



Scouts Australia (SA Branch) Youth Hardship Fund

PURPOSE

Funding is available for the purpose of assisting Youth Members of Scouts SA to cover the cost of their annual Branch membership (membership) if they are experiencing financial hardship. From time-to-time financial support may also be made available to cover participation in a major event or activity or other opportunity as advertised by the Branch.

DEFINITIONS

Youth Member – Youth Member

Financial Need – the difference between the cost of membership and what the applicant can afford to pay towards the cost of membership or event participation

Financial Support – a reduction applied to membership or event participation in part or in full

Scouts SA – The abbreviation for The Scout Association of Australia, South Australian Branch Incorporated and includes reference to all other trading and business names associated with the Association.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Any Youth Member with financial need, resulting from financial hardship, can apply for funding for all or part of their membership. All applications submitted in line with the criteria will be considered. Applications are accepted only for the current calendar year.

If approved, financial support will be provided as a reduction of membership in full or part for a period of 12 months. No money will be transferred to applicants.

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CRITERIA

To apply for financial support the following criteria must be met:

- Applicants must be able to demonstrate a financial need through one of the following items:
 - Current approved school card
 - Current approved health care card
 - In receipt of parenting payment
 - Child under the guardianship of the CEO, Department for Child Protection
 - Extenuating circumstances which have resulted in sudden family financial hardship. Written evidence statement provided by GL/LIC/RUL is to accompany the F6 application form.

PROCEDURE

Applicants are required to complete the F6 Application for Youth Financial Support form which will be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner (or delegate) for review. The Chief Commissioner will review applications and provide a response back to the applicant within ten business days. The response will indicate if the application is approved in part, approved in full or unsuccessful.

GENERAL

Branch will seek grants/donations/bequeathments to support this initiative. If the funding limit is depleted in any given period, priority will be given according to the extent of financial needs as determined by the Chief Commissioner.

This fund is independent to any adult financial hardship funding.

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