



THE LORD-LIEUTENANT'S FUND

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in support of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Hampshire

Guidance Notes – Grants for Expeditions in Wild Country

General:

The Lord-Lieutenant's Fund was established in 2006, as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Its primary objective is to provide grants to assist young people with the costs of travel to Wild Country areas for expeditions, and it is intended that the fund be drawn down over a ten year period. One-off grants of £75 per expedition are offered, and applications, using the official Application Form, are invited from any DofE unit or group operating in the Hampshire area.

It is recognised, however, that many young people do not complete their Award, despite having successfully undertaken the Expedition Section. In an attempt to encourage young people to see the Expedition in the wider context of the DofE, all the members of the group must have started at least one other section of their Gold Award before the venture. Although the Application Form only asks the Unit Leader to confirm that this is the case, documentary evidence may be requested prior to release of the grant.

How the process works:

The process of obtaining a grant has been made as simple as possible.

1. The normal arrangements for the venture are put in hand, including the necessary DofE Wild Country and Operating Authority approvals.
2. The grant application form is completed by a DofE leader or participant and countersigned by the Unit Leader.
3. Notification will be sent to confirm (or otherwise) the award of a £75 grant.
4. The DofE venture goes ahead as planned.
5. The young people all sign a picture postcard, and post it to the Fund's Administrator from a postbox in the area where the venture is taking place. (An appropriate message may be included if desired!)
6. On receipt of the postcard, the Administrator releases the grant to the address shown on the form. The Cheque will normally be made payable to the unit or group.

Further points:

- Although both training and assessed ventures take place in Wild Country areas, only ONE application from any group of young people will normally be approved in any calendar year.
- The picture postcards may be used as publicity and promotional material for the DofE.
- Although grants are intended for Wild Country ventures, applications for ventures in other areas by groups with Special Needs will receive favourable consideration.
- Applications will be considered on a "first come first served" basis. However if demand is greater than the resources available the Fund's managers reserve the right to introduce some means of prioritising applications. This may be on the basis of need, or might take into account the number of Sections of the Gold Award that have already been started or achieved.

Send completed Application Forms to:

The Administrator
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