

Jeugdfonds Sport & Cultuur Haarlem – Application rules 2026

Who can apply?

- Applications can be made for children and teenagers aged 4 to 18 years, living in the municipality of Haarlem or Zandvoort.
- Eligibility is based on the parents' or guardians' income and circumstances.
- Children holding a Haarlempas or Zandvoortpas (city pass) are eligible.
- If no city pass is available but the parents receive care allowance ('Zorgtoeslag'), an application may still be submitted.
- If there is no city pass and no care allowance, but the family has a low income and/or additional challenges, an exception may be made. In such cases, information about the household's disposable income and the number of family members is required; a motivation may be included in the application to support special circumstances or needs. Exceptions are granted for one activity, for a total duration of one year.

Fees covered

Per child, per 12 months:

Haarlem:

- Sport: up to € 385,-
- Swimming lessons: up to € 500,- (*excluding SRO package)
- Culture: up to € 750,-

*For SRO: a swim package with diploma guarantee (A and B) costs € 1026,60 with an application valid for 2 years.

Zandvoort:

- Sport: up to € 385,-
- Swimming lessons: up to € 500,-*
- Culture: up to € 550,-

*Swimming lessons at CenterParcs have a fixed price of 430 a year.

Each child may apply for one sport and one culture application per year. In addition to swimming lessons, only one cultural activity or one sport activity may be chosen.

Vouchers

- If the reimbursement does not exceed the maximum amount, a voucher of up to € 100 for clothing or materials can be requested in the application.
- For swimwear specifically, the maximum amount is € 50.
- Vouchers are issued by the 'Meerkracht' (intermediate) either digitally or physically to the parents. Parents or guardians do not receive them directly.
- Vouchers must be requested simultaneously with the activity application, are valid for 4 months and cannot be extended.

Application rules

1. Applications can be submitted by a Jeugdfonds Meerkracht (intermediate) or by parents/guardians via the online portal: <https://www.samenvoorallekinderen.nl/doe-een-aanvraag/>
2. Applicants with a city pass must enter the full number of the child's pass (13 or 14 digits) in the application without spaces or dashes.
3. If there's no city pass but care allowance is received, proof (bank statement or allowance statement with the current year and parent's name) must be provided to the Meerkracht or uploaded in the application.
4. Contact details (email and phone number) of the parents/guardians must be included to ensure consent.
5. Each application is valid for 12 months from the start date; an exception applies for seasonal activities such as football (from Sept–June).
6. The child must attend lessons weekly; absence must be communicated to the club, or the right to participate may be forfeited. Mid-term changes of club are not permitted; if a child stops, we must be informed.
7. Applications are typically processed within 3 weeks, depending on the completeness and correctness of the application.
8. Applications with a starting date in the past are not allowed. A new application must be submitted on time, each year. Parents/guardians are well in time informed of the expiring application by email.
9. Once approved, parents/guardians can enroll the child at the club with a note that Jeugdfonds Sport & Cultuur will pay the invoice.
10. Applications can be submitted until one day before the child's 18th birthday.

Swimming lessons specifics

- Reimbursement for elementary swimming lessons (diploma's A, B, and possibly C) is available for up to 3 consecutive years per child.
- Swimming schools include both associations and commercial providers; costs range approximately between € 230 and € 1,000 per year. Jeugdfonds Sport & Cultuur may not fully cover all costs; families might need to pay the remainder.
- Almost all swimming schools have waiting lists. The child must be registered with the swimming school and ready to start lessons before Jeugdfonds Sport & Cultuur processes the application; the actual start date must be included.
- At our website, you can find an overview of all swimming schools that we work with in Haarlem and Zandvoort.

Fitness, scouting, and instruments

- Fitness is only covered if it is part of a youth-focused program, youth group class, or healthcare-referred due to health reasons. The minimum age is 15 years, depending on the club
- Scouting falls under the category "culture" and may include camps in the budget. The total cost must be specified in the application.
- For musical instruments, the *Algemeen Muziekfonds* offers free instrument loans for children supported by Jeugdfonds Sport & Cultuur (www.muziekfonds.nl).

New Providers

- If the club or association where the child wishes to participate is not included in our list, we may be able to establish a new collaboration. In that case, please provide the name and website of the provider, and we will get in touch. Clubs and associations must meet certain guidelines to collaborate with us. These requirements are primarily in place to safeguard the (safety of the) child.

Payment process

- Jeugdfonds Sport & Cultuur pays the contribution application is approved directly to the provider (club) once the child's application is approved.
- Providers send an invoice stating the child's name and application number to our back office: haarlem@jeugdfondssportencultuur.nl.
- If a parent is mistakenly billed, we can correct the error when notified promptly.