

8. YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUND – APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

- The purpose of this report is to seek Community Board approval for two applications for funding from the 2006/07 Youth Achievement Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The applicants are:
 - Alana Ainsworth is a 15 year old Cashmere High School student who lives in the Spreydon area. Alana is seeking funds to represent New Zealand in the Under 17 Girls Soccer World Cup Development Squad to participate in the 'International Experience' being held in Australia in September/October 2006.
 - Ana Moceyawa is a 16 year old girl who lives in the Sydenham area. Ana is seeking funds towards costs associated with representing New Zealand in the Junior World Judo Championships in Santa Domingo and the US Open Tournament in Florida in October 2006.
- This is the first time the applicants have approached the Board for funding support.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- As at 5 September 2006 a total of \$2,400 had been allocated from the Youth Achievement Fund from a total funding pool of \$7,500.
- There are no legal issues to be considered. The following table details trip expenses and funding requested for the applicant

EXPENSES FOR ALANA AINSWORTH	Cost (\$)
Airfare (return) – contribution towards	\$ 800
Accommodation and meals	\$ 900
Transport	\$ 100
Facility and Equipment Hire	\$ 200
Total Cost	\$2,000
Amount raised/contributed by applicant	\$ 450
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$ 400

EXPENSES FOR ANA MOCEYAWA	Cost (\$)
Airfare (return)	\$3,400.00
Accommodation & food for Judo World Champs	\$1,088.00
Tournament entry fees – Judo World Champs	\$ 85.00
Taxes, Insurance, Tourist card etc	\$ 50.00
Miami stopover	\$ 136.00
Team Contingency Fund – Judo World Champs	\$ 170.00
Transport – Judo World Champs	\$ 170.00
Total – Judo World Champs	\$5,099.00
Accommodation & food for US Open	\$1,147.00
Tournament Fees – US Open	\$ 136.00
Transport Fees – US Open	\$ 170.00
Training Camp Fee	\$ 144.50
PAJU Membership – US Open	\$ 51.00
Total – US Open	\$1,648.50
Additional costs i.e. domestic travel, accommodation in Auckland, team t-shirt, team bad, team track suit, entry fee for extra category	\$ 365.00
Total Cost	\$7,112.50
Amount raised/contributed by applicant	\$3,000.00
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$1,000.00

BACKGROUND ON ALANA AINSWORTH

6. Alana Ainsworth is a 15 year old student at Cashmere High School and has been selected to represent New Zealand in the Under 17 Girls Soccer World Cup Development Squad to participate in the 'International Experience' being held in Australia in September/October 2006.
7. Alana plays soccer for the Cashmere High School First XI team and has been a member of this team for three years. Alana has been a member of the school first eleven team at three South Island Secondary Schools Tournaments and has been selected most valuable player at each of these tournaments.
8. Alana has recently been selected for the Mainland (Canterbury, Westland, Nelson) Women's Team. This is a fantastic achievement given that she is only 15. Alana has also been nominated female youth player of the year and women's midfielder of the year.
9. Alana's drive to succeed is exceptional. Alana has looked to develop her soccer skills and fitness outside of scheduled practice times, examples of this include:
 - (a) Asking for a spare soccer net to practice shooting in her own time.
 - (b) Development of speed through sprint training.
 - (c) Extra fitness trainings.
10. Alana's school coach and PE teacher comments that "it has been impressive to see that despite her high personal achievements and skill level, she has continued to be a team player, always including all members of the team in play". He also comments that in his opinion Alana has the ability and the personal attributes to take her football to a very high level.
11. To date Alana has raised \$450 towards the \$2,000 total cost of this trip. This money has been raised through ventures such as cookie selling and from a contribution from the school Board of Trustees.

BACKGROUND ON ANA MOCEYAWA

12. Ana Moceyawa is a 16 year old student at Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti who has been selected to represent New Zealand at the 2006 World Junior Judo Championships in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
13. Judo has been Ana's passion for the last four years and in this time Ana has enjoyed a rapid progression in this sport, currently ranked 1st in New Zealand in the junior and senior women's under 52kg section. Ana recently competed in the Oceania Championships in Tahiti and won gold. Ana's ultimate goal is to 'be the best in the world'.
14. Prior to the World Championships Ana will spend four weeks in Japan carrying out an intensive training regime. The World Junior Judo Championships are being held in Santa Domingo in October. The US Open Judo Tournament is being held in Florida the week following the World Junior Judo Championships.
15. To get to San Domingo the team will have to travel through Miami and the NZ Coaching Commission have made the executive decision that by competing in the US Open in Miami on return from the World Junior Judo Championships and using it as a training competition and then staying for the training camp afterwards, this will offer a long term judo benefit/return for relatively little extra cost.
16. Ana has recently been invited to train as part of the Youth Development Squad for the 2012 Olympics. Inclusion in this squad requires Ana to travel to Auckland on alternative weekends for training sessions. Ana is currently completing her secondary school studies and manages to hold down a part-time job in addition to her judo training commitments
17. To date Ana has raised \$3,000 towards the total trip cost of \$7,112. This money has been raised through Ana's part-time job, donations from family members and from other fundraising ventures. It is anticipated that further money will be raised through fundraising ventures prior to departing for this trip.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocate the following amounts from the 2006/07 Youth Achievement Fund:

- (a) \$400 to Alana Ainsworth to represent New Zealand in the Under 17 Girls Soccer World Cup Development Squad at the 'International Experience' being held in Australia in September/October 2006.
- (b) \$500 to Ana Moceyawa to represent New Zealand at the World Junior Judo Championships in America in October 2006.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be supported.