



WWDSS Camp Bursary for 2023

The Waterloo Wellington Down Syndrome Society offers a camp bursary to assist with extra costs that can be associated with inclusion support for year-round camps for our children/youth with Down syndrome, and hopes to open doors to some camp experiences that otherwise would not be possible.

Purpose of the Camp Bursary:

The camp bursary is to assist families with costs involved over and above regular camp fees, for children/youth (ages 4-21) with Down syndrome to attend and participate in any camps (summer, March break, PA Day etc.). The registration fee for camps specifically designed for individuals with special needs tend to cost more due to added staff supports. In some cases, primarily for typical camps, the extra cost may be an additional fee charged by the camp for a camp provided Inclusion Facilitator, or may be the cost involved with hiring and supplying your own support worker to attend the camp with your child.

What Qualifies for Reimbursement From the Bursary?

- All children/youth with Down syndrome aged 4-21 can apply
- Full-time, part-time and virtual camps qualify
- Camp registration fees to typical/regular are not covered by bursary funding
- Bursary funds can cover 100% of the costs for support workers (over 18 yrs. old) that you hire to support your child/ youth to participate in typical/regular camps
- Bursary funds can cover the extra costs charged for support workers/inclusion workers when your child/youth attends a typical/regular camp that supplies support workers
- Registration fees for camps that are specifically designed for individuals with special needs that include support can cover up to 50% of the total camp fees
- Families are required to complete 10 hours of volunteer work for WWDSS during the current calendar year to receive this bursary. These hours are separate from/in addition to volunteer hours requirements for other bursary programs

Approved applicants will need to provide the following for reimbursement:

**Required by each approved applicant:
A copy of the invoice/
receipt of payment for the
camp registrations, proof
of attendance at a camp**

Required by applicants requesting reimbursement for a support worker/inclusion worker that is hired by either the camp or directly by the family:
A copy of the invoice/receipt of payment for the fee of the Inclusion Facilitator provided by the camp.
OR
A copy of the invoice or support form signed by the support person. If an invoice is being provided, the name, address, contacts and signature of the Inclusion Facilitator need to be included on the invoice, or complete the form that will come with the camp bursary approval letter.

NOTES:

- A privately provided support person needs to be 18 years old or older
- The family will need to pay the support person or camp fees directly as WWDSS will reimburse the family only. WWDSS will not pay a support person directly



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Down Syndrome Society**

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Application Form

NEW! An electronic version of this application form can be filled out and submitted online.
Visit: www.wwdss.ca/programs/camp-bursary

Please complete this form and submit to WWDSS by **February 20, 2023**. You will receive a confirmation email that we received your application and a second email by March 14, 2023 confirming your bursary allotment.

Email: info@wwdss.ca with Subject Line "**CAMP Bursary 2023 Application**"

Member Family Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Will you apply for a City Inclusion Facilitator * **YES** **NO** (circle one)

If yes, how many weeks of City Support will you request? _____

I have read the bursary information and understand the bursary requirements for reimbursements

- I agree that I am responsible for finding, hiring and paying my own inclusion facilitator
- I agree that I am responsible for requesting/arranging and paying for support with camps that provide such support themselves
- Our volunteer hours are up to date

Signature: _____

Date: _____

* If your City support changes from what you submitted for please email info@wwdss.ca and we will determine if an adjustment can be made.