

Starting May 1, all riders 18 and under can ride MTS and NCTD services for free through SANDAG Youth Opportunity Pass pilot program. To be eligible for the Youth Opportunity Pass, riders 18 and under must have a Youth PRONTO app account, or a PRONTO Youth card, and travel with proof of eligibility. (Kids 5 & under ride MTS and NCTD free when accompanied by a fare paying adult, and do not need a card or proof of eligibility.) The Youth Opportunity Pass pilot program ends June 2023.

Students who have already a Youth PRONTO app or card can keep using the same app account or card. Starting May 1, when they tap or scan their app, their rides will be registered as a free trip under the Youth Opportunity Program. (Students must tap or scan every time they ride, including transfers.)

Students who do not have an existing Youth account with PRONTO can participate in the Youth Opportunity Pass program in a few simple steps:

**App:**

1. Download the PRONTO app on your [Apple](#) or [Android](#) device.
2. Create a virtual card.
3. Convert your card to a Youth account online, over the phone (619-595-5636) or in -person (MTS Transit Store, NCTD Customer Service Centers). (Accounts converted online will be processed the next business day.)

**Card:**

Get a [free Youth PRONTO card at an MTS outreach event](#), or the MTS Transit Store or NCTD Customer Service Center. There are no fees for these Youth cards April 1 through May 31, 2022. (While supplies last. Limit one per youth and/or guardian with valid youth ID.)

At this time, there are a limited number of free Youth PRONTO cards available for pick-up through April and May. Whenever possible, new Youth riders are encouraged to download and the PRONTO app, converting it to a Youth account online or over the phone.

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