

## ATHLETE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT



**The Ontario Cheerleading Federation will be awarding financial assistance grants to help eligible athletes from across Ontario so that they can start or continue to have the opportunity to participate in the sport of cheerleading at any level.**

### **What costs are covered by the grant?**

The grant can cover the cost of monthly tuition, registration fees, outstanding balances, or any other fees incurred by the sport of cheerleading. The cheerleading club receiving the grant funds will determine how the funds are applied. Funding is allocated directly to the cheerleading club where the child is enrolled on July 1st, 2021.

### **How many grants will the OCF be awarding this year?**

The OCF wants to ensure that financial barriers do not restrict athletes from participating in our sport. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted so many families so for this season the OCF will be awarding grants valued at \$250 per athlete and the number of grants awarded will depend on the number of applicants.

### **Who is eligible to receive a grant?**

In order to be eligible for a financial assistance grant for one or more children, families must first meet the specific financial criteria as per Revenue Canada's Low-Income Cut-Offs (LICO) chart.

### **Other Funding Requirements:**

- Children must fall between the ages of 3-18 years old (*age as of December 31st, 2021*)
- Programs should be a minimum of 6 weeks in duration and include at least one class/session per week
- The cheerleading club receiving the funds from the grant must be a sanctioned member of the OCF for the 2021-2022 season

### **How does the OCF determine eligibility?**

The OCF Grant Selection committee will review and discuss all of the applications and grants will be distributed throughout the season based on financial need. The individuals who are selected to receive a grant and the associated cheerleading club will be notified via email.

**Submit applications to [ocfexecutivedirector@gmail.com](mailto:ocfexecutivedirector@gmail.com)**

## Questions?

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**Athlete Financial Assistance Grant  
Application Form**

By submitting this form you agree to have your information stored in our online database system

**Section 1: Child Information**

First Name:	Last Name:
Birth Date (dd/mm/yyyy):	Address:
Gender: Male [ ] Female [ ] Other [ ]	City: Postal Code:

**Section 2: Parent/Guardian Information**

First Name:	Last Name:
Address (do not include if same as above)	
City:	Postal Code:
Telephone:	Email:
Relationship to Child:	# Of Adults In Home (18+) ___ # Of Children In Home: ___

Single parent status: Divorced \_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_ Foster \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

Dual parent status: Married \_\_\_ Common Law \_\_\_ Foster \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

\*Please select if you identify yourself as: Aboriginal \_\_\_ Athlete with a disability \_\_\_ New Canadian \_\_\_ (resided in Canada for less than 10 years)

\*Note: This information is optional, and it will not result in a greater grant or in the selection process. This information helps us understand who we are helping.

**I CONFIRM THAT ALL INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS ACCURATE**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date (dd/mm/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3: Funding Request**

Cheerleading Club:	Contact Name:
Address:	City:
Postal Code:	Telephone:
First time participating in sport? Yes ___ No ___ If not, how many years have they participated in the sport: ___	

**Section 4: Income Verification**

Gross Annual Household Income: \$			
Please include the following for EACH parent or legal guardian in the home.	Most recent Official Notice of Assessment - Government document -	AND/ OR	Current proof of family income - provide one of the following: 3 Consecutive paystubs OR Social assistance documents (O.D.S.P, Ontario Works, EI)

Completed applications are to be e-mailed to [ocfexecutivedirector@gmail.com](mailto:ocfexecutivedirector@gmail.com)

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