

No One Left Behind



It starts with Scouts.

Developed in 2007, **No One Left Behind** (NOLB) helps to ensure, through fee subsidization, that every child has an opportunity to experience a local Scouts Canada program. The NOLB expanded in 2011 to fund after school programs, as well as uniforms and camps.

The program is aimed at children from families struggling with financial hardship all across Canada – so that they also get the chance to benefit from the values, skills and experiences offered through Scouting. The opportunity to belong to a group that teaches important life skills, self-esteem and community service has a huge impact on these youth. NOLB is not intended to cover 100% of a child's Scouting membership fee.

No One Left Behind Subsidy (NOLB) applicants

Please note the NOLB subsidy program was updated **September 1, 2015** and there is a change in the process to help those families to join Scouts Canada that require financial assistance. Scouts Canada uses the **Low Income Cut Off formula (LICO)** that most Not for Profit Organizations and Government programs use. This helps assess how much the parent will qualify for subsidy.

Group Registrars, please DO NOT register youth members in myscouts that require subsidy.

When a Group enters in a registration on behalf of the parent, the Group is taking full responsibility to pay the FULL (100%) of the registration fees. Do not register someone unless payment has been accepted. No exceptions.

If the Group makes an error, please notify the BCY Registrars (**Dyanna Pfenniger** at 604-879-5721 ext. 224, dpfenniger@scouts.ca or **Leo Siu** at 604-879-5721 ext. 221, lsiu@scouts.ca) immediately so that they can reverse the charges on the account. This must be done within 30 days of the charge.

We should encourage families to attend their first two *free* meetings, so that they know which Group they would prefer to join.

No One Left Behind - How to Apply

To apply for a **No One Left Behind** subsidy request the parent should be directed to call the NOLB support number **1-844-300-6652** or by email NOLB@scouts.ca.

Please provide the following as this information will be factored into a financial needs test:
Parent Name, City, Province, and phone number with Area Code, family size, family income and the number of children expected in Scouting.

- The needs test will apply **Statistics Canada's Low Income Cut-Off (LICO)** metric that is updated annually.
- **LICO** is used by many service providers and levels of government to determine recreational subsidies. LICO calculates financial need based upon a family's size (number of family members) and household income.
- The Service Centre will review the information received and determine if the family is eligible for a NOLB subsidy;
- Service Centre personnel will contact the parent, advice on whether a subsidy has been awarded. At this time we will ask the parent if it is okay to include the Group Commissioner (of their preferred group) on the confirmation email.
- The parent will then receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to complete the registration process.

Parents will have two options to complete the registration process.

1) **Online Registration**

If the Group that the parent would like to join has opened online registrations, the parent should log into their myscouts account and register their child (ren) in the Group. The approved NOLB credit is attached to their myscouts account and will show up on the final payment page when completing the registration. Please complete a registration for each child wanting to enroll in the Scouts Canada program.

2) **Paper Registration**

If the Group that the parent would like to register their youth is not open to online registration (via credit card) or wishes to pay via credit card, the parent will need to send in a cheque (made payable to Scouts Canada) and the registration form to:

Scouts Canada - BCY Service Centre
 c/o NOLB Registration
 664 West Broadway
 Vancouver, BC
 V5Z 1G1

Parents have **30 days** to complete the registration process for their child (ren) using one of two payment methods listed above before the offer expires.

Once the registration is complete, the youth member will show as Active in the preferred section. They will NOT show up on a Group batch.

If the parent is completing the registration via paper registration, the Service Centre personnel will confirm with the Group if there is space available or not. If not we will redirect the parent to choose the next closest Group for registration.

The NOLB applicants request for the Scouting year starts as of May 1.

Please Note

All applications are confidential and only the **No One Left Behind Service Centre** is aware of the name and personal situation of all applicants. Funding provided is relative to this application only and does not guarantee future funding. Parents need to re-apply annually.