



Dear parent/guardian,

Thank you for choosing the Cadet Program for your child. The Cadet Program strengthens Canadian communities by investing in youth and developing leaders through experiences of a peer led program that is open to all youth in a safe, yet challenging environment.

The Cadet Program develops confident, self-sufficient leaders who form lasting friendships and are engaged in their communities, while promoting physical fitness, healthy living, and fostering an interest in the activities of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Funding

There are no fees to participate in the Cadet Program. Uniforms, as well as local and summer training opportunities are provided **free of charge**.



Our civilian partners, the Navy League, Army Cadet League and Air Cadet League represented by local communities, incur costs for some aspects of the program, such as insurance and rent for buildings that DND is not able to provide. They raise funds for these costs using a variety of strategies such as approaching business and service clubs for sponsorship, applying for grants, conducting local fundraising activities and seeking donations from families.

Each local committee determines the amount of funds to be raised and the methods used. You may be approached by your local committee to make an annual contribution and, if this is within your means, we encourage you to support them. This is a community based program and it is through the support of communities, and parents that the program is successful.

However, if you are unable to provide a contribution, there will be no repercussions or consequences to your child's experience with this program.



Communication



To ensure a modern, and safe communication avenue, each cadet is issued a Microsoft Office 365 account hosted through the federal government's own cloud infrastructure. This system is similar to that used by thousands of schools across the country. Your child's Cadet365 account will provide them access to the most up to date browser versions of powerful tools, such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, Teams, and OneNote as well as many others. Cadet365 will help your cadet stay connected with the members of their corps or squadron while gaining experience working and communicating in a professional online environment.

We understand that not all youth in the program might have access to a connected device at home and units will accommodate those cadets with alternate forms of information distribution such as handouts to be taken home.

Volunteering

You may also be asked to volunteer, and, in some communities, there may be an opportunity to become further involved with the program as an adult leader should you have the time to assist. By becoming more involved you will help your youth navigate the program and contribute to other youth's development; making life-long positive impacts to their growth into the leaders of tomorrow. It's a lot of fun and the skills you learn as an adult leader are easily transferable to other areas of your life. Participating as an adult leader in the Cadet Program can look different to everyone, so I encourage you to discuss your options with your local representatives of the program.



Again, welcome to the Cadet Program and thank you for making us the program of choice for Canada's youth.

Sincerely,

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For more information, please visit www.canada.ca/join-cadets