GRANTS

2026-2027 CCOF Club Foundation Representative Training

Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation

CCOF Grants

- Club Grants
- Spread Relief Grants

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- Announcement in June of Each Year

How Does a Club Apply?

- Online Applications at https://optimistfoundation.ca/club-grant/
- Download Application
- Completed Application Must Include Club President's Signature
- Submit Application
  - Email to clubgrant@optimistfoundation.ca
- Contact Foundation Office with Questions

Who Are Club Grants For?

- Applicant
  - The applicant must be a Canadian adult Optimist Club.
  - Optimist Club should be in good standing with Optimist International.
- Beneficiary
  - The beneficiaries must be Canadian Children (under 18 years old).
  - The projects must benefit Canadian children at large, therefore the project cannot benefit private individuals.

Why Apply for a Club Grant?

- To encourage new clubs
- To be a jumpstart for projects
- To support innovative ideas

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What Spread Relief Cannot Fund

- Capital Projects
- Sports Organizations
- Sports programs within schools

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  - Sweet
  - To The Point

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For More Information

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- Visit: https://optimistfoundation.ca/club-grant/
- Call: 514-982-1600 / 877-882-2525

- CCOF Address:

  Canadian Children’s Optimist Foundation
  1310 Greene Avenue, Suite 700
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  - Adult Districts submit application
  - Application due November 30 or February 28
  - Maximum $500
  - Can be used for space, catering and supplies

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