



## Hampton P.R.O. Kids



### WHAT IS PRO KIDS?

PRO Kids stands for Positive Recreation Opportunities for Kids. It is a program now set up in the Town of Hampton that is designed to ensure that all children and youth have the opportunity to participate in programs regardless of their family's financial status. It is a confidential program that matches kids with activities in the areas of art, culture, recreation and sport.



### WHAT DO WE KNOW?

Statistics Canada reported that, in 2000, the median income for single parent families is \$14,841. A research paper on Development Assets reported that 48% of Hampton youth are not involved in any youth programs.



### WHO BENEFITS?

Our community! Statistics show that when kids are involved and feel valued by their community, crime and vandalism goes down. Involved kids make healthier choices, have a sense of belonging, and stronger self-esteem. They are happier and more productive kids and citizens.



### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Kids are referred to our coordinator, confidentially, through many possible sources, such as churches, teachers, guidance people, community service organizations, or you. These kids will then be matched up, enrolled and participate in a program (only 1 per season). The PRO Kids team will secure positions in various programs in the area. They also help raise money to secure additional spaces and equipment.



### HOW CAN YOU OR YOUR ORGANIZATION HELP?

You can donate money, equipment or spaces in programs. Refer a child you know who needs our help. Get involved by sharing your talents or ideas for fundraising with P.R.O. Kids. If you can help, please contact PRO Kids at 832-6102 or [gena@townofhampton.ca](mailto:gena@townofhampton.ca)

Too many Kids are watching from the sidelines ... you can help put them back in the game



The P.R.O.KIDS concept was developed by the City of Thunder Bay.

## Who Can Apply?

All children and youth up to 18 years of age who are in need of financial assistance. We serve those who are in the Hampton High School zone. Applications will be considered on a first come, first serve basis.

## How to Apply - It's as Easy as 1, 2, 3

1. Choose a community-based program of interest. (Limit of one activity per season)
2. Complete the application form.
3. Return the completed form in person to the Town of Hampton's Leisure Service's office or by mail to:

**Paula Kredl**  
**P.R.O. Kids - Confidential**  
c/o Hampton Community Club  
17 Centennial Road, Unit 1  
Hampton, N.B.  
E5N 6N3

## The Reference

Each application requires a reference. The application form describes a reference as someone who is familiar with the situation of the applicant and can verify that the applicant requires assistance from P.R.O. Kids. The reference should be an adult who knows the child, is not a family member, and who is active in community activities. Examples given are: teacher, coach, clergy, social worker, group leader, or co-worker. If the applicant has difficulty finding a reference, the P.R.O. Kids Manager can offer additional suggestions.

## Application Information

- Applications are processed in the order in which they are received.
- P.R.O. Kids allows children/youth to access one activity each season – Deadlines: Spring (March 1<sup>st</sup>), Summer (June 1<sup>st</sup>), Fall (September 1<sup>st</sup>) & Winter (December 1<sup>st</sup>).
- Registration fees cannot exceed \$300 per season. PRO Kids will sponsor up to a maximum of \$600 per year, as funds allow.
- The service is for children/youth who are not participating in other paid recreation programs.
- P.R.O. Kids does not assume responsibility for registering children in activities. The parent/guardian is responsible for registering directly with the identified partner organization once P.R.O. Kids has linked them. If a child is registered in an activity before being approved by P.R.O. Kids, the parent/guardian is responsible for covering any costs associated with that activity until the time of approval.
- P.R.O. Kids does not reimburse parents; payment will be arranged directly with the program offering the activity.
- The parent/guardian is responsible for ensuring that the child attends the program. If for some reason the child can no longer participate, the parent/guardian must contact P.R.O. Kids so another child can fill the space.



# Hampton P.R.O. Kids Application

Application Deadline:

March 1<sup>st</sup>

June 1<sup>st</sup>

September 1<sup>st</sup>

December 1<sup>st</sup>

## 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Child/ Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_dd \_\_\_mm \_\_\_yy  
 Name of Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (day): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (evening): \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. PROGRAM INFORMATION

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of weeks: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization offering the activity: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will you, the applicant, be registered in any other paid recreation program during the season?  
 No: \_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you able to contribute financially to the program costs? No: \_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_  
 If yes, please indicate how much you can afford to contribute: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Would you like to volunteer to assist us in fundraising for P.R.O. Kids? No: \_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_

## 3. THIS FORM HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. REFERENCE:

Please provide a reference who is familiar with your situation and who can verify that you require assistance from P.R.O. Kids. This person should be an adult who knows the child, is not a family member or friend, and who is active in community activities. (Examples include teacher, coach, clergy, social worker, group leader)

Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship to Reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (evening): \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorize the above reference to release personal information, as required for program placement, to P.R.O. Kids. I further authorize P.R.O. Kids to collect this information. My signature also verifies that financial assistance is required from P.R.O. Kids in order for my child to participate. In addition, I assume full responsibility for the supervision of my child while participating in activities.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received:			
Date Reference Called:		Verified:	
Date Program Called:		Verified:	
Notes:			

