

GUIDELINES FOR THE CLUTHA DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT FUND

The aim... is to provide the young people of the Clutha District with access to a personal development fund which has been established to assist young people in reaching their goals.

The purpose... of this fund is to ensure that young people can make the most of every opportunity available to them, by helping to remove the barrier of financial limitations.

The funding... will be an amount of up to \$2,000.00. The number of recipients and amount awarded to each individual will be flexible, depending upon applications received during each annual funding round.

The process... will involve young people in the community submitting a letter or story (in writing or video) about why they require the funding. The Clutha District Youth Council will decide on a shortlist of applicants who will then be interviewed by an interview panel consisting of nominated youth councillors, a councillor and a staff member.

The criteria... for applying includes the following:

- The applicants must be between the ages of 12 and 24
- The applicants must live in the Clutha District
- The applicants will be required to provide clear information about the intended use of the fund
- Applications will be in writing describing the reason for the funding and the desired outcomes, as well as, a plan about how the applicant intends on raising the remaining necessary funds for their project/course/sport/event/camp/training or other
- Applications must include the day-time contact details of a reference person who can verify the information included in the application. e.g. a coach, teacher, team leader
- The applications must be received by the final cut-off date and time.
- The applicants must be willing to have their photos used for promotional material if selected
- Successful applicants may not reapply for this fund a second time
- The scholarship must be used within 12 months of receipt of the fund
- Applications for retrospective costs (i.e. where the project has already been completed) will not be considered

The intended outcome... is that there will be more young people in the Clutha District reaching their full potential as members of the community through the help of the Youth Development Fund.

It is hoped that the allocation of this resource will ensure that young people are able to access opportunities which will enhance their personal development and growth, by providing financial support for them to achieve their goals and aspirations.