



Scouts Australia (SA Branch) Adult Hardship Fund

PURPOSE

Funding is available for the purpose of assisting Adult Members of Scouts SA to cover the cost of their annual Branch membership (membership) if they are experiencing financial hardship. This funding only applies to Scouts SA membership for Adult Members and no other fees associated with Scouting.

DEFINITIONS

Adult Member – Adult Member, Leader or Rover who also holds a Branch Rover Council role of Scouts SA

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

Financial Support – a reduction applied to membership 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 Adult 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.

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 Health Care card
 - Centrelink Benefit
 - Extenuating circumstances which have resulted in sudden family financial hardship
- Applicants must apply by completing the F7 application form.
- Applicants must have an outstanding membership fee.
- Applicants must meet the following eligibility conditions:
 - be a registered and active member with an adult appointment
 - have completed compulsory training modules
 - hold a current National Police Clearance
 - hold a current Working with Children Check

PROCEDURE

Applicants are required to complete the F7 Application for Adult 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 youth financial hardship funding.

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