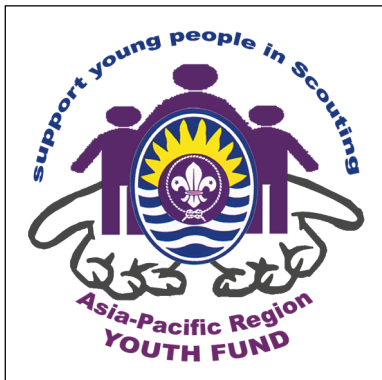


# APR Scout Youth Fund Guideline

## Background:

Since 1995 the Asia-Pacific Region has organized four APR Youth Forums. It has been experienced that young people, due to lack of finance could not continue the follow-up on the youth forums outcome as well contribute in the planning of succeeding Youth Forums as laid in the Youth Forum Guidelines. This defeats the purpose of keeping the continuity between the forums.

The fund was originally established to strengthen youth involvement in decision-making by providing financial support to young people, in particular the Chairman and Vice Chairmen, to attend the APR Youth Forums. The regional youth forums are organized once in three years as an ancillary event to the Regional Scout Conference. The concept paper was initially endorsed by the Regional Scout Committee in Thessaloniki in July 2002 and subsequently at its meeting in Thailand in January 2003 and in Jakarta in October 2003. This paper incorporates the recommendations of these three meetings.



Based on the recommendation of the APR Programme Sub-Committee and the Financial Resources Sub-Committee, the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee, in its meeting in 30 July 2005, decided to expand the purpose of the fund to include the Young Adult Members Group.

Furthermore, the APR Scout Committee also decided that the Financial Resources Sub-Committee will be responsible for the management of the Youth Fund. The Asia-Pacific Regional Office of the World Scout Bureau will be responsible for keeping the funds in Manila, under a separate ledger and financial reports will be submitted to the Regional Scout Committee periodically.

## Purpose of the fund

To assist NSOs in providing part of the travel costs of the members of both - Young Adult Members Group elected at the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum and other eligible young people, as be approved by the Youth Programme Sub-Committee

## Establishment and promotion of the fund

The region will establish the fund and promote to support youth development activities. Funding and financial management of the Youth Fund shall be the responsibility of the Financial Resources Sub-Committee.

## Procedure of the grants

Following procedures will be adopted to grant funds:

1. It is expected that the individual and/or his/her National Scout Organization make a contribution to cover part of the travel costs.
2. Young Adult Members can apply for grants. All applications will be reviewed by, and where appropriate, approved by the Chair of the APR Programme Sub-Committee in consultation with the Chairmen, Financial Resources Sub-Committee.

3. The maximum amount to be allocated for this purpose for one year will be one-third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) of the balance of the Youth Fund as on 1st January of that year.
4. No Young Adult Member is entitled to claim more than one grant in any calendar year.
5. The maximum amount of any grant is US\$500.00
6. Each grant will be calculated by reference to the total "travel costs" incurred by the Young Adult Member in attending to particular event for which the grant is allocated. Each grant will be limited to one-third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) of the total "travel costs".

In calculating the "travel costs", only the cheapest available economy class airfare will be used.

7. For the purpose of calculating "travel costs" the following are included: economy class airfares; airport taxes; visa fees; any government charges and other related costs.
8. Any funds allocated but unused in any year will become part of the corpus fund for allocation in succeeding years.
9. All applications for grant must be endorsed by the Young Adult Members' own National Scout Organization.
10. Applications must reach APR office in Manila at least one month before the travelling dates.

*This guideline have been finally approved by the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee, in their meeting of 3-4 November 2006 in Hong Kong.*