

ACTIVELINK

What is Activelink?

Activelink supports eligible City of Melville residents of all abilities to participate in sport, recreation, hobbies and other activities (such as creative art classes, library activities or programs or dance classes) and connect with others in their community. It provides support to those who face financial barriers to participation in the community, and applications are accepted year-round.

Activelink provides vouchers to contribute to the costs associated with accessing community recreation, hobby and leisure activities.

- The vouchers can be up to a maximum of \$200 per annum or \$600 per family
- Vouchers can only be received for two consecutive years (followed by a one year 'break', in which they are unable to apply – they can reapply the following year)
- Limit of two vouchers (maximum \$100) each year
- No credit given for unused funds.

Eligibility

A person applying for Activelink -

- has read and understands the program guidelines
- is a City of Melville resident,
- is able to provide proof of low income or exceptional circumstances.
 - **Proof of low income** – eligible Centrelink cards, such as Centrelink Health Care Card, Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or Department of Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card).
 - **Exceptional circumstances** - applicants must provide a letter of support from a referral agent who is familiar with the financial barriers facing the applicant and can indicate the need for Activelink funding (agent may be teacher, doctor, police, financial counsellor, social worker, Disability Services Local Coordinators or community organisations/agencies) Please note the letter must be on the agency letterhead and be signed by the referral agent.
- has not received Activelink in two consecutive years
- is not applying for an activity currently covered by Kidsport.
- Is not applying for an activity currently covered by Seniors Assistance Fund (SAF)
- Is applying for an activity that is conducted in the City of Melville

Ineligibility

It cannot be used for:

- Equipment (eg: sport shoes, clothing)
- Health/medical services (eg: massage, hydrotherapy)
- Educational tutoring services
- Vouchers are only for programs or activities in the City of Melville

How to apply

Applicants can apply:

- On line through the City of Melville Website [Activelink](#)
 - Applicants can request assistance from Neighbourhood Development Support Officers to complete the online form (either over the phone or in person at Blue Gum or Willagee Community Centres).
- Request a hard copy application form – to be posted or picked up from the Civic Centre, Willagee or Blue Gum Community Centres.

Activity Providers

Activelink Activity Providers are any recreation provider, such as an incorporated group, club, association, or commercial enterprise. They provide a range of activities such as art classes, singing, dance classes or swimming.

The process for Activity Providers receiving an Activelink voucher from a resident is to:

- Collect the Activelink voucher from the voucher recipient
- Attach an invoice to the voucher and post to the City of Melville for payment (postal address listed on the voucher)

Activity Providers may be approached by the City of Melville to give their feedback on the program and be contacted to update any changes to their activities or contact details.

Other available funding for individuals

Kidsport

Visit the the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries [KidsSport](#) website or call 9492 9700

Age Friendly Assistance Fund

For more information, visit: [Age Friendly Melville](#)

Or contact the Age Friendly Assistance Fund Coordinator.

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