



PLYMOUTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Application for Access Enablement Fund.

POLICY STATEMENT

Intent

Scouting is a movement that is open to all without regard to any criteria, the only requirement is that all members agree to and accept the Purpose, Values and Method of Scouting as set out in the Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules. As such, where it is possible, Plymouth District Scout Council (PDSC) has set up a funding arrangement, to provide financial support to those, who through financial constraints, would have their Scouting experience compromised in some way.

This support must be justified on an individual basis; compliant with the policy set out below; equitable across all levels of membership; and does not put at risk the charitable aims of the PDSC.

Remit

The Enablement Fund (the "Fund"), is open to all Youth Members under the age of 18, for the purpose of:

- Contribution to Group Subscriptions
- Contribution to purchase of Scout section uniform
- Attendance to local or national events and camps*

* International events can be supported through other funding within PDSC

Eligibility

Youth Members under the age of 18 are eligible where the household meets one of the following criteria:

- Total household income of less than £25,000
- Be a Young Carer (recognised by relevant authority)
- 'Looked After' (in care) child
- Free school meals (not applicable to Beavers)
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers allowance
- an income related employment and support allowance
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.
- Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit
- Housing Benefit
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.

Equitability

To ensure that funding that has been set aside to support those who require it, the following guidance should be adhered to:

- Individual requests for support from the “Fund”, will be limited to £150 in any single request.
- For any single applicant, the aggregate support in any financial year from the “Fund” will be limited to £200.
- PDSC will provide support for a maximum of 50% of any single application.
- Groups are expected to contribute at least 25% to any application.
- The family of the person who support is being requested for should contribute at least 25%.

Application

The Group Lead Volunteer or Group Chairman must make the application on behalf of the Youth Member, having satisfied themselves of the merits of the support using the form available through the PDSC Website (www.plymouthscouts.org.uk) and visually confirmed eligibility.

Confidentiality

Any application for support will be considered under the strictest level of confidentiality by all members of Scouting involved in the process and compliant with applicable statutory regulations.



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Application for Financial Grant from the Enablement Fund

Group:	
Name of Applicant	
Group Lead Volunteer/ Group Chairman:	
Reason for Application	
Date of Application	
Cost of Item/ Event	
Breakdown of other contributions Group: Individual: Other:	
Amount being requested from PDSC	
Date Grant Required by	
Confirmation of Applicability of PDSC Policy	I confirm that I have witnessed documentary evidence that the applicant meets at least one of the criteria set out in the PDSC Enablement Policy. Signed: Name: Role:
Date Received in District	
Decision of District Council	
Date Group Informed	
Date Grant transferred to Group Account	

This application form to be returned to the District Treasurer at:

treasurer@plymouthscouts.org.uk