

What is the Sports Voucher?

The Sports Vouchers program is a SA Government initiative that assists families in meeting the costs of their children's sports and recreation activities. When used with Scouts, the voucher aims to make Scouting more accessible and affordable for everyone by contributing \$100 to the Branch membership fee.

All children living in South Australia in Reception to Year 9 are eligible for a Sports Voucher each calendar year. Please note, once a Sports Voucher has been redeemed, the voucher value cannot be reimbursed as cash nor can it be transferred to another child. The voucher cannot be refunded back.

How does it work?

Parents apply for the Sports Voucher on behalf of their child. The voucher is specifically intended to assist with the Branch membership fee. Scouts SA Head Office staff manage the application and voucher approval process with Sports Vouchers directly. Once approved, the voucher will be applied to the next round of Branch membership fees due for the child. Please check with your Group directly to find out when your Branch membership fee is due so you know when to expect the savings when using this voucher.

What does the Branch membership fee cover?

The Branch membership fee covers a portion of the cost of essential services and behind-the-scenes operations to ensure members can enjoy Scouting now and into the future. The fee provides services such as volunteer support and administration for members and properties across all Scout Districts. The fee also covers the provision of services such as youth safety, risk management, member services, grant facilitation and processing, training administration, accounting services, financial and statutory compliance, lease management and property compliance, marketing and communication activities, and the management and upgrading of IT systems such as MyScout, our membership system. Furthermore, the fee includes the cost of association fees from the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and Scouts Australia levy, and public liability and workers compensation for all youth and adult members.

What does the Group term fee cover?

The Group term fee covers a range of essential elements crucial for the smooth functioning and sustainability of the Scout Group. This fee incorporates hall rental fees (where required), supports cleaning and maintenance services, utility and insurance costs. Additionally, achievement pathway badges to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our youth members are included in this fee, along with the activity resources required to deliver an exciting and interesting program each term.