

9. YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by the applicant, a 17 year old girl who lives in the Cashmere area, towards costs associated with attending as a leader in an International Scout Jamboree in England. Glenda is a Queens Scout holder (the highest Scout achievement you can achieve before the age of 18). Scouting New Zealand is sending a contingent of scouts and leaders to the 21st World Jamboree at Chelmsford Park, England from 27 July 2007 - 7 August 2007. Glenda has been selected as part of this grouping to attend.
3. The scouts and leaders attending will first be meeting together on 19 July in Auckland for pre-Jamboree team building, then leaving for the United Kingdom on Saturday 21 July 2007.
4. This is the first time the applicant has approached the 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 GLENDA SHEARER	Cost (\$)
Pre-Jamboree Camp	\$ 110
Travel ex-Auckland	\$4,385
Jamboree Fee	\$1,120
Gear & Expenses (costs of camping gear being transported to U.K. includes tents, cookers, sleeping equipment & uniforms). In addition small amount has been factored in towards food & airport transfers).	\$1,035
Total Cost	\$6,650
Amount raised/contributed by applicant (already paid towards airfares)	\$2,800
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$ 500

BACKGROUND ON GLENDA SHEARER

6. Glenda Shearer started in Girl Guides at the age of 6 years. She has been involved with scouts since the age of 14 years. She is a Queens Scout Holder the highest scout achievement that can be achieved at her age. This award is comparable to the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This award is based on service to the community, life-skills and lifestyle.
7. Glenda attended Cashmere Primary and Cashmere High School. She is a current cub leader and leads a group of 8-10 years olds weekly for 1-2 hours. She is committed to continuing this work. By attending the Jamboree in England she will learn more knowledge and skills which extend beyond training and opportunities provided in New Zealand. Glenda is also committed to pass on the knowledge she gains from this event to the young people she works with and in other areas of her life.
8. This event is for the 21st World Scout Jamboree – A Scouting Centenary Activity. A gathering of Scouts from around the world for 12 days. All participants will camp with an activities programme. The theme for the Scouting event is “One World One Promise”. Global issues and how they can make a practical difference is part of the event.

9. Glenda has been involved in the guides and scouts sector since a young child, and this has continued on to the present. Her overall goal or aim is to further this by developing more skills so these can be passed on to others. She is currently working to earn money to attend this event. To date Glenda has already saved \$2,800 which has gone towards airfares, and she has a weekly savings plan of approx \$250 per week.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocate \$500 from the 2006/07 Youth Achievement Scheme to Glenda Frances Shearer to attend as a leader in the World Jamboree in England in July 2007.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.