

‘Cost should not be a barrier to anyone taking part in scouting and if this is an issue, you can speak to the local section leaders in confidence’

The Scout Association



Background

1st Kings Langley Scout Group wishes to be fully inclusive and believes that this includes enabling young people of all financial backgrounds to have the opportunity to participate in all events organised by the Group when possible. We will achieve this by planning activities which we believe are reasonable in cost and affordable for the vast majority of families eligible for the activity. At times we may also plan fundraising specifically for a particular trip or activity to ensure that the cost requested of all families is reasonable. We appreciate that with the best of efforts there may still be families in particular circumstances that are not able to afford the full cost of an activity at a particular time. The parents of members in this situation are encouraged to speak to the Section Leader in strict confidence so that the Group may consider giving financial support.

What we may help to Fund for an individual member

- Uniform
- Membership fees and subscriptions
- The cost of trips, camps and activities organised by Kings Langley Scout Group.

The Process

Parents that feel their own financial circumstances may prevent their son or daughter participating fully in the Scouting provided should discuss the situation with their son or daughter's Section Leader in the first instance.

The Section Leader, after discussion with the Group Treasurer, may discuss a payment plan which will enable the child to participate fully or suggest a fundraising activity that could be completed. Additionally they may suggest that a confidential application form be completed to request financial support from the Group. The completed form should be returned to the Section Leader who will discuss the circumstances with the Group Scout Leader (GSL) and the Group Treasurer. It is the GSL and Treasurer who will make the final decision as to the level of financial support provided.

When completing a form to request support, please have a clear idea of what you require, for example what are the total costs, how much you are able to contribute yourself and how much you are asking for whether this is a particular percentage of the cost, longer payment terms or full support.

It should also be noted that whilst a child might be living under impoverished circumstances it does not preclude them from fund raising and this should be encouraged although individual needs ought to be taken with sensitivity.

Please do not assume the response to a request will always be positive as funds are limited and applications may be in competition with others equally or even more deserving than yours.

Evidence that maybe used to make 'best judgement' of financial hardship may include the number of dependents in the applicants family, the total joint income of all family members and any benefits that are received by any members of the family. Evidence of income such as a P60 and confirmation of the receipt of Child Tax Credit, Job Seekers Allowance or Universal Credit may also be sought.

1st Kings Langley Scout Group – Application for Financial Support



1st Kings Langley scout Group may support children who would otherwise not be able to take a full part in activities provided by the group. The funds available are limited but each request will be considered on its own merits. Conditions may be imposed on any funds granted. This form is strictly confidential, and will be kept securely by the Group Treasurer until it is no longer required at which point it will be destroyed.

Please complete this form as fully as possible for each request.

Child's Name			
Section (please circle)	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts
Parent / Guardian's Name			
Item to be subsidised (ie. subs, uniform, camp, trip, event)			
Date of event or required support			
Total cost of the above			
Total you are able to contribute immediately			
Total you may be able to contribute in the future (ie. extended payment terms)			
Family composition (please state how many adults and dependent children are living in the family)			
Approximate total income of above family			
Benefits received			
Please give any further information in confidence about your circumstances that are relevant to this application			
Contact phone number and e-mail address			
Signature of applicant			

Return to your Section Leader.