



GUIDANCE FOR GROUP LEADERS APPLICATIONS FOR SYF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 24TH JAMBOREE

This Guidance is to help Group Leaders who want to make Scholarship Applications on behalf of youth attending Jamboree in late 2026.

The Scout Youth Foundation (SYF) is a charitable fund set up to help make scouting available to all. The SYF provides inclusion funding to groups, based on Deprivation Index statistics. Donor support also allows the SYF to offer scholarships to Scouts and Venturers facing significant financial and other disadvantage to attend National events. A limited number of Scholarships are also available for youth in any section to support everyday scouting activities (fees, camps, uniform).

JAMBOREE SCHOLARSHIPS 2026

A limited number of jamboree scholarships (10 to 15 in total) will be available to youth facing significant disadvantage. Additional scholarships may also be available for Venturers attending Jamboree. The Scout Youth Foundation will be working closely with the Jamboree Inclusion Fund to coordinate support. The Jamboree Inclusion Fund provides grants towards the Jamboree registration fee for lower income families.

Guidelines for Scholarship applications for Jamboree

Group leaders are welcome to contact us in advance of sending in a formal application. We want to work with you to make scouting opportunities possible for the most disadvantaged of our young people. All information is treated in confidence. **Email us on syf@scouts.nz if you have questions and we can arrange phone or email followup.**

- Applications are made by Group Leaders on behalf of youth members. While Group Leaders can submit more than one application, with so few available, multiple scholarships to any one Group will be awarded only in exceptional circumstances.
- Scholarships are available for youth from families facing significant financial disadvantage, in particular beneficiary or very low-income families, and those affected by other challenging family circumstances and hardship. In your application, please describe the particular circumstances as clearly as you can.
- Group Leaders are encouraged to identify youth in need where attendance at an event could make a “once in a lifetime” difference. It is highly unlikely that SYF scholarships will be awarded for a second Jamboree attendance if SYF support was given for a first Jamboree.
- The maximum SYF scholarship per youth for Jamboree will cover up to 60% of the total costs of attendance (registration and group/ travel costs). In exceptional circumstances a higher amount may be considered.
- It will help your application if you can describe how your Group is actively supporting your youth member to be part of scouting and to get to Jamboree. The youth member is expected to do some fundraising to support their activity (as realistic for their age/ circumstances).
- SYF Scholarships will not generally be available for the children of leaders
- Review of applications will consider whether funds could be made available from group or zone funds, trust funding, grants or other sources. Where groups have access to other regular funding sources (such as grants from Scouting Trusts) it is expected that groups will draw on those grants to co-fund youth requiring assistance.

The application form for Jamboree SYF scholarships is available [HERE](#)

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