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Dear Parent / Carer

The Northern Territory Government is supporting all Territory children to have the best start in life by helping them to be healthy, active and social.

We know Territorians love their sport, as well as the many recreational and cultural activities the Territory has to offer and we know that these come at a cost to Territory families. The Territory Government's Sport Voucher Scheme aims to assist with some of the costs associated with children participating in sport, recreation and cultural activities.

We also know that the COVID-19 global pandemic has had a significant impact on our children. Especially not being able to see our loved ones interstate, and in some cases, sport, recreation and cultural activities for them may have changed, particularly close contact sports and those activities held indoors.

Under the Sport Voucher Scheme, every child enrolled in an urban school, Transition to Year 12, across the Territory is entitled to a \$100 Sport Voucher every six months. Vouchers are available from the commencement of each school semester.

Accessing Sport Vouchers to get Territory kids active is now easier. You can now receive your child's Semester 2, 2021 Sport Voucher electronically via the new GrantsNT online platform. By creating an account on GrantsNT, you can apply for and view your available vouchers, view registered activity providers, and see where your vouchers have already been used. Sport Vouchers will now be issued with unique QR and bar codes, making it even easier to redeem your voucher.

Sport Vouchers can now be used for swimming programs and music lessons delivered within school hours by a registered activity provider.

Families who are unable to access the internet at home can request a voucher by contacting the activity provider, by using free internet services at a public library or asking for assistance from your child's school.

It is so important that our young Territorians stay active and stay healthy and continue to participate in sport and recreation activities. I encourage you to apply for your child's Sport Voucher. Visit www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au and review the list of registered providers. If you need any other information about the scheme, email sport.voucher@nt.gov.au or telephone 1800 817 860.

Yours sincerely

MICHAEL GUNNER





Sport Voucher Parent/Carer Fact Sheet

Children enrolled in an urban school from Transition to Year 12, including home-schooled children, are eligible to receive two \$100 sport vouchers each year, one in January and one in July, for sport, active recreation and cultural activities. Children attending crèche, child care, long day care centres or preschool are not classified as enrolled students. Urban children under the age of five may be eligible for Learn to Swim vouchers.

Parents or carers need to apply for vouchers online each semester.

How to apply

1. Visit sportvoucher.nt.gov.au/apply
2. Click apply online
3. Follow the prompts to create your profile and request your vouchers
4. You can call the Sport Voucher team for support on 1800 817 860

What if I don't have access to the internet?

Other options available for families who are unable to access the internet include contacting the activity provider where your child intends to use their sport voucher, asking for assistance at your child's school, or using free internet services at a public library.

Important dates for 2021-22:

- Applications open 12 July 2021
- Applications close 24 May 2022
- Vouchers expire 31 May 2022

What you can do with your sport voucher:

- Redeem your sport voucher with a registered activity provider (a full list is provided at grantsnt.gov.au) for eligible activities, including:
 - offsetting the registration and insurance costs of membership;
 - purchase of value add items ONLY if the child has paid registration, insurance and membership fees in full. This is for compulsory team uniform/clothing, drink bottle, costumes for performance, sport and recreation equipment, instruments (including hire), instructional books, music scores and scripts;
 - music/instrumental lessons and swimming programs delivered by registered Activity Providers during school hours (vouchers must be redeemed by the registered Activity Provider, not the school).

What you can't do with your sport voucher:

- Out of school hours care services and tutors for the education curriculum.
- Travel to and from competitions, programs and activities.
- Interstate and intrastate representation costs.
- Purchase of value-add items where the student is not registered in the related activity.
- Purchase of equipment or uniforms direct from a retailer and not in conjunction with the activity.
- Purchasing food and drinks.
- Payments to Activity Providers that are not registered with the scheme.
- Split payment of vouchers to multiple Activity Providers.
- A cash refund for all or part of the value of the voucher