

13. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – JESSICA SCHOFIELD

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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 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme. There is currently \$5,800 remaining in this fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant is Jessica Schofield, a 16 year old Burnside High School student living in Burnside.
3. Jessica is an independent student in the Future Problem Solving Programme and has been selected to represent New Zealand as an individual competitor at the prestigious International Future Problem Solving Conference. This is to be held at the University of Indiana, Bloomington, Indiana, USA in June 2012.
4. This conference, which incorporates the International Finals of the programme will be attended by over two thousand of the brightest young people from America, the Asia/Pacific region, South Africa and other parts of the world. It is a unique experience for these 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 was established by Dr E Paul Torrance, one of the world's leading researchers into creativity. Through this programme students develop positive views of the future, learn to work in teams and grapple with many of the world's most significant issues. Research in Australia has shown that over 80% of Future Problem Solving students go on to higher level tertiary education in disciplines such as medicine, law and scientific research.
6. The topic for the 2012 International Finals is 'Pharmaceuticals'.
7. Jessica is very active in school activities, particularly music and sport. She takes part in the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award for which her skill is piano, her sport is hockey, and her service is assisting students at Cobham Intermediate with their Future Problem Solving Programme.
8. This application fits with the Board's Youth Development Criteria of 'Personal Development and Growth'.
9. Jessica has recently been successful in obtaining a part-time job on Saturdays to save towards the trip. She is also planning to undertake other fundraising such as sausage sizzles and a raffle. She also plans to do some busking as she plays the clarinet.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The following table provides a breakdown of the costs involved for the conference:

EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Airfares	2,669
Registration Fee and Campus Accommodation	605
Airport Transfers (Indianapolis Airport to Indiana University)	130
Travel insurance	140
Total	\$3,544

11. This is the first time that the applicant has applied to Board for financial support.

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

12. This application is seeking funding from the Community Board's 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme which was established as part of the Board's 2011/12 Discretionary Funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. 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?

15. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

17. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

18. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board makes a grant of \$400 to Jessica Schofield towards the cost of attending the International Future Problem Solving Conference in Indiana, USA.