



Computer 4 Kids Guidelines and Criteria 2021

Background

Computers 4 Kids is a program where Defence Special Needs Support Group Inc. (DSNSG) can assist with the purchase of an iPad for families to use to support their child or children with Special Needs, with their education and everyday living skills. An iPad is the best form of assistance as it is portable, lightweight, it can be taken everywhere and takes up minimal space.

Families can download great applications suitable for the individual needs of their child. There are many applications available to assist with behaviour, motor skills, learning, literacy and can be essential for communication.

Contribution

Member will need to pay a contribution towards the iPad to be eligible for this program (cost subject to change):

- iPad 64gb (base model iPad)
- Members pay 1/3 of cost
- Defence Health contribution 1/3
- Defence Member and Family Support (DMFS) contribution of 1/3

Once the application has been approved, the letter of acceptance will be sent to the member with an invoice detailing the method of payment and the amount of the family's contribution.

Criteria

Be a member of Defence Special Needs Support Group Inc for a minimum of 6 months:

- Supply supporting documentation, stating that an iPad is required to help assist the child with Special Needs.
- Membership details are up to date.
- Children between the ages of 4 years and 16 years. Other ages will be considered under "Exceptional Circumstances" as deemed by and at the discretion of the appointed Committee.
- Acceptance letter is only valid for 30 days.
- Members can pay the contribution towards to the iPad. **Invoice is only valid for 30 days.**
- This is a once off assistance to help provide the initial iPad. You can only apply for one iPad per child in the family.
- Family agrees to participate in 2 future interviews conducted by the Program Coordinator, to assist with the evaluation of the Computer for Kids Program. These interviews will take place approximately 6 weeks after delivery of the iPad and again in 6 months.

Process

Once the program coordinator has received a completed application, the following check will be conducted:

- Member to complete and return the application form with current medical supporting documentation. For example, a Letter from an Occupational Therapist, Speech Pathologist. Please note: a letter from a GP is not sufficient.
- Program Coordinator will check that membership details are correct and up to date. If not Program Coordinator to liaise with Memberships and Communications Officer to update.
- Program Coordinator will check that all criteria have been met.
- Program Coordinator will present information to the DSNSG National Coordinator, for approval.
- Letter of acceptance or non-acceptance will be sent. **The Letter of Acceptance lasts for 30 days.**
- If the application has been approved, an invoice will be sent via email. When the contribution amount is confirmed in the DSNSG bank account, the iPad will be purchased and sent to the postal address on application.

Memberships

Membership details are as follows:

Full Member

- A Defence member, spouse or de-facto spouse of a Defence member who has or had a dependent with a special need; or a Defence Reserve member, spouse or de-facto spouse of a Defence Reserve member who has or had a dependent with a special need; or a retired Defence member, spouse or de-facto spouse of a retired Defence member who has been a Defence member for at least six years and has had continuous involvement with the Society.

Associate Member

- A spouse or de facto spouse of a Defence member or a Reserve member who is separated from the Defence member or the Reserve member, but who still provides care for the dependent with a special need or An Individual who, or organisation which, are interested in and support the aims, also of the membership information is up to date under. Associate Member: As per our constitution: That falls under 18.2.4 a is not entitled to access DSNSG programs or utilise the DSNSG subsidy for attendance at other activities.

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