Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

Eligibility

Criteria 1 - Eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term two, or;
- on the first day of Term three;
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend a Victorian school

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility date

CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card successfully validating with Centrelink on either the first day of term two or term three.

Term two Validation

If the parent/legal guardian’s concession card successfully validates on the first day of term two (13 April 2015), the application will be processed and the full annual payment will be made to the school from the commencement of term three.

For applications which fail the term two validation, but become valid on the first day of term three, the application will be processed and payment will be made to the school during term three.

Payment

Payment amounts

The amount payable for eligible primary and secondary students is:

- $125 for Primary school students.
- $225 for Secondary school students.
Payment timing

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school of the eligible applicant.

The CSEF will be available for schools to enter application information into the online CSEF web system from term two each year.

CSEF payments will be processed directly to schools and are expected to commence from term three each year. Payments are expected to be finalised by the end of term three each year.

CSEF payments are for the application year and cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

How the CSEF will be paid

School administrators will enter the parent/legal guardian’s information from the application form into the online CSEF web system. Authorised school users can access the CSEF web system.

More information for school administrators regarding the CSEF web system and processing support can be obtained by clicking on the ‘Information for Schools’ link at the bottom of this page.

CSEF payments will be made directly to schools from the commencement of term three each year.

Applications for parents

Parents or legal guardians

Parents or legal guardians are required to complete a CSEF application form and lodge it with their child’s school for processing.

*Application forms should be completed and lodged with schools before the end of term two* each year as payments are made each year during term three. However schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of term three each year.

Application forms are available for download on this page or printed copies are available at schools.

Shared custody

The CSEF system only allows one application per student. Parents in shared custody situations are encouraged to make decisions as to who applies for the CSEF. Schools should not be put into the position of arbitrating in decisions such as this.

If the parents cannot decide between themselves who should apply, they should be encouraged to resolve the dispute through the Family Court, or contact the Department’s CSEF Helpdesk for more information on Ph: 1800 060 970.