

8. YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board’s approval for an application for funding from the 2006/07 Youth Achievement Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by the applicant, Christa Ide, a 19 year old young woman who lives in the Beckenham area. Funding assistance is requested towards travel costs associated with attending Pax Lodge, the International World Centre in London, in a volunteer position. The work is closely related to the aims of the World Association of Girl Guides and Scouts, whose mission is to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world. At Pax Lodge, members have the opportunity to meet and develop understanding, friendship and respect for one another and share these experiences when they return home.
3. The volunteer position for which Christa has been accepted will commence from the end of February 2007 until the beginning of August 2007. Being chosen is a great privilege, as only seven people in the world are accepted at any one time. She will reside at Pax Lodge and be provided with board and accommodation during this time. The position involves gaining experience in areas of hosting visitors to the Lodge, including: tours, reception, assisting in the dining room and kitchen, housekeeping, and planning evening programmes such as international evenings of songs, games and dance.
4. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Community Board for funding support.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following table details trip expenses and funding requested by the applicant.

EXPENSES FOR CHRISTA JAYNE IDE	Cost (\$)
Travel (airfares, including taxes)	\$2,519
Travel insurance	\$ 600
Total Cost	\$3,119
Amount raised/contributed by applicant	\$2,100
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$ 500

BACKGROUND ON CHRISTA IDE

6. Christa Ide started in Girl Guides at the age of 6 years. She achieved the Junior BP Award at 10 years old while living in Australia. She was a member of the Cracroft Rangers Unit, and became a R.I.L. (Ranger in Leadership). She has been assisting the Beckenham Girl Guide Unit as a unit leader for four years, helping on Regional Camps, and attained her Camp Permit in 2005. She also has Life Saving and Boating Certificates as well as her five year service award and L.T.P 1 (leadership qualification), which she achieved at a very young age. This year Christa Ide received a Youth Award for community service, from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board.
7. Christa attended Beckenham Primary and Cashmere High School. Since leaving school she has attended Hagley Theatre College and is now currently working. Christa is very committed to continuing her work within the Girl Guide movement. By taking up the opportunity offered at Pax Lodge, she will gain experience in an international environment, through living with others who have shared interests in Girl Guides from many cultures. Her intention is to pass on the knowledge she gains from this experience to the young people she works with in her capacity as a Girl Guide Leader.
8. Christa will also be available on-line to Guides while she is at Pax Lodge so she can answer questions and share her experiences, and has been requested to give regional presentations about overseas opportunities for young women on her return.
9. Christa has been involved in the guides sector since a young child, and this has continued to play a large part of her life. Future plans include attendance to Teachers College while continuing her commitment to guides where she would like to advance to District Leader level in guiding. Through her earnings, she has successfully fundraised \$2,100 for the Pax Lodge mission.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocate \$350 from its 2006/07 Youth Achievement Scheme to Christa Jayne Ide to attend as a volunteer at Pax Lodge, the International World Centre in London, during 2007.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.