



The Creative Kids Program

What is Creative Kids?

Creative Kids is a new charitable giving program designed to reduce social and financial barriers for children and youth who wish to participate in arts and cultural activities in Saskatchewan. Modeled after the KidSport™ program, kids now have the opportunity to apply to Creative Kids to receive funding up to a maximum of \$750 per year to help reduce or eliminate costs associated with participation in arts and cultural activities. These funds can be used to decrease barriers to participation like registration fees, materials or even festival costs. Applicants must be able to demonstrate they have a need for financial assistance, and the activity they are applying for must be creative or cultural in nature.

Arts and cultural activity inspire creativity in our youth and encourage them to express themselves and their ideas. This leads to increased self-confidence, self-esteem, and pride in their abilities.

- Creative activities provide children and youth with social, intellectual, moral and even physical development opportunities.
- Every child needs and deserves opportunities to participate in quality arts and cultural experiences.
- Extra-curricular arts and cultural activities, such as music, dance or drama lessons, outside of regular school hours, provide opportunities for kids to learn new skills, develop talents, and aspire to higher levels.

Who can apply?

- Children or youth, 19 years of age or younger, living in Saskatchewan who can demonstrate they have financial barriers to participation.
 - o Applications must be signed by an adult endorser
 - o Applications must be submitted before the start date of the activity
 - o Application requests cannot exceed \$750 per calendar year

What activities are eligible for funding?

- Activities must be creative in nature and must show a level of creative engagement
- Expenses directly associated with participation are covered, such as registration fees and supplies
- Some travel costs associated with the activity may be eligible

What is the approval process?

- Applications are reviewed and approved by a volunteer adjudication committee
- Funds will be allocated on an as needed basis throughout the year
- Allow approximately 30 days for notification of application status following application deadline
- Funds will be made payable to the organization or person delivering the program

Is my application kept confidential?

- All information provided is kept in the strictest confidence.
- The information contained in the application form is used only for the purpose of adjudicating the grant request.

Who operates Creative Kids?

Creative Kids is administered by SaskCulture Inc., a community-driven, non-profit organization, along with the support of a provincial volunteer committee and local/regional volunteer committees. All children and programs are screened by volunteer committees to ensure the financial need of the applicant and the legitimacy of the activity.

Creative Kids is also partnered with Give Kids a Chance, the charitable giving arm of Sask Sport, and the same charity that operates KidSport™.

What do the Local/Regional Committees do?

The local/regional Creative Kids committees are responsible for implementing the program in their own communities. The committees have three main areas of responsibility:

1. To distribute, receive and adjudicate applications from kids in their own community
2. To connect with organizations in their community that support children and/or art and culture activities
3. To lead local Creative Kids fundraising initiatives

Where does the funding come from?

Creative Kids receives 100% of operational funding from SaskCulture. The money used for granting program participants comes from fundraised dollars. While the local committees are asked to hold some fundraising activities, the provincial committee will always provide the local committees with a portion of the provincially raised dollars each year to operate. However, all money raised in a local community stays in that community, so the more money an individual community can raise on its own, the more of their children they will be able to support through Creative Kids grants.

How can I make a donation?

Creative Kids relies on the financial gifts from individuals and corporations to help children and youth access arts and cultural opportunities. One hundred per cent of donations go directly to support the children and youth. Dollars raised by individual communities, stay in those communities.

Creative Kids relies on the support of partners, corporate donors, individual donations, and volunteers. Individual cash donations, gifts in kind, memorial donations or planned gifts are welcome. Groups looking for a worthy cause should consider fundraising for Creative Kids. Donations of \$20 or more are eligible to receive a tax deductible receipt. Please make cheques payable to Creative Kids Saskatchewan and send to:

Creative Kids Saskatchewan

404 – 2125 11th Ave
Regina SK S4P 3X3

How can I get involved?

Creative Kids relies largely on volunteers to strike active committees throughout the province. Please contact your local Creative Kids committee to see how you could get involved. If you are interested in starting a Creative Kids Committee in your community, please contact the provincial Creative Kids office for more details.

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