



EAST SOMERSET DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Application for Financial Grant from the Sally Still / St George's Access Fund.

POLICY STATEMENT

Our objective:

Scouting is about young people learning and having fun, not only at Scout meetings but especially on trips and camps. The District Executive Committee believe that all Scouts should be given the opportunity to experience different activities but recognise that for some families, the extra money needed for trips, or due to exceptional circumstances, paying maybe difficult. This 'Access Fund' policy sets out how we aim to support a family who may find payments difficult and to help a Young Person or Leader go on a trip or camp once a year, which they might not normally have been able to do.

The District Executive Committee Pledge:

For cases of genuine hardship we pledge to support a Young Person or Leader to go on a trip or camp once a year, through agreeing easier payments terms at an affordable reduced charge. The grant can also provide support for on-going subs and uniforms.

The process:

All discussions on financial matters will be confidential and kept anonymous where possible. If a parent approaches a leader expecting to have difficulties in making payment on time for subs, a trip, or camp, the leader may make an application to the District Executive for support through the 'Sally Still Access Fund'. The groups executive Committee and GSL must be aware of the application and support. Where possible a contribution from the Group should also be included within the application.

In cases of genuine hardship, where the parent is expecting to have difficulties in making the full payment for a trip or camp, the executive committee will judge and where possible approve the proposal. Only the Section Leader, Executive Committee and Group Scout Leader will know the families details.

The executive aim to reply with a decision within two weeks of receiving an application.



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Group:	
Name of Applicant:	
Address of Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Actual Cost of Item / Event:	
Possible contribution from: Group: Individual: Other source:	
Amount being Requested:	
Date Grant required by:	
Date received in District:	
Decision of Executive:	
Date Group Informed:	
Date Cheque Issued:	

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

treasurer@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk

Or

Pam Burch
18 Lightgate Lane
South Petherton
Somerset
TA13 5AU.