Age 4 +</td>
<td>One item per child</td>
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<td>Soft zone/ play couch</td>
<td>$500</td>
<td>9 Months – Age 5</td>
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<td>Trampoline</td>
<td>$750</td>
<td>Age 4+ for large trampoline</td>
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<td>Basketball nets (full size)</td>
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<td>Age 7+</td>
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<td>Indoor gross motor equipment (balance boards, small climbing sets, balance steppingstones, pikler triangles, balance beams, mats)</td>
<td>$800</td>
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<td>Some items may be limited to one per family.</td>
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<td>Downhill skis- including bindings</td>
<td>$750</td>
<td>Age 2+ and appropriate for child's size</td>
<td>One per child</td>
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<td>Snowboards – Including bindings</td>
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<td>Cross country skis – classic or skate including bindings</td>
<td>$500</td>
<td>Age 2+ and appropriate for child's size</td>
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<td>Boots for skiing/snowboarding</td>
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<td>Water skis</td>
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<td>Water mat</td>
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<td>Musical instruments</td>
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<td>Drums, pianos/keyboards – one per family</td>
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<td>Zip line</td>
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<td>Horse tack</td>
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<td>Ninja lines</td>
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<td>Science kits (including kits)</td>
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<td>Sleds, toboggans, and snow tubes</td>
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**Examples of Expenses NOT Eligible for Reimbursement under the Program:**

The following is a non-exhaustive list of examples of items that are not eligible under the Enhanced Extra-Curricular Support Program. This is in accordance with the program design and purpose, the funding terms, and conditions, and/or MNO financial policies.

- Motorized equipment (snowmobiles, dirt bikes, e-scooters, boats, battery operated toys/vehicles, power wheels, motorized augers hover board, etc.)
- Subscription boxes
- Taxes or duty fees for shipping and border crossing
- Shipping from outside Canada
- Insurance for item delivery
- Firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories, firearm storage devices
- Permanent play sets, tree houses, sheds, or home improvements
- Knee board, tube, wakeboard, island hopper (for behind boat)
- Travel expenses/ car rentals
- Electronic kitchen devices
- Trailers, campers, or RV’s
- Exercising equipment (e.g., Peloton, mirror, Bow flex, rowers, recumbent bikes, etc.)
- Gaming systems, video games, karaoke machine, fitness trackers, laptops, computers, electronic sensory items (including battery operated) e.g., Fitbit
- Strollers, baby carriers, wagons, bike trailers, ski trailers, baby bike seats, and car seat.
- Additional uniforms, personalization of equipment and/or promotional
clothing (suits for hockey, branded team jackets, NHL jerseys for practice)
- Outdoor clothing, shoes, and boots
- Swimming pools and hot tubs
- Late fees/interest
- Amusement Park passes, pumpkin patch, farms experiences, escape rooms, entertainment tickets (movies, concerts, stage performances, etc.)
- Overnight camping/cabin fees or rentals
- Any equipment, activity, or materials for use by adults
- Costs associated with gatherings- for example birthday party, family reunion.
- Cost of food, supplements, and drinks
- Custom orthotics
- books, curriculum books, and literature/financial courses (educational resources)
- Replacement items that were purchased in the fiscal year
- Donations/ mandatory fundraisers/ volunteer fees/ lottery tickets, etc.
- Inflatable bouncers/ water bouncers/ slip and slides/ water slides
- Kitchen tower step stools
- Construction materials
- Imaginative play (dress up, kitchens, workshops, playhouses, etc.)
- Gardening supplies
- Tutors/educational supports
- Lego/ Magnstix Sticks / Knex/ Mega Blocks/ Magnatiles, etc.
- Board Games/ card games
- Stuffed animals/toys
- Play pens/ crib mobiles/ sleeping areas/ baby gates/
- Ball Pits
- Teething toys
- Puzzles
- Pet training courses/ pet items
- Foosball/ Hockey tables
- Nerf guns

**CONTACT:** If you need help with your application or would like to learn more about programs available to you, please contact the Early Learning and Child Care team at elccsupport@metisnation.org.
When you e-mail us, please include the MNO region, or the municipality you live in to help us support you in a timely manner.