

4. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – JAMIE AND NICHOLAS PREBBLE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for two applications for funding from the Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicants are:
 1. Jamie Prebble, an 18 year old Christchurch Boys High School student living in Fendalton.
 2. Nicholas Prebble, a 16 year old Christchurch Boys High School student living in Fendalton.
3. Jamie and Nicholas are requesting funds to assist with ski racing and training at the Carrabassett Valley Academy in Maine, USA, during the Northern winter. The programme runs from December 2009 through to the end of March 2010. During this time the applicants will receive world class coaching and compete in ski competitions in Canada and Eastern USA.
4. Both applicants have been in the New Zealand Development Team for the past two years and hold high international rankings in their age groups. Jamie is currently ranked number one in the world for his age group in the Super Combined discipline which is slalom and super G. For the past three years Jamie and Nicholas have had back to back winters based in Canada competing in numerous international tournaments. This has been funded by their parents.
5. Jamie and Nicholas have been identified as emerging talent for future success on the world stage with the target of medals at the 2014 Winter Olympics. This selection is based on the following merits.
 - Athletic potential in sport of alpine ski racing.
 - Professional approach to being full time athletes in a high performance programme.
 - Approach to maintaining peak physical fitness.
 - Ability to learn and grow as an athlete and a person.
 - Expectation of excellence and desire to be the best in the world.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The total cost per person to attend the Carrabassett Valley Academy is \$19,000.
7. This is the second time the applicants have applied to the Board for financial support. In July this year they were granted \$200 each to compete in the Central Otago Inaugural Winter Games.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

8. This application is seeking funding from the Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme subject to the establishment of this scheme as part of the Board's 2009/10 Board Discretionary Response Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

9. There are no legal implications in regards to this application.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Aligns with page 170 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

11. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. Application aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee recommends that the Board approve the application and allocate \$400 each to Jamie and Nicholas Prebble towards to costs of ski training and competition during the Northern winter.