

5. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - JOSHUA WENSLEY AND EMMA CLUCAS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding from Joshua Wensley and Emma Clucas to the Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme to attend the International Future Problem Solving Conference.
2. There is currently a balance of **\$3,950** remaining in the Board's Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. The applicants are both 12 year old students at Cobham Intermediate School. Joshua lives in Bryndwr and Emma lives in Burnside.
4. They have both been selected to represent their school and New Zealand at the prestigious International Future Problem Solving Conference. This conference is to be held at the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, Wisconsin, USA from 10 June to 13 June 2010. This conference will be attended by over two thousand of the brightest young minds from America, the Asia/Pacific region, South Africa and other parts of the world so it is a unique experience for young New Zealanders to interact with and compete against such an outstanding group of young people and to experience American college life.
5. The Future Problem Solving Programme arms students with problem solving skills, develops positive views of the future, and teaches them to work in teams to grapple with many complex world issues. Recent research in Australia has shown that over 80 per cent of Future Problem Solving students go on to higher levels of tertiary education such as medicine, law and scientific research.
6. The programme encourages students to carry out in-depth research, to think creatively and critically, to apply ethical thinking skills and to work as part of a team. Examples of topics they have already covered include: The Divided Olympics, Neurotechnology, Cyber Conflict and the Counterfeit Economy. The topic for this year's International Conference is Green Living.
7. Cobham Intermediate are undertaking various fundraising activities to raise money towards the cost of sending the team over to America. The school has also applied for financial support from the Southern Trust, First Sovereign Trust, and Bishopdale Burnside Rotary.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. A breakdown of the costs involved is as follows:

Expenditure (per student)	Amount (\$)
Return airfares to Wisconsin, USA	3,495
Accommodation	604
Travel Insurance	165
Total	\$4,264

9. This is the first time both applicants have applied to the Board for financial support.
10. There is currently \$3,950 remaining in the Youth Development Scheme.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

11. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

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

12. Yes. See LTCCP pages 176 and 177 regarding community grants schemes including Board funding.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. Aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy goal of empowering young people so they can exercise choice and be effective in asserting their views and aspirations.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. No external consultation needs to be undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Services Committee recommend that the Board makes a grant of \$300 each to Joshua Wensley and Emma Clucas from it's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme towards the costs involved with participating in the International Future Problem Solving Conference in Wisconsin.

6. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC (ATTACHED)