

3. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – THOMAS EVES

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant is Thomas Eves, a 20 year old Canterbury University student living in Strowan.
3. Thomas has recently completed Bachelor of Music in Performance Trumpet and in 2010 is aiming to gain first class honours. After completing his honours year Thomas is planning to study for a Masters Degree in one of four prestigious music schools in London. Thomas is requesting funding assistance towards the cost of travelling to London for the auditions.
4. Thomas will be auditioning for the Royal College of Music, Trinity College of Music, Royal Academy of Music and the Guildhall School of Music. These auditions are taking place in December and Thomas will be notified of the outcome prior to Christmas.
5. Thomas was introduced to music at age four through a music therapy class and has been involved in music since that time. The first major achievement in his musical career was being selected to join the Woolston Brass Band Junior Section. Then at age 12 he was invited to join the Senior Band making him the youngest band member in 25 years.
6. Thomas was awarded a music scholarship to St Andrews College at year six through to year 13 and led the National Secondary Schools Brass Band for four years. While at St Andrews College, Thomas was a member of the National Youth Brass Band gaining top individual and group South Island awards and performed with professional orchestras throughout New Zealand. Earlier this year he was selected for the National Brass Band of New Zealand which competed in the World Championships in Holland. Thomas is the leader of the Army Territorial Brass Band who sponsored him to attend the World Championships.
7. Thomas is also a talented basketball player achieving Canterbury and New Zealand age group representative honours. To help fund his goal of becoming a professional orchestral musician Thomas has four part time jobs which include head basketball coach for the YMCA, leader of the Army Territorial Brass Band, casual member of the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra plus he teaches trumpet at various schools.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The cost to fly to London and attend the four auditions is \$3,500. During his two week stay in London Thomas will be staying with family members and will not incur any accommodation costs.
9. This is the first time that the applicant has applied to Board for financial support.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

10. This application is seeking funding from the Community Board's 2009/2010 Youth Development Scheme subject to the establishment of this scheme as part of the Board's 2009/2010 Board Discretionary Response Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. 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 2006-16 LTCCP?

13. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

15. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee recommends that the Board approve the application and allocate \$500 to Thomas Eves towards the cost of travelling to London to attend music auditions.