

Kids Take Part program – Guidelines

Westside Housing is supporting children and young people living in its homes to take part in local sport, recreation, and community activities. Under the Kids Take Part program, a grant of up to \$200 per participant, per calendar year is available for up to 50 children and young people in 2021.

The intention of the Kids Take Part program is to increase participation and social connectedness by providing the financial means and motivation to be involved in local groups and activities. The program will support not only the individual applying (the child or young person), but the caregivers, parents, siblings, and the whole family. It may provide a gateway into social groups and community networks that would otherwise not be available to the person or household.

Eligibility for participants

- aged 0-18 (inclusive)
- Live in a Westside Housing home (participants must be listed as an occupant of the home in our database)
- Want to participate in a sport, recreation, or community activity.

Eligible activities

Sport

Local incorporated sporting clubs and groups that include but are not limited to:

- Football, soccer, netball, hockey, tennis, cricket etc.
- Usually operating by season or school term: i.e., summer or winter sports

Recreation

Groups and businesses that operate in your local area, including but not limited to:

- Swimming lessons, horse riding, yoga, Pilates, cycling, skateboarding, BMX, dancing, gymnastics, kinder gym, boxing, martial arts, school camps etc.

Community

Activities or groups that you can attend in your local community that helps you 'take part'.

- Playgroup, singing group, music groups, art classes, gaming groups, theatre etc.

Other activities

These suggestions are meant to help participants and their families find a sport or activity to participate in. Eligible activities are not limited to the suggestions above, and participants may apply for other sports or activities. All applications will be considered as long as they support children and young people to be connected and 'take part'.

What will the \$200 pay for?

- Registration fees, membership fees, attendance/class fees.
- Uniform and special activity clothing (supplied by club, business, or activity).
- Sporting or other equipment necessary for chosen activity (i.e., soccer boots, tennis racket).
- \$200 may be used across more than 1 activity or sport.

Payment

Westside will pay once the application is approved.

It is preferred to pay the whole amount in one payment to the club/provider (if possible).

If the applicant needs to purchase uniforms or equipment elsewhere, Westside may make 2 payments.

Sports Vouchers

www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au

Westside will ask all applicants who may be eligible to apply for a Sports Voucher in conjunction with their Kids Take Part application. This will be done before paying the Kids Take Part funds to the chosen sport.

The Sports Vouchers program provides an opportunity for primary school aged children from Reception – Year 7 to receive up to a \$100 discount on sports membership/registration fees. The purpose is to increase the number of children playing organised sport by reducing cost as a barrier to participation.

Each child is eligible for 1 voucher per calendar year.

Applicants may use the Find a Club tool to find a sporting club near them.

portal.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au/find-a-club/

How to apply

Complete the Kids Take Part application form for eligible children and young people.

Send it to Westside Housing via

- Email: admin@westsidehousing.org.au
- Post: 478 Port Road, West Hindmarsh, SA 5007
- Hand deliver: to address above

Timeframes

All applications will be assessed within 5 business days of receipt.

All confirmation letters will be posted within 10 business days of receipt.

All formal communication will be via email or letter, including a *letter of confirmation* to the parent/caregiver, once the application is approved.

If the form is not completed or the processing officer has questions about the application, phone contact will be made in the first instance. Please ensure the form is completed to prevent any delays to payment.

Please apply at least 4 weeks before the sport, community or recreation activity is due to commence.

Contact

Westside Housing

admin@westsidehousing.org.au.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.