



Milton Springers Gymnastics Club Financial Assistance Program

Introduction: Milton Springers strives to provide a balanced portfolio of programs to gymnasts of all ages and levels. The sport of gymnastics can provide the means to build a foundation for a lifelong healthy and active lifestyle. Milton Springers believes no one should be denied access or opportunities to participate in programs on the basis on socioeconomic background and will help interested individuals seek alternative funding sources and/or provide alternative payment plans to assist participation. As part of our dedication to providing access to community sport for all, Milton Springers is pleased to offer gymnasts in financial need the ability to apply for supplemental assistance through the club's financial assistance program.

Funding Amounts: The goal of the Springers financial assistance program is to allocate \$12,000 annually to help families in both the recreation and competitive programs. Funding will be spread through the full season to enable participation entry at different times of the year. Funding will be limited to one request each season.

Eligibility: This program is secondary and a supplement to other financial assistance programs offered in the community. Eligibility for the Springer financial assistance program is based on a participant's eligibility and approval from one of the community sport financial assistance programs: JumpStart, KidsSport or other similar type programs. Application must include proven eligibility showing approval and confirmation of funding. Families requesting competitive training fees will enroll as a Participating family unless extenuating circumstances prevent such enrollment.

Exception to eligibility: Families experiencing temporary financial hardships due to illness or other extenuating circumstances that affect a family's ability to pay fees temporarily will also be considered. Application for funding will include explanation of extenuating circumstances when submitted.

Funding may be used for one of the following expenditures:

- recreation class session (summer, fall, winter or spring or annual recreation program)
- day camps (PA day, Holiday Camp, March Break Camp, Summer Camp)
- Fundamental advanced recreation annual program
- Competitive annual program fees

Application Procedure:

Application: Forms may be requested from the Milton Springers office or email info@miltonspringers.ca

Procedure: All applications will be submitted via email or given in to the office to the attention of the Administrative Director. Information on the program and the application process will be available on the club website.

Families will follow the club's registration process for enrollment opportunities.

All gathered information will be kept in the strictest confidence. Information collected will be used solely for the purpose of adjudicating the grant request. Personal information shall not be used or disclosed for purposes other than that for which it was collected.

A sub-committee consisting of Board of Directors and a management staff member will receive, review and approve grant amounts based on the funding model. Applications will be assigned ID numbers, with personal identifying

information restricted to the designated management staff member. Decisions will be provided as quickly as possible following receipt in order to allow a family to make decisions on enrollment.

Issuing of Approved Funding:

- Milton Springers will issue funds to successful applicants directly against the gymnast's account within the club's payment system. No funds will be advanced. No funds will be issued to the recipient in cheque format unless it is retroactive to funds that were pre-paid prior to the start date of the program.
- No funds received through the Springer financial assistance program will be refunded if the participant withdraws. Credits may be applied to another session or program if circumstances warrant and approval is given by the Administrative Director.