

Scouting for everyone

Sponsorship Fund

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Policy Applicable to; All Leaders including Trustee Board Members and Parents / Guardians of children involved with 2nd Acomb (St. Stephen's) Scout Group.

In Brief

This policy outlines the sponsorship fund available supporting 'scouting for everyone'.

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Background

2nd Acomb Scout Group are committed to providing opportunities for all young people to engage with scouting in accordance with the policies of the Scout Association, including the Association's Equal Opportunities Policy. To this end we

provide a Sponsorship Fund, which is administered in accordance with the guidelines set out below:

Applications

Applications can be made to the Sponsorship fund by those families who find themselves in a period of financial hardship or in receipt of one or more of the following;

- Free school meals
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part Vi of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit
- Housing Benefit

Applications may be made by parents/carers of members of 2nd Acomb Squirrel/Beaver/Cub/Scout/Explorer sections (aged 4-17) and by members of 2nd Acomb Scout Network (aged 18-25).

The sponsorship fund administration team comprises of the Group Scout Lead Volunteer, Treasurer and Chair. They will assess each case on its merits taking account of the personal/financial circumstances of the applicant, the benefit to the young person, how actively the young person participates in Scouting and the extent to which the young person and the applicant actively support fundraising for the group.

Applications for support must be made in writing to the Group Scout Lead Volunteer; the form is available on the Group website or on request to the GSLV. All such applications will be treated confidentially, and the information provided in the application will not be disclosed except as necessary to administer the Sponsorship Fund in accordance with the below guidelines and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

- Support is available for monthly fees; this will be for an agreed policy period only. We may not cover the whole cost of the fees, but a reduction may be made for the agreed period time period.

- Grants are only available for events involving nights away (e.g. camps, sleepovers) in line with the Scouts Association's policy of providing opportunities for each young person to spend nights away each year.
- A maximum of one grant per young person per year for a night's away event of up to £250.00 or 50% of the total cost of the event, whichever is the lowest.
- If you wish to make an application for multiple siblings for the same event, please discuss with the Group Scout Lead Volunteer prior to completing the application.
- Support is available towards section uniform (Squirrel, Beaver, Cub jumper or Scout / Explorer shirt), this may be a donation towards the total cost of the item, sourcing an item from the donate and share system or covering the cost of the full item.
- Support is available to cover investiture costs (necker and group badges); these are issued once in the group. This can only be claimed for once per young person.

Any payment agreed for camps/event/subs would be directly from the group funds to the camp/event/subs fund. Reimbursement for uniform will be processed after a successful claim form has been completed and receipt for the item received.



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