

9. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to an application for funding from it's 2005/06 Youth Development Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by Stacey Renata Costain, a 14 year old girl who lives in the Somerfield area, towards costs associated with her selection to represent New Zealand in the Under 16 Koru Girls' Basketball tour to Australia from 10 to 22 January 2006.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following outlines budgetary requirements:

Activity/Competition	Date	Cost
Air fare (incl taxes)	September 2005	\$ 629.00
Ground Transport	September 2005	\$ 270.00
Accommodation	September 2005	\$ 568.00
Food	September 2005	\$ 400.00
Uniform	September 2005	\$ 238.00
Entry Fee	September 2005	\$ 105.00
Facility Hire	September 2005	\$ 209.00
Insurance	September 2005	\$ 50.00
Admin Fee	September 2005	\$ 116.14
Total Cost		\$2,600.00

4. Stacey has received \$568 of funding support from the Richard Hadlee Trust for her accommodation costs, and she has raised \$310 through other fundraising including chocolate sales, sausage sizzles, jewellery making and sales. Stacey will continue to fundraise for the additional funds required.
5. The parent body is Basketball New Zealand. They select the players for the tour, but they are not providing any funding assistance to players.

BACKGROUND ON THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUEST

6. Stacey has been selected for the Under 16 Koru Girls' Basketball Tour to Australia in January 2006. The programme aims to develop basketball skills and will base participants at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra under leading New Zealand high performance coaches, who will compete against Australian state teams at a tournament in Albury. Koru Tour players are basketballers in their respective age groups who are selected by Basketball New Zealand in a trial process to ensure the best players participate in the tournament.
7. Stacey has played basketball for Cashmere High, in both the senior and intermediate teams. In the Secondary School competition both the senior and intermediate teams won their divisions. This year Stacey has again represented Canterbury, playing in the Under 16 girls' team at local, regional and national levels. Stacey has travelled extensively throughout New Zealand with basketball and volleyball.
8. Stacey has been selected for the New Zealand Koru Basketball teams for 2004, 2005 and 2006. Cashmere High School has recognised her for her sporting excellence and dedication by selecting Stacey as one of two year 10 students to represent Cashmere High School at a course on Leadership this year. She was nominated for a Zonta Sports Award in 2004, and received a Cashmere Blue Sports award for basketball in 2004.

9. Stacey has received \$500 of funding from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Youth Development Fund in 2005 from the 2004/05 financial year to participate in the Port McQuarie Basketball Tour in January 2005.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$500 from its 2005/06 Youth Development Fund to assist with costs associated with the applicant travelling to Australia to participate in the Under 16 Koru Girls' Basketball tour from 10 to 22 January 2006.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.