

10. 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 three applications for funding from the 2006/07 Youth Achievement Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The three applications are:
 - Amy Holland, a 15 year old Cashmere High School student who lives in the Huntsbury area. Amy is seeking funds to represent New Zealand at the 2006 World Youth Climbing Championships. This event is being held in Austria at the end of August.
 - Luke Noble, a 15 year old Cashmere High School student who lives in the Sydenham area. Luke is seeking funds to attend the Junior National Ten Pin Bowling Championships being held in Auckland 26 – 28 September 2006.
 - Evie Hay, a 12 year old Westburn School student who lives in the St Martins area. Evie is seeking funds to attend the National Irish Festival of Culture in Invercargill in October.
- This is the first time the applicants have approached the Community Board for funding support.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- There are no legal issues to be considered. The following table details trip expenses and funding requested for each applicant

EXPENSES FOR AMY HOLLAND	Cost (\$)
Airfare (return including taxes)	\$3,250
Accommodation (\$50 per day), Food (\$30 per day)	\$1,200
Insurance - climbing	\$ 300
Insurance – travel	\$ 250
Bus Travel	\$ 200
Total Cost	\$5,200
Amount Raised/contributed by Applicant	\$1,210
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$ 600

EXPENSES FOR LUKE NOBLE	Cost (\$)
Airfare (return)	\$ 340
Accommodation	\$ 148
Food	\$ 120
Tournament entry fee	\$ 100
Uniforms	\$ 65
Total Cost	\$ 773
Amount Raised/contributed by Applicant	\$ 473
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$ 300

EXPENSES FOR EVIE HAY	Cost (\$)
Travel costs	\$ 180
Accommodation	\$ 520
Food/meals (self catered)	\$ 125
Entry Fee	\$ 15
Total Cost	\$ 840
Amount Raised/contributed by Applicant	\$ 100
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$ 500

BACKGROUND ON AMY HOLLAND

5. Amy Holland is a year 11 student at Cashmere High School and has been selected to represent New Zealand at the 2006 World Youth Climbing Championships in Austria. Amy has been climbing since she was 10 years old and is a member of the Flying Geckos Club in Christchurch and the New Zealand Sportclimbing Federation.
6. Amy has competed in a number of climbing events over the last few years, some of her achievements include:
 - first place in the under 16 female section at the National Bouldering Series
 - first place in the under 18 female section at the Regional Climbing Championships
 - National Championship Series – Round One – second place in the under 18 female section, Round Two - first in the under 18 female section and in Round Three - third place in the open female section.
7. Amy is a member of the South Island Regional Training Squad which involves attending intense training workshops. Amy has a rigorous training schedule currently training five days per week in preparation for the World Youth Climbing Championships.
8. Climbing is Amy's activity of choice but she has a number of other interests including pottery, caring for animals (she looks after nine pets) and enjoying the outdoors.
9. To date Amy has raised \$1,110 towards the total cost of this trip. Amy has been raising funds by helping out with sausage sizzles, working during the holidays and babysitting for families in her area.

BACKGROUND ON LUKE NOBLE

10. Luke is a 15 year old student currently in year 10 at Cashmere High School. Luke has been selected to represent Canterbury at the Junior National Ten Pin Bowling Championships . The team consists of five young people aged from 11 - 17 years who were selected through a series of trials held at Garden City Bowl.
11. Luke has been bowling at Garden City Bowl for 4 years competing in the Junior Strike Force League. In that time Luke has competed in a number of competitions at club and Canterbury level and in 2004 represented Canterbury at the Junior Nationals competition where the team achieved a result of third place with Canterbury being the overall winner.
12. The team has been actively fundraising for this event, running raffles, securing sponsorship from Garden City Bowl and organising a bowling night. To date Luke has raised \$473 towards the \$773 total cost of this trip.
13. Luke is an active member of his school community currently representing his class on the student council. Earlier this year Luke was selected to represent his school on a Spirit of New Zealand trip. Luke has particular interests in drama and music, last year Luke won the junior speech competition and was awarded the Oracy Cup for his achievements, this year Luke is a valued member of the School Choir.

BACKGROUND ON EVIE HAY

14. Evie is a 12 year old student currently in year 8 at Westburn School. In 2005 Evie won a music scholarship to Westburn School and has been involved in the Specialist Music Programme at Westburn School for 2 years.
15. Evie is a violinist/fiddler and is the current New Zealand under 12 yrs National Champion in solo instrumental and celli music solo categories. Evie has been playing music since the age of 6 years and has been offered a place in the Specialist Music Programme at Burnside High School for 2007.
16. Evie is seeking assistance to attend the National Irish Festival of Culture in Invercargill in October. Evie's love of Irish music has been long held and she is completely self-taught in the style as the Specialist Music Programme focuses on classical training. Evie has used her classical training background to teach herself an impressive repertoire of Irish cultural music. Her desire to develop a knowledge of Irish music comes from her family where the values of a cultural heritage have been passed on by her parents.
17. The National Irish Festival of Culture is an annual event that includes music, dance and sport. The National Irish Music Championships are part of the festival.
18. Evie is not eligible to apply for gaming machine grants because she competes as an individual. Evie has raised \$100 towards the cost of this trip by busking in the Square.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

- (a) \$500 to Amy Holland to attend the 2006 World Youth Climbing Championships in Austria at the end of August.
- (b) \$300 to Luke Noble to represent Canterbury at the Junior National Ten Pin Bowling Championships in Auckland. This allocation would be consistent with other Community Boards that have considered applications from Luke's team mates.
- (c) \$200 to Evie Hay to attend the National Irish Festival of Culture in Invercargill in October.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.